

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG (arrived at 7:55 P.M.), MRS. USSACH, MR. NOBREGA, MS. POLLOCK, DR. FLETCHER, DR. FINNERTY, ATTY. CLARK

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, DR. LARKIN, MS. COSTA MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MRS. BROWN, MRS. MOURAO

Student Representative, Justin Braga, was also in attendance at this meeting.

Due to Mayor Lang's anticipated delay, Chairperson Ussach called the meeting to order.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take up items 3 b, c, and d first.

Relative to the MCAS Reports/ NCLB Report Cards, Helder Angelo gave an overview on the *2011 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Report Cards*. A discussion ensued regarding these reports. Ms. Pollock would like to see a more user-friendly version of the NCLB data in the future. Dr. Fletcher expressed his concern regarding how parents are being informed of this data. Superintendent Francis informed the Committee that every Principal explains their report and schedule parent meetings throughout the year.

Superintendent Francis discussed the recent designation of the Hayden-McFadden Elementary School as a Level 4 School and indicated that several programs have been in place for a while now, the local stakeholders group had already started meeting this summer and the school had already started to show signs of improvement. Atty. Clark indicated that he would be in favor of Bridge Funding for Hayden-McFadden, even if it meant change in leadership.

The Superintendent also informed the Committee that the District Turnaround Plan was submitted to the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education on November 18, 2011.

Superintendent Francis informed the Committee that Mr. Timothy Rumberger, Assistant Principal at Lincoln Elementary School, has resigned. She also indicated that the interviews for the Graduation Coaches (MassCore Facilitators) had taken place and the individuals would be hired soon.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report (postponed from previous meeting). (Supporting document labeled 3d)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve a request from Councillor Steven Martins, on behalf of the Charles S. Ashley School PTO, for permission to put lights on a tree located on school grounds.

Ms. Pollock questioned the class size at Gomes School. The Superintendent explained that she is keeping a close eye on the class sizes. The Committee will be provided with periodic updates on the class sizes at this school.

Business Manager, Deborah Brown, provided the Committee with the following update on the information relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority - Statements of Interest:

"Each year the Massachusetts School Building Authority provides construction and renovation grants for school communities. The process begins with an online submission to the MSBA of Statement of Interest (SOI) forms. Each school must be submitted separately, and one school can be designated as a priority school.

The first step in the process is to seek School Committee and City Council approval for Statements of Interest for each school.

This year, we are considering re-submitting the schools that were not funded last year and submitting a new Statement of Interest for the Parker School for replacement of windows.

The schools that were voted on by the School Committee and the City Council last year were the DeValles, which was listed as the priority school, Campbell, Hathaway and Winslow. The statement of interest filing does not commit the City of New Bedford or the MSBA to fund any projects, but it is the first step in the procedure. I have had a few discussions with Brian McLaughlin of the MSBA. The following summarizes where New Bedford Public Schools is in the Statement of Interest process:

In the Pipeline

Hannigan/Taylor project is in the pipeline

No vote is required

See "Pipeline" chart from MSBA website

School Committee

New Statement of Interest

Submit for the Parker School window project (Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility) Deadline is January 11, 2012

-MSBA partially bases its decision regarding whether or not to approve the project for the accelerated repairs program on the overall condition of the building. For instance, MSBA will not fund a repair project if the rest of the building is not in good condition.

Previously Submitted Statement of Interests

Submit for DeValles, Campbell, Hathaway, Winslow and update the data to reflect changes in the district.

See attachment for votes required

Deadline is January 11, 2012

Recertification

This is not an option for New Bedford Public Schools because there were changes within the district since the Statements of Interest were submitted last January. An example of changes in the district is that a school was closed since the previous submission.

The next step in the process is to submit the same vote language to the City Council. The next meeting of the City Council is December 15, 2011, however, agenda items are due on December 8, 2011."

Ms. Brown informed the School Committee that DeValles School is a priority.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to authorize the Business Manager to submit each of the following Statements of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority:

1. DeValles School

Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

2. Campbell School

Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

3. Hathaway School

Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

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4. Winslow School

Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

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Window Project:

Parker School

Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilations systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLVED:

Having convened in an open meeting on November 28, 2011, the School Committee of New Bedford Public Schools, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated, November 28, 2011, for the John B. DeValles School located at 120 Katherine Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Description of priorities checked off on the Statement of Interest Form:

Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

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and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority

School Committee Chair Signature

Mayor Scott Lang

School Committee Chair Printed Name

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Description of priorities checked off on the Statement of Interest Form:

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Description of priorities checked off on the Statement of Interest Form:

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Description of priorities checked off on the Statement of Interest Form:

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Having convened in an open meeting on November 28, 2011, the School Committee of New Bedford Public Schools, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated, November 28, 2011, for the John Avery Parker School located at 705 County Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Description of priorities checked off on the Statement of Interest Form:

Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

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A motion was made by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- Non-Union Contracts

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Lang Yes
Dr. Finnerty Yes
Dr. Fletcher Yes
Mr. Nobrega Yes

Atty. Clark Yes
Ms. Pollock Yes
Mrs. Ussach Yes

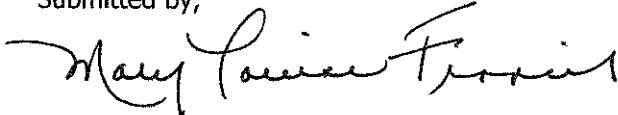
7 - Yeas

0 - Nays

0 - Absent

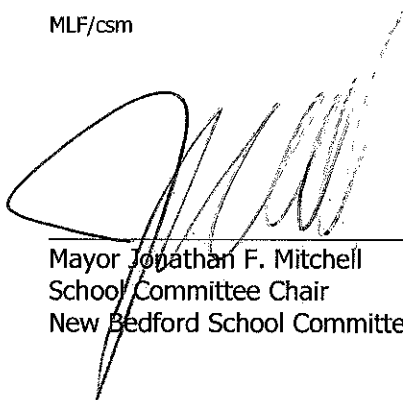
At 9:01 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Atty. Clark, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the special meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

MLF/csm



Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
School Committee Chair
New Bedford School Committee