

BUDGET WORKING SESSION
OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
~MINUTES~

PRESENT:

MAYOR MITCHELL (arr. 6:26 p.m.), MR. BRUCE OLIVEIRA, MR. JOSHUA AMARAL, MS.

COLLEEN DAWICKI, MR. JACK LIVRAMENTO, MR. JOHN OLIVEIRA

ABSENT:

MR. CHRISTOPHER COTTER

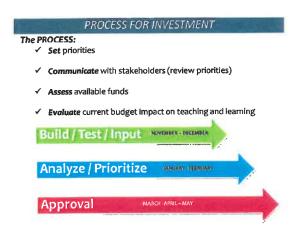
IN ATTENDANCE:

MR. ANDERSON, MR. O'LEARY, MS. TREADUP, MS. WALMSLEY, MS. BETTENCOURT,

MS. FERREIRA (Recording Secretary)

On a motion by Joshua Amaral and seconded by Jack Livramento, the Committee voted to take agenda item 4, FY20 Budget Update, out of order.

Mr. Anderson addressed the Committee by reviewing the process that the district has followed to determine the investments for FY20 budget. He stated that the graduation rate increased from 72% to 76% and the English Language Learners (ELL) improved by 23% from last year, suggesting that it is a direct correlation in funding on staff that was implemented last year.





At this time, Andrew O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operation, gave a presentation to analyze the Foundation Budget Review. He pointed out that there is a relative stable prospect for the FY20 budget and recommended that this is a good year to invest. He continued that the district is looking to take advantage of the additional state funding by investing in the areas of Facilities and Safe and Supporting Schools.

Mr. O'Leary explained that the education formula is improving given that the government and legislation are making adjustments to the foundation budget in the categories of Special Education, Benefits/Health

Insurance, English Language Learners, and Low-Income Students; the aforementioned categories determine the state aid that New Bedford receives each year.

Mr. O'Leary went over the various bills that are being proposed in the state and explained what it means for the district's budget:

Special Education

- Special Education: Assumed In-District Rate 3.75% and 4.75% for Vocational Students. Bills increase to 4.0% and 5.0%.
- Special Education: Dut of District Rate Assumed at 1% of enrollment at \$28,428.66/student. Bills change assumed rate at 1% of enrollment at 3 times the average per pupil rate

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Employee Benefits

- New goal rates derived from Group Insurance Commission (GIC) data. Goal rates account for GIC premium rates for both active and retired municipal employees.
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Low Income Students/ Economically Disadvantaged

- For economically disadvantaged students, Gov Baker's proposal introduces a more progressive decilerate structures. Expands the foundation budget over 7 years
- New, targeted high needs concentration increment has been added for districts serving the highest concentrations of both economically disadvantaged and EL students.

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Mr. O'Leary stated that each bill will have an increase, however, the governor's Bill H.70 will eliminate funding from ELL students who have already met or exceeded state exit requirements. Students that graduate through ACCESS test are no longer considered ELL and the district has to go through the process of recategorization of students.

He highlighted that the Career Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) Manager position that the district added last year, has been an investment. As the state is very interested to introduce a foundation budget increment to support early college and innovation pathways programs, the district should look at opportunities to continue to invest in this area. The Governor's proposal has also an increase in guidance and physiological services.

· Governor's H70 Proposals

- Governor's proposal also introduces a new foundation budget rate for high school students in approved high quality early college and innovation pathways programs
- Starting in FY21 and proceeding over the next 6 years, the Governor's proposal phases in new goal rates for the guidance and psychological services.

Promise Act S101 Proposals

- Determines a Student Aid Floor based on the district's foundation budget for district students only (New Bedford PS = \$169 million) multiplied by the target aid share (79.1%) = \$151 million.
- Guarantees a floor of state funding for districts after accounting for charter school costs. NBPS increment: \$6m
- Student Aid Increment (state aid to meet the district student aid floor): Student Aid Floor less the sum of (Prior Year Aid, Foundation Aid Increase, Minimum Aid, Other Aid Adjustments, Charter Reimbursement less charter school tuition)

Mr. O'Leary stated that the Promise Act tackles the Charter School funding issue. The charter school cost would be represented in the formula and the per pupil amount, for the in-district students, would be restored.

To a question by Jack Livramento regarding the Promise Act Proposal, Mr. O'Leary responded that the Governor's proposal is more likely to get approved than the Promise Act. However, if the Promise Act is fully implemented next year, the city contribution would double up to \$47M which will be difficult to reach. He explained that Net School Spending is a partnership between the City and State where the city makes up the 15%, if the state increases the contribution then the city would have a difficult time to match.

Mr. O'Leary said that the Governor's H70 proposal puts the district in a position where it is a good year to invest. For FY20 the district is also looking to invest in Special Education, Wraparound Services and Health Services.

He continued with his presentation by breaking down the Special Education cost trends. Mr. O'Leary noted that out of district placement cost increases year by year regardless of district's capacity to pay. NBPS has implemented the Circuit Breaker funds to offset Special education cost. Currently, the Circuit Breaker has a balance of \$1.3 M, the plan is to transfer the salary balances for this year into Circuit Breaker to match the \$6M projection cost for Special Education (SPED). Mr. O'Leary also highlighted that SPED transportation is a major cost for the district and continues to increase; therefore, the FY20 budget includes a \$300K increase for this line.

Mr. Anderson commented that the funding that leaves the district through out of district services, limits our ability to invest in-district programming. He spoke about the importance to house programs in the city and be able to put the initial funds to invest in the district.

To a question by John Oliveira regarding Medicaid, Mr. O'Leary explained that Medicaid is a federal program where organizations and districts get reimbursement for services that are offered. The revenue (around \$2.2M-\$2.5M) comes to the City's General Fund; then the city and NBPS identify the amount that will be reimburse to the district (around \$300K). Mr. Oliveira questioned why the city is keeping reimbursement for Medicaid and would like the City Council and the Mayor to provide answers to the Community.

Joshua Amaral agreed that it would be ideal if the district can keep all the reimbursement. He suggested to look at how other districts are managing the Medicaid reimbursement.

Mr. O'Leary stated that the Health grant is disappearing, and the district is looking at ways to invest in the programs that were supported through this grant. He revealed that the district is working to create a School-based Health Center in the future. The Nursing additions for FY2020 were reviewed (\$315K).

To a question by John Oliveira, Mr. O'Leary explained that the proposed 3 additional nurses would meet the goal to ensure that all schools are covered. Mr. O'Leary further explained that through the process of contract negotiation, the district is working on ways to attract nurses and filled the positions.

To a question by Colleen Dawicki, it was explained that the Health Representatives refer to the additional clerical support needed in the department.

Mr. O'Leary reviewed the Wraparound and Family Engagement additions for FY2020 Budget (\$215K). The district has implemented different pilots and initiatives based on grants, and a foundation to sustain these programs is needed.

Jack Livramento mentioned the importance to built capacity to support families that do not speak English. Ms. Walmsley stated that there are currently 20 staff members that are acting as translators for the district. She pointed out that one of the things we can improve as a district is in the area of communication, so that school staff are aware of where to access the services. Mr. Anderson commented that it is the district's priority to ensure there is a plan for internal communication.

John Oliveira suggested reaching out outside agencies or community partners to help absorb the cost for the Community Resource Center.

Joshua Amaral noted the importance to ensure we are investing on programs that will be sustainable in the next few years.

Mr. O'Leary reviewed the Social Emotional Learning Additions for FY2020 Budget. John Oliveira questioned the \$20K for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). Mr. Anderson responded that if the program is well implemented, it is a good investment that allows staff to be trained and be able to spread the training without seeking outside support.

To a question by Colleen Dawicki with regard to how much PBIS and trauma sensitive schools would cover. Ms. Bettencourt explained that the district has a cohort model, this will allow training to different cohorts across the district so that every school can receive trauma sensitive training.

Mr. O'Leary stated that the total preliminary FY20 Budget with the investment request is at \$147M. The next budget workshop would focus on Teaching and Learning investments.

SUPERINTENDENT FY20 BUDGE	T INVESTMENT PRIORITIES					
Total Preliminary FY20	Budget Investment					
	TOTAL					
Eligible Net School Spending	\$130,954,950					
Non-Net School Spending	\$11,891,434					
Total Operating Budget	\$142,846,384					
investments (right sizing, staff, etc.)	\$4,097,073					
Total Request	\$100,000,057					

At this time, Mayor Mitchell stated that the School Committee received the following Open Meeting Law complaints:

Filed by Jose Soler on March 11, 2019 on behalf of New Bedford Coalition to Save Our Schools Filed by Ricardo Rosa on March 11, 2019 on behalf of New Bedford Coalition to Save Our Schools Filed by Merrie Najimy on March 20, 2019 on behalf of the Massachusetts Teachers Association

Mayor Mitchell noted that the aforementioned complaints were already distributed to the Committee members for their review and the Committee has 14 days to respond. He stated that the School Committee can delegate the matter to counsel in order to prepare and file a response on time. The Committee is also scheduled to review the Executive Session minutes to determine if they can be released.

On a motion by Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Jack Livramento, the Committee voted to delegate responsibility for responding to the complaints to the School Committee counsel.

The roll call vote was as follows:

John Oliveira – No Christopher Cotter – Absent Jack Livramento – Yes Joshua Amaral Yes Colleen Dawicki - Yes Mayor Mitchell –Yes

Bruce Oliveira - Yes

5 – Yeas 1 – Nays 1 – Absent

At 6:57 P.M., on a motion by Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Jack Livramento, the Committee voted to adjourn the budget meeting and enter into executive session for the following purpose:

To review Executive Session Minutes: January 7, 2019; February 11, 2019; and March 11, 2019 (Executive Session Purpose #7)

The roll call vote was as follows:

John Oliveira – No Christopher Cotter – Absent Jack Livramento – Yes Bruce Oliveira - Yes Joshua Amaral– Yes Colleen Dawicki - Yes Mayor Mitchell –Yes

5 – Yeas

1 – Nays

1 – Absent

Respectfully Submitted by,

Adlybeiry Ferreira

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Thomas Anderson

Superintendent, Secretary/School Committee

New Bedford Public Schools

FY2020 Budget Workshop March 27, 2019 Safe & Supportive Schools

FOUNDATION BUDGET REVIEW COMMESION EINDINGS AND HE COMMENDATIONS

- Special Education
- Benefits/Health Insurance
- English Language Learners
- Low Income Students



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<u>Agenda</u>

FBRC Bills analysis

Special Education forecast

Nursing/Wraparound Services



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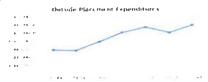
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Special Education Out of District Trends



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2046-17	\$	I.M.QLE
2017-30	\$	3,068,380.20
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Special Education FY2020

anticipated CB carry over			\$	2,242,000
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tocal budget sped tuition	\$	3,910,000	\$	3,909,500
Total FY20 OOD Tuitions	6 1 E 1 SAD -	The second little building	-	
\$	6,151,500		-	
Special Ed transportation	5	7,517,680	\$	7,878,33
Phaycological Services	\$	5,235,000	5	5,235,00
Tutorial Senices	5	237,000	5	237,000
instructional supplies, equipme	ent &			
renvice s	5	76,500	5	80,00
Aspen Software	\$	46,650	\$	55,00
Office	\$	42,632	5	43,80
Salaries	5	1,541,013	\$	1,643,60

BPS Promise Projection : New Bedford

	FY20 Pro	omite Act		
Total Foundation Budget		Required Local Contribution		Final Chapter 70
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FY2020 Special Education Trends

Special Education Circuit Breaker

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PMS	988,182.55	2,297,204.00	1,117,432.10	2,157,914.45
PY17	2,157,834.45	1.715,106.00	7.335.406.32	1,517,694.13
PYLD	1,537,434,13	2,442,529,00	1,537,534,30	2,442,525,63
EXT3	7.442.525.63	2,598,608.00	3,741,522,63	1,299,609.00

Appendices / Links

- http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/finance/tuition/fy20/projection.html
- https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/H70
- https://www.mma.org/advocacy/mma-urges-joint-committee-oneducation-to-make-substantial-changes-to-school-finance-law/
- http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/chapter70/fy2020/prelim.html

FOUNDATION BUDGET REVIEW COMMISSION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Special Education Out of District Trends

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2012-03	88	30
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2014-05	iF	*1
2015-06	20	46
2016-17	23	AS
7017-18	25	32
301832	18	42

School Year	# of PK & "Ealisborative" Placements	2 of 5-12 "Cottaboration" Flacements
2017-23	2	15
2013 54	2	15
2014.22	1	16
2015.36	3	15
2015-17	10	21
2017-30	13	25
2013-19	29	26

FY2020 Nursing/Wraparound Services

Nursing Additions FY2020 Budget

Item Description	Total Cost
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Hathaway/Rodman, Winslow, Whaling City, Congdonneed sinks, and bathrooms/privacy, many of the nurses of foes are located in Closets with no sink, privacy, or appropriate space to work	\$25,000.00
Health Services of fee VOIF system, headbet, and fax primer	\$1,280,56
Three additional staff flurses to have all schools covered	\$190,000,00
Tool staff Health Representatives	552,000,00
SNAF electronic health record (EHR)	\$15,000,00
INDiamand Medical Interpretar Services	\$10,000,00
	\$315,200,00

Family Engagement AdditionsFY2020 Budget

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Funding to support the Community Resource Contact at 7 schools meet support for support for support	\$120,000.00
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Blooms App will be used as a powers communication APP this year as a family Eng stall and if successful we may want to grew it could be up to	
330,000	330,000,00
	\$215,000

Social Emotional Learning Additions FY2020 Budget

Item Description	-	Total Cost
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Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)	1	\$20,000
Staff eliperds to present a community events. Mindfulness coaches	1	
stipend.	1	\$11,000
Trauma Sensitive Schools - Professional development,		•
consultation and coaching for new schools, and continuing the	į	
support being given to oursent Trauma Sensitive schools	Sheek	\$8,000.00
Supply, paper, technology		\$15,000
	1	\$54,000