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Superintendent of Schools

Secretary, School Committee

REGULAR MEETING

Monday October 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

Keith Middle School, Steven De Rossi Community Room

225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates
- B. 25-26 End of Year Attendance Update

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

5. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Finance & Operations Reports
- B. Personnel Report
- C. Sub-Committee Reports
- D. School Committee Reports

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and vote of approval of the Superintendent goals and indicators for evaluation.
- B. Vote of Approval for the following positions for the New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS) Food and Nutrition Department: NBPS Café & Events Coordinator, NBPS Café & Events Manager, and NBPS Front of House Café Staff.
- C. Consideration and vote of the first reading of the following policies affected by the Massachusetts Association of School Committee's (MASC) Updated Policy Manual:
POLICIES ADDED, ADOPTED, REMOVED, REVIEWED and/or UPDATED
 - 1. FILE: ACL Interacting with Law Enforcement Officers Engaged in Civil Law Enforcement (PROTECT Act)
- D. Request approval for Out of State Conferences/Out of School Time Field Studies: (students/administrator/staff)
 - 1. Trish Morck, Registrar, Family Welcome Center, request permission to travel to the NAEHCY Conference to be held October 31 – November 3, 2026, in Nashville, TN (approximate cost \$2,989.86 other)
 - 2. Alison Robidoux, CDAM School Counseling, Student Services, request permission to travel to the National School Counseling Leadership Conference to be held February 1 – February 4, 2027, in San Diego, CA (approximate cost \$0)
 - 3. Isaiah Houtman, AP Computer Science Teacher, NBHS, request permission to travel to the 2026 College Board Joint Council meeting & Forum to be held November 2 – November 6, 2026, in Las Vegas, NV (approximate cost \$0)
 - 4. Stephanie Couto, Art Teacher, NBHS Visual and Performing Arts requests permission to attend the National Arts Education Association Convention to be held March 5 – March 6, 2027, in New York, NY (approximate cost \$0)



5. Jennifer McGuire, College & Career Coordinator, NBHS, requests permission to travel to the Collegetown College Tour to be held November 16 – November 19, 2026, in Baltimore, MD (approximate cost \$385 Fed/State Proj.)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the following purposes:

- A. Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a), for the following purposes:
 1. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
 - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

1. Ratification votes for the AFSCME contract

10. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2026

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