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REVISED 11.6.26

REGULAR MEETING

Monday November 9, 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. **MINUTES**
   - September 14, 2026
   - October 5, 2026
4. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**
   A. General Updates
   B. FY2026-2027 Enrollment
   C. Special Education Services
5. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**
6. **OTHER REPORTS**
   A. Finance & Operations Reports
   B. Personnel Report
   C. Sub-Committee Reports
   D. School Committee Reports
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
   A. Request approval for Out of State Conferences/Out of School Time Field Studies: (students/administrator/staff)
   1. Matthew Pacheco, NBHS, Whaler Marching Band Director, request permission to travel to the WGI Winter guard Championships to be held April 7 – 11, 2027 in Dayton, OH with 11 students and 9 chaperones (approximate cost per student $2,272.73. NBHS Band Booster Fundraiser).
   2. Mark Carvalho, Teacher, Whaling City Jr/Sr. High School, request permission to travel to the Hotel Papal Residency being held January 14 – 25, 2027 in Faial, Azores Portugal (approximate cost $0)

   B. 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: Artificial Intelligence Use Policy
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
9. **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:
   B.

1. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
    - AFSCME
2. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation with the New Bedford Educators Association, specifically Department of Labor Relations Case Numbers: MUP-25-11250; MUP-25-11759; MUP-26-12265; MUP-26-12291; MUP-26-12297; MUP-26-(XXXXX) because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares.

10. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2026

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