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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
~MINUTES~**

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, DR. FINNERTY arrived at 8:00, MR. AMARAL, MR. COTTER, MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. OLIVEIRA

ABSENT: MR. NOBREGA

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, DR. DEFALCO, MS. BETTENCOURT, MS. EMSLEY, MR. O'LEARY, MR. MOTTA, MS. DUNAWAY (Recording Secretary)

The School Committee Student Representative, Amanda Braga, was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The Committee voted, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to accept the following School Committee meeting minutes as follows: (Supporting documents labeled "3")

- Regular Meeting Minutes: August 14, 2017
- Executive Session Minutes: 2/9, 6/15, 7/13, 8/10 -2015; 4/11, 11/14 - 2016; 2/13, 8/14 -2017

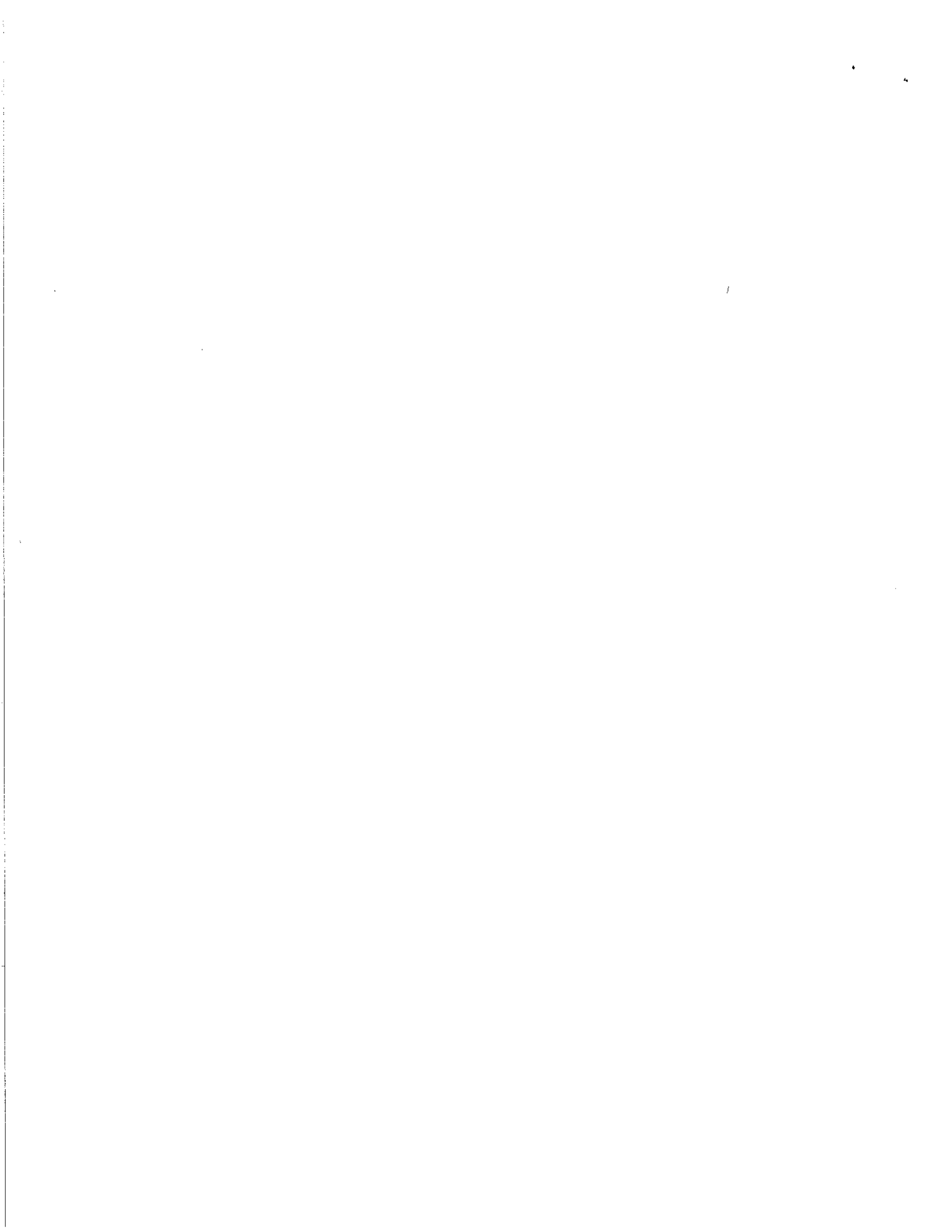
Mr. Cotter abstained from voting on the minutes from 2/9, 6/15, 7/13, 8/10 -2015.

Superintendent's Report (Dr. Durkin):
(Supporting documents labeled "4")

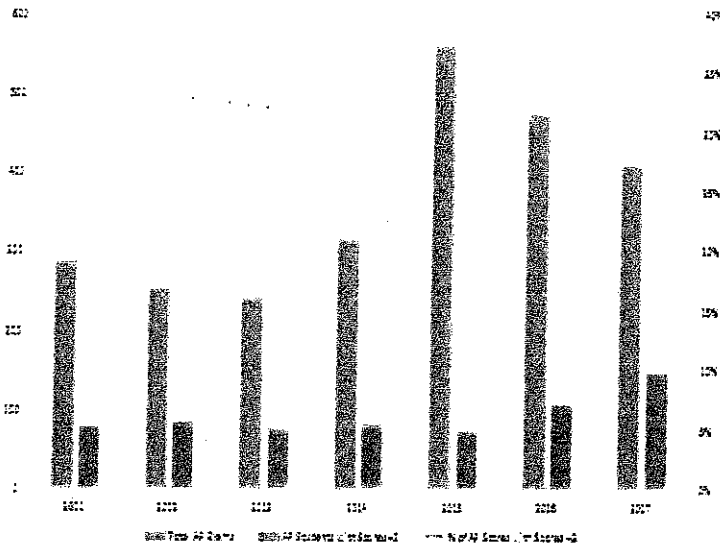
Dr. Durkin presented the Summer Program report stating that approximately 1600 students took part in one of four venues:

- 700 students were in a sped component with regard to their IEP
- 229 were involved with the on-line program, APEX
- 111 attended the "Y" program "Power Scholars". The program helps to prevent students sliding back in their studies over the summer. The program includes intervention and enrichment activities.
- Other students attended the Community sites program at: Dennison Memorial, Boys' and Girls' Club, New Bedford Housing Authority, YMCA and NorthStar

Jim Mathes, President/CEO of Dennison Memorial Community Center, addressed the Committee to comment on how well the program was received and to give credit to those NBPS teachers and staff who dedicated themselves to seeing that the program was a success. He also expressed that he hopes to continue the partnership next year.



APHSAP Program Over the Past Seven Years



Year	Total AP Score	% of AP Score
2011	386	5%
2012	352	6%
2013	340	6%
2014	408	7%
2015	550	7%
2016	474	6%
2017	408	6%

Year to Year AP Growth

- The Average AP Score increased overall from 2.07 to 2.42
- Qualifying scores increased from 103 to 147 demonstrating a 14% increase year to year.

Subject	Average AP Score 2016 (# of students)	Average AP Score 2017 (# of students)	5	4	3	2	1
AP Biology	2.854 (28)	1.874 (55)	0	3	5	15	12
AP Calculus AB	2.750 (20)	2.25 (32)	2	7	24	18	20
AP Calculus BC (n/a)	n/a	4.887 (3)	2	1	0	0	0
AP Calculus BC (n/a)	n/a	4 (3)	1	1	2	0	0
AP Chemistry	2.774 (32)	2.657 (3)	0	0	1	2	5
AP Computer Science	2.000 (23)	2.3 (24)	2	5	1	2	6
AP Environmental Science	2.033 (20)	1.822 (18)	0	2	0	0	7
AP European History	2.481 (31)	1.852 (20)	1	1	5	5	16
AP Human Geography	2.422 (23)	1.768 (25)	0	2	2	0	9
AP Music Theory	2.222 (4)	2.222 (4)	0	1	2	0	1
AP Physics	2.800 (25)	2.225 (3)	0	5	5	2	2
AP Spanish	2.88 (12)	2.400 (5)	0	1	0	1	2
AP Stats	2.284 (32)	1.80 (25)	0	0	2	5	17
AP Studio Art	2.828 (31)	2.220 (3)	0	0	1	2	1
AP Language (Grade 11)	2.028 (33)	1.87 (45)	1	5	8	22	17
AP US History	2.172 (20)	2.50 (18)	1	2	5	5	1
AP World (Grade 10)	2.122 (31)	2.122 (32)	0	1	14	14	12
AP Seminar	n/a	2.94 (43)	1	2	34	7	0
AP US Government	2 (2)	2.25 (4)	0	0	1	1	0
2016 Totals	2.07*		15 (3%)	26 (5%)	67 (14%)	128 (40%)	180 (58%)
2017 Totals	2.42*		11 (3%)	34 (6%)	102 (25%)	122 (34%)	123 (30%)

Mr. Cotter remarked that a good job was done in getting the scores higher and he is happy to see students being offered choices and shown they have potential.

Public Comment:

1. Morgan Bernardo – Special Education Concern
2. Faith Mosher – Student Concern
3. Brandi Mosher – Parent Concern

Business Office Report (Mr. O’Leary): (Supporting documents – 6A)

Mr. O’Leary reviewed the financial reports with the Committee. Non-salary spend-down is at 42%; department reports - expenses are encumbered 40-60%. All transportation costs will be mostly encumbered by next month; school reports will consist of mainly supplies with 60-80% encumbered. Salaries are not reflected as it is the start of the new school year.

Building Projects:

- Substantial completion with window projects
- First phase of repairs have been made at Parker School; windows will be replaced in the summer of 2018
- Program manager for Brooks has been appointed

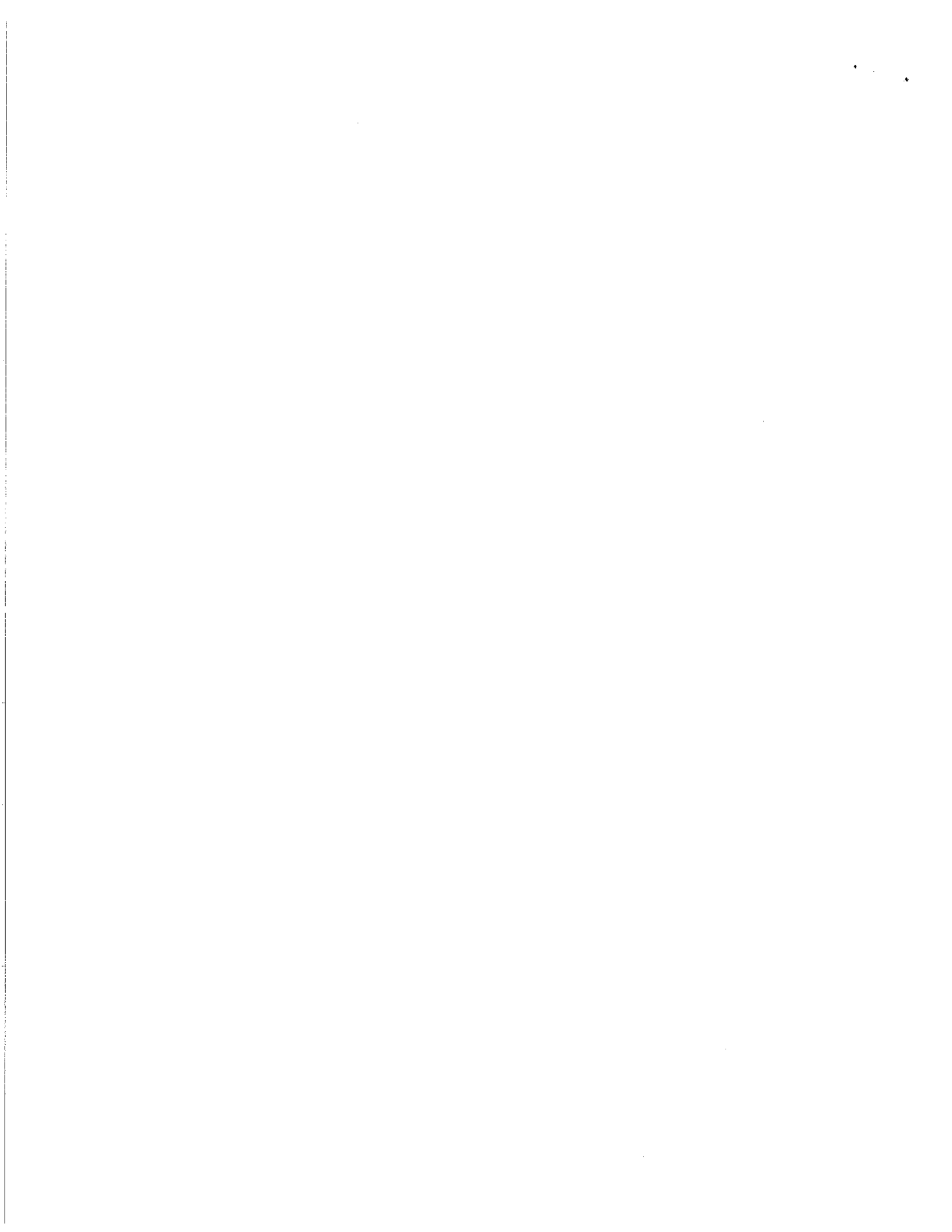
Mr. O’Leary stated that transfer requests are mainly utility transfers.

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the following transfers:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

8/31/2017

FOR APPROVAL FROM				TO				Amount	Reason
Org	Func	Obj	Description	Org	Func	Obj	Description		
S2135740	2357	520004	OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION PROF DEV SERVICES	S1243080	2410	580008	RENAISSANCE TEXTBOOKS	16,200.00	Envision Math
S4159551	2430	540005	ROOSEVELT CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	S4158450	2210	540005	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	532.75	Student T Shirts
S1409550	2430	540005	WINSLOW CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	S1409540	4230	520004	MAINT OF EQUIPMENT WINSLOW	185.00	Repair of 2-Way radios
S1159550	2430	540005	PARKER CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	S1158441	5300	520004	LEASE OF EQUIPMENT PARKER	7.48	copier lease for the year



On a motion by Mr. Oliveira, and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Business Office report.

Personnel Report (Ms. Emsley) (Supporting document labeled "6B")

Ms. Emsley reviewed the personnel report with the Committee. She reported that there were 98 appointments, five retirements, 24 resignations and two transfers since the last personnel report in August.

To a question by Mr. Livramento, Ms. Emsley responded that there are still seven vacancies in areas of math and special education. At this time last year, the district had 19 vacancies.

Ms. Emsley announced that the Wellness Fair will be held at Keith Middle School this fall.

Mayor Mitchell cautioned the Committee that per counsel, personnel reports would no longer be voted on as to "to accept" the report.

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report.

Several members gave reports.

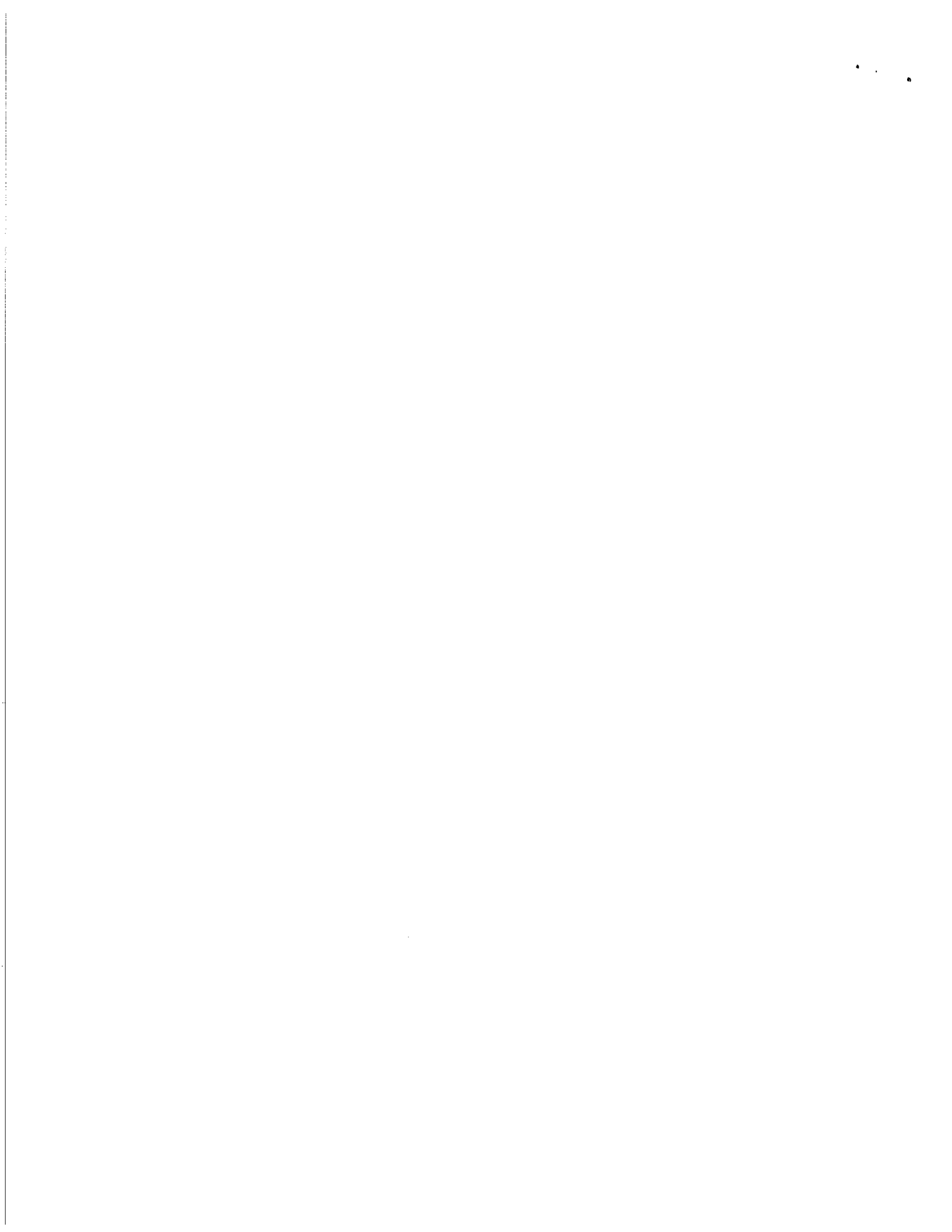
NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Durkin addressed the Committee in regard to the eighth grade dual enrollment program at New Bedford High School. She stated that 139 students from the middle schools and 23 from Alma del Mar Charter School were enrolled

Mayor Mitchell expressed that we need more 8th graders to go to the high school and to make parents understand the benefits of NBHS. He continued that he would like Acushnet, Charter and Catholic Schools to have access to the dual enrollment program.

Mr. Oliveira stated that the biggest question about allowing Alma del Mar students to attend was the procedure. He stated that he has since asked for and received legal advice on behalf of the Committee. He continued with the following motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to allow the Superintendent to run a pilot program for this school year that lets only the qualified out of district students from the Alma del Mar School to attend the dual enrollment program at NBHS until June 30, 2018. The approval expires on June 30, 2018 unless otherwise voted by the New Bedford School Committee. As part of this motion, the Superintendent and the Policy Sub Committee shall work to establish a policy defining the handling of future out of district students and their participation in the dual enrollment program for presentation to the full School Committee for their acceptance or rejection.



On a motion by Mr. Amaral and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the following requests for out of state travel: (Supporting document 7D)

- Sonia Walmsley/Julie Mador – permission to travel to Chicago, IL from 10/27-10/31/17, to attend the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. (McKinney Vento Grant - \$3927)
- Lauren Burgess/Fine Arts/Pulaski School – permission to travel to San Antonio, TX, from 11/11-11/14/17, to attend the 19th Annual National Dance in Education Organization (NDEO) Conference. (No travel cost.)
- Fernando Pimentel/Academy of Finance/NBHS – permission to travel to New York City from 10/12-10/13/17, to attend the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship National Business Plan Competition. (No travel cost.)

At 7:50 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, to go into Executive Session, with the intent to return to Open Session, for the following purpose: To discuss strategies with respect to negotiations with union personnel, specifically, New Bedford Educators Association (NBEA) – Unit B.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Absent
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

5 – Yeas 0 – Nays 2 – Absent

At 8:08 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee voted to go back into Open Session. Dr. Finnerty arrived at 8:00 and was in attendance.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

Ms. Emsley addressed the Committee and explained that a proposed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the New Bedford School Committee and Unit B of the New Bedford Educators Association would allow additional compensation in the form of stipends to two Unit B administrators who share a principal. The stipends would go to the administrators at Congdon and DeValles Elementary Schools. (Supporting document 7E)

