



**Greater New Bedford  
Regional Vocational Technical High School  
District School Committee**

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**Meeting Called by:  
Town Moderator, Select Board Chair, School Committee Chair**

**Agenda  
May 11, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
Town Hall – 40 Center Street – Fairhaven**

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**A. ACTION:**

1. Review application for reappointment to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee
  - a. Wayne Oliveira

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Subject matter listed in the agenda consists of those items that are reasonably anticipated (by the Chair) to be discussed. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed (such as urgent business not available at the time of posting) may also be brought up for discussion in accordance with applicable law.*

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AND THE  
TOWNS OF DARTMOUTH AND FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS,  
WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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This agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 428 of the Acts of 1971, between the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven, hereinafter referred to as member municipalities. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

SECTION I: THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Composition

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. All appointments to the Committee to be made by any member municipality, and the filling of any vacancy thereon, shall be made in a member town by the joint action of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Moderator, and one member of the School Committee, to be designated by said committee for this purpose; and in the City of New Bedford by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council. If a Town has no school committee because it is a member of a twelve-grade regional school district, the appointment and the filling of vacancies to be made by such towns shall be made by the joint action of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Town



## Town of Fairhaven

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Fairhaven, MA 02719 Tel: (508) 979-4023  
[selectboard@Fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:selectboard@Fairhaven-ma.gov)

### Board/Committee/Commission Reappointment Request

Residents serving on a Town Board, Committee or Commission are requested to complete this form and send it to the Select Board Office at the Town Hall. **(Please print or type)**

Due by Friday, May 5, 2023 to [ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov)

Title: <b>Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.</b>	First Name: Wayne	Last Name: Oliveira
Street Address: 125 Bridge Street		
Email Address: <a href="mailto:wayneoliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov">wayneoliveira@fairhaven-ma.gov</a>		Preferred Phone Number: 781-872-1878
How long have you been a Fairhaven resident? 60 years		

**What Board(s) / Committee(s) / Commission (s) are you interested in being reappointed to?**

GNBRVTHS District School Committee

**Have you previously served on any other Town of Fairhaven Boards/Committees/Commissions? If so, please indicate what Board and number of years.** Ambulance Study Comm. 4 years Historical Commission 20+  
Beautification Comm. 6yrs. Parade Comm. Voc-Tech District School Comm. 4 yrs. Bicentennial Committee Chair-3 yrs.

**Please state your interest in being reappointed to the board(s)/committee(s)/commission(s) listed above. Please include a description of your contributions. (use additional paper if needed).** I am seeking reappointment to the GNBRVTHS School Committee. I was appointed in 2019 to serve as one of 2 representatives from the Town of Fairhaven. I have been a dedicated member of the School Committee helping to guide the District through some of the toughest times in its history. The Pandemic, Financial uncertainty after Covid-19, Teacher Unionization, selection of a new Superintendent Director, and continued restructuring of the District's workforce. I would like to continue this work through great collaboration with my fellow Board Members to make Voc-Tech one of the finest Technical Schools in the State while keeping associated costs to our Town in check. I will continue to dedicate myself to this task and ask the difficult questions while upholding the standards of good judgment and personal principles. I would ask for your continued support as I request another 4 year term to serve on the GNB Voc-Tech School Committee.

**Thank you for volunteering! If you have questions, please contact the office of the Select Board at (508) 979-4023 ext. 2 or e-mail [ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:ahart@fairhaven-ma.gov)**

Ms. Angie Ellison  
Town Administrator  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

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BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
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Dear Ms. Ellison,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Wayne Oliveira for reappointment to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee. Wayne has been a tremendous asset to the Committee since becoming a member in May, 2019. Over the last four years, like many schools, Greater New Bedford Voc Tech battled through a global pandemic that challenged all of us in unprecedented ways. Most notably, as school committee members, we were challenged to help navigate a school district through challenging fiscal waters while simultaneously adopting policies and practices to reflect the changing educational reality. The pandemic brought more than two years of financial uncertainty, student learning loss, and a renewed focus on the safety and security of school buildings. Additionally, like more than 20% of school districts since the pandemic (including Fairhaven), our school committee selected a new Superintendent Director, and have begun the process of reallocating resources to more effectively service students in a post Covid-19 world.

These challenges require consistency on the GNBVT District School Committee. Throughout the last four years, Mr. Oliveira has demonstrated the judgment, perseverance, and commitment to stand on his principles while supporting vocational technical education for our town and the region. Despite the official ending of the Covid-19 national emergency, there remains the work in educational districts to recover from the pandemic in an evolving world. Wayne has consistently put forth his best efforts, attends all meetings and conferences, volunteers on subcommittees for the Committee, listens to constituent concerns, asks probing questions during school committee meetings, and collaborates effectively with the school's administration. As you know, serving on Town Boards and Committees is not easy work. We need dedicated, hard-working, and focused individuals ready to carry out this important work on behalf of our community.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Wayne Oliveira for reappointment to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee. Having represented Fairhaven on the Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical High School District School Committee since 2000, Wayne has demonstrated integrity like many others during my time on the Committee. He deserves to continue representing Fairhaven and standing for high quality, vocational technical education for our students. I respectfully request you reappoint Wayne Oliveira for another four years.

Sincerely,



Randall C. Durrigan  
4 Pleasant Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
GNBVT District School Committee