

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the George M. Romm Little Theatre at Brockton High School.

Present: Mayor Harrington, Chair; Mrs. Joyce, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Foley; Mr. Minichiello; Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary

NOTE: These minutes contain a summary of the meeting and list the items that were under discussion.

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at seven thirty-two o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the December 18, 2007, School Committee Meeting minutes as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Attendance

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Chief Supervisor of Attendance Report for the month of December, 2007, as presented.

Data Warehouse Presentation

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that four years ago a Technology Department was created with the help of support and maintenance staff so that data could be collected and used by the School Department. It was the culmination of a lot of work initiated by Mr. Suziedelis. Many superintendents have visited to see what has been accomplished. The work on the data warehouse began two and one-half years ago. Deputy Superintendent Susan Dukess stated that Superintendent Nembirkow saw the need for more sophisticated data tools to be able to respond to increased demands for data reporting, accountability and improving student achievement. The Data Warehouse stores and integrates historical and current data. Supporting teaching and learning would be one of its major functions. In order to do that, systems were needed to manage day-to-day instruction, monitor progress by grade level, class and individual student, and link curriculum to instruction and assessment. The two major tools the district selected were EduSoft and eScholar Data Warehouse. Dr. Dukess then introduced Ms. Maureen Lovett, Data Warehouse Administrator, and Ms. Paula O'Sullivan, School Data Analyst, who are responsible for the day-to-day management and use of the data warehouse. Ms. Lovett highlighted a powerpoint presentation on the data warehouse. She stated that it organizes data from many different sources; it links various sets of data; it supports analysis across time and it allows for user-friendly, timely access to data and information. Ms. O'Sullivan discussed NetCharts, a web-based graphic display program. She noted that school performance can be monitored more closely; and assessment data (MCAS, SAT, IPT, etc.), staff data, reports, charts, etc., can be more readily accessed. Individual and group reports can be accessed as well as schools, etc. It is still a work in progress. After a lengthy discussion and many questions, Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Acceptance of
CSAB Minutes**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Community School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Trip

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following trip: BHS Key Club to the annual convention in Springfield, MA, March 28-30, 2008. Mrs. Joyce had questions on the enclosure. Dr. Szachowicz stated that the numbers on the original request have been revised; ten students will now be attending along with three chaperones.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Scholarships

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following new scholarships to be included in the 2008 scholarship booklet for Brockton High School:

1. BHS Class of 1948 Scholarship - \$500
2. Rebecca A. Jerome Memorial Scholarship – 2 in the amount of \$2,000
3. Lorraine A. McLaughlin Scholarship - \$500

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel
Appointments**

Mrs. Joyce moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the personnel appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel
Action**

Mr. Daley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following personnel action:

1. Leaves of Absence
Dannielle Candido – Hancock (12 wk. Maternity plus remainder of 2007-2008 school year – Eff. 4/12/08)
Carmela Guilloteau – Kennedy (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 1/5/08)
Jenna McLaughlin – Angelo (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 3/28/08)
Jessica Woodworth-Curtis – North JHS (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 3/6/08)
Chanelle Jackson – South Middle Monitor/Teacher Asst.(12 wk. unpaid FMLA – Eff. 1/4/08)
Eleanor Vasapollo – Arnone Cafeteria (12 wk. unpaid FMLA – Eff. 12/17/07)
2. Resignation
Magda Cavaco – Davis Paraprofessional (Eff. 1/9/08)
3. Change of Retirement Date
Catherine Brine – Executive Director of Teaching & Learning PreK-5 (from 10/20/2010 to 1/4/08)
4. Retirement
Mary Ryan – Arnone (to retire 6/30/09)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Accounts
Review**

Mrs. Beyer, chair, proceeded to read the Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting Report of January 22, 2008. She stated that the accounts from December 12 through January 16, 2008, were reviewed. Mr. Daley moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Finance
Subcommittee**

Mrs. Joyce, chair, proceeded to read the Finance Subcommittee Meeting Report of January 22, 2008, which dealt with the Community Schools Summer 2008 Fee Proposal. Mrs. Joyce would like the report minutes to reflect that Mr. Foley voted in the affirmative on the fee proposal. Mr. Daley moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Daley moved to approve the Community Schools Summer 2008 Fee Proposal as presented.

Yeas: Beyer, Daley, Dobrowski, Foley, Joyce

Nays: Bath, Minichiello

Voted: to accept the motion, 5-2

New Business

Mr. Bath questioned the memorandum he received regarding the Gilmore Academy Expanded Learning Time Implementation Plan being in the second tier and not in the top tier for approval. Dr. Dukess stated that Mrs. Karen Watkins-Watts, Grants Administrator, has asked the DOE for a review. Dr. Dukess will keep the School Committee updated on the status.

Mr. Minichiello asked for a monthly statement on expenditures. Superintendent Basan Nembirkow stated that information will be sent to School Committee members in the future.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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