

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theatre in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock.

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

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Community School
Scholarships
Recognition

The Marc A. Sims Scholarships were awarded to 24 students attending the Raise Up Basketball Camp. This camp celebrated its 9th season with 154 students taking part in basketball instruction, guest speakers and competitive games.

The Paul A. Wilgoren Scholarships were awarded to ten students attending the Get Ready Baseball sports program. This program offered baseball instruction and game play for 75 students during three sessions.

Mrs. Lois Wilgoren, Trustee of the Paul A. Wilgoren Scholarship, and Mr. Mitchell Sims, Trustee of the Marc A. Sims Scholarship and both scholarship committees were recognized this evening for their contributions which allowed Brockton students to attend the Raise Up Basketball and Get Ready Baseball Camps.

Superintendent Nembirkow and Mayor Harrington presented Mrs. Wilgoren and Mr. Sims with Certificates of Recognition and thanked them.

Approval of Records

Mr. Daley made the motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee on September 6, 2006, as amended.

Voted: to accept motion, as amended, unanimously

At this time, Superintendent Nembirkow announced that Tim Sullivan, President of the Brockton Education Association, could not be here this evening due to the passing of his sister. The Superintendent offered his condolences to Tim and his family.

School Security Report

Superintendent Nembirkow referenced the recent, tragic events happening in schools around the country. He said that he wanted to explain how the Brockton Public Schools is insuring the safety of its schools and read the School Security Report which discussed the handling of emergency issues in school buildings. Drills have been conducted, and emergency plans have been updated and are in place. All emergency response and classroom plans have been updated and made available to staff. The building custodians

have also been given National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) training. In addition, the Superintendent said that a Security and Vulnerability Assessment is being conducted in schools, with 14 schools being completed by December 2006. Mr. Nembirkow said that a plan will be in place for the Champion Charter School, as well.

The Superintendent thanked James Hayden, Executive Director for Communications, Community Schools and Development for his efforts in readying the schools.

A brief discussion took place following the report regarding the acquisition of school building blueprints. The Superintendent said that he was assured by Mr. Kimball that blueprints would be available.

CSAB Minutes

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the June 13, 2006 Minutes of the Community School Advisory Board.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Acceptance of Donation

The Brockton High School Key Club members would like to donate \$2,000 worth of Little Tykes playground equipment and toys to the Keith School.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the donation and send a letter of acknowledgment to the BHS Key Club members.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Submission of Proposal

The Massachusetts Department of Education issued an RFP for Community Service-Learning Partnership Grant Proposals. The purpose of this federal Learn and Serve American grant program is to implement in-school and out-of-school-time CSL activities aligned with the Curriculum Frameworks (K-12). The district will jointly identify and implement CSL projects along with community partners and youth participants; provide professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators and staff of community partners in service-learning methodology and practice to implement high quality CSL activities; and identify and engage at-risk youth in civic leadership and service-learning activities.

We propose to seek funding of approximately \$20,000. The district and community partners will contribute to a required 100% cost match (in-kind and cash). Grantees will be eligible to apply for an additional two years of funding.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the submission of the above proposal and, if successful, the spending of the funds.

Mr. Daley, on the motion, asked questions about the proposal. Ms. Watts deferred to Darcy Fernandes, assistant principal of West Junior High School to speak about the proposal. Ms. Fernandes gave an example of how the classes will tie in with the Frameworks requirement.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appointments Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #6.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Personnel Action Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #7:

**Leaves of Absence
Teachers:**

Mary Baldwin	East JHS	12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 1/22/07
Jessica Couto	West JHS	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/31/06
Mary-Elizabeth Davidson	Plouffe	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 11/8/06
Leah DeCristofaro	Angelo	Ext. MAT LOA, 10/25-11/17/06
Anala Guertin	Brookfield	8 Wk. MAT LOA, plus remainder 06-07 school year, Eff. 2/2/07
Meghan McDonough	BHS	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 12/7/06
Caroline Moran	BHS	Ext. from 8 to 12 Wks. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/14/06
Lori Smith	Plouffe	Up to 12 Wks. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 9/20/06
Melissa Shyne	Gilmore Academy	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 12/4/06
Kara Stella	Downey	6 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 11/22/06
Andrea Vieira	Davis	8 Wk. MAT LOA, plus remainder 06-07 school year, Eff. 12/14/06

Paraprofessional:

Joanna Hrenko	BHS	12 Wks. Unpd. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/13/06
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Cafeteria:

Cynthia Dugan	Whitman	12 Wks. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 9/11/06
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Resignations:

Marisa Coppage, Teacher	West JHS	Eff. 9/15/06
William Cross, Teacher	BHS	Eff. 9/25/06
Susan Petrie, Teacher	BHS	Eff. 9/1/06

Melissa Atkins, MTA	Plouffe	Eff. 10/5/06
Amy Sutherland, MTA	Howard	Eff. 9/22/06
Rayna Bruce, Paraprof.	Lincoln	Eff. 9/28/06
Cliff Furtado, Paraprof.	Raymond	Eff. 9/15/06
Kathleen Seaver, Paraprof.	Brookfield	Eff. 10/6/06
Colleen Doherty, Caf Wrkr.	Davis	Eff. 9/23/06

Change of Retirement Date:

Terry Starr-Klein, Principal	Gilmore Academy	Rescinding retirement date of 6/30/06
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Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Report/Policy
Subcommittee

Mr. Hancock read the Report of the Policy Subcommittee meeting that was held on October 4, 2006. He discussed changes and available monies for instruction in the junior high schools. Superintendent Nembirkow said that the state has been good to Brockton Public Schools regarding additional grant dollars.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the above Report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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