

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Choral Room located in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School.

Present: Mayor Harrington, Chair; Mr. Hancock, Vice-Chair; Mr. Belcher; Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Foley; Mrs. Joyce; 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 o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

Approval of Records

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2006, as amended on page 3, first paragraph, by inserting Davis PTA not Davis PTO.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Addendum Communication from John Condon

Superintendent Nembirkow indicated that a communication from Chief Financial Officer John Condon was received regarding a Massachusetts School Building Authority Grant Conversion. He stated that the MSBA has allowed the city to convert the full amount of anticipated grant funding from the Quincy Street Jr. High School to be applied to the Quincy Street and Colonel Bell Drive Elementary School projects. The amount of MSBA funding converted is \$24,500,361, applied at \$10,456,324 to the Quincy Street and \$14,044,037 to the Colonel Bell Drive Elementary Schools. The converted sum represents 90 percent of the MSBA's maximum allowable cost for the Quincy Street Jr. High School. The city must return by December 15, 2006, a form signed by the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools. This form basically relinquishes the city's current entitlement to MSBA assistance for the Quincy Street Jr. High School. This form must be submitted under the direction of the School Committee. Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the MSBA approved grant conversion amount and to have the Superintendent of Schools and Mayor sign the necessary documentation.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Project Diploma

Mrs. Shailah Stewart, BPS Partnership Coordinator, and Mrs. Catherine Leger, BHS Guidance Department Head, were present to highlight "Project Diploma." A Project Diploma Guide was developed through state funding from the DOE and was designed for repeating ninth graders. They are targeting certain identified students at the present time and will slowly include the rest of the freshmen class. The guide breaks down each year of high school with information about credits and planning process. The emphasis is on early post-secondary learning. Worksheets are available as well as access to the internet. MCAS, testing, community resources, etc, are all covered in the guide. It is ideal for all high-school age students, parents,

and community groups, not just grade nine. The key to success is staff support and parent involvement.

**SAC
Alternate**

Superintendent Nembirkow asked Zachary Connolly, who was present this evening as the Student Advisory Council alternate, to stand and be recognized.

**Superintendent
Nembirkow**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that the Project Diploma Guide is timely because the Department of Education released the drop-out rates yesterday. He also stated that we will be held accountable by the DOE for the four-year graduation rates starting this spring. Both Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow thanked Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Leger for their presentation and the posters. Mrs. Stewart thanked Bill Szachowicz for the photography/art work in the booklet. After several questions and suggestions, Mr. Hancock moved to accept the report.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Authorization to
Submit
Proposal**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of an Inclusive, Concurrent Enrollment Partnership Program for Students with Disabilities proposal, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The purpose is to develop partnerships between high schools in public school districts and state public institutions of higher education to offer concurrent enrollment for students with disabilities, ages 18-22, in credit or non-credit courses that include non-disabled students. Brockton proposes to partner with Massasoit Community College to plan, develop and pilot a model inclusive post-secondary education program for twenty in-district and out-of-district placement high school student with disabilities. Norwood High School students with disabilities will also be considered for participation in the program. The funding being sought is in the amount of \$130,000. Ms. Karen Watkins-Watts was present to answer questions. After several questions, the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**December 19
SC Meeting**

Mr. Hancock moved to hold the December 19, 2006, School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Cafeteria at Brockton High School. This change is due to the Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Personnel
Appointments**

Mrs. Joyce moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #5.

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
Michelle Holland – South Middle School (12 wk. Maternity – Eff. 4/9/07)
Leah Palmer – Angelo (12 wk. Maternity – Eff. 3/12/07)

Lorraine Niccoli – Belmont St. Paraprofessional (unpaid FMLA up to 12 wks.
Eff. 10/30/06)

2. Resignations

Lourenco Garcia – BHS (Eff. 11/30/06)

Bradley Maleh – BHS (Eff. 11/22/06)

Melissa Ford – Goddard Paraprofessional (Eff. 12/1/06)

3. Retirements

Patricia Allen – Brookfield/Lincoln Custodian (to retire 1/2/07)

Fortunee Shaevitz – Franklin Paraprofessional (to retire 12/22/06)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Superintendent's
Contract**

Mr. Dobrowski, chair, proceeded to read the Report of the Superintendent's Contract Subcommittee meeting of November 28, 2006. Mr. Hancock moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Dobrowski moved to approve the proposed contract of the Superintendent of Schools effective from the execution of this agreement until June 30, 2010.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Moment of
Silence for
Rose Shatz**

Mr. Hancock called for a Moment of Silence in honor of Rose Shatz, ten-year old daughter of staff member Joan Block Shatz of the Keith School. Rose was killed on a bicycle in Foxboro over the weekend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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