

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Theatre at Brockton High School.

Present: Mayor Balzotti, Chair; Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair; Mr. Donegan, Mrs. Joyce, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Sullivan

Absent: Mr. Robinson, Mr. Healy

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items from it. Mrs. Joyce asked to remove Enclosure #4, *Request for Authorization to Submit a Proposal for the U.S. Department of Education FY 2013 Carol M. White Physical Education Grant*.

Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Report of Finance Subcommittee Meeting on May 29, 2013
- Requests for Authorization to Submit Proposals and Expenditure of Funds
 - USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program
 - Fuel Up Play 60 Grant
 - FY2014 MA DESE Expanded Learning Time Implementation Grant
 - FY 2014 MA DESE Continuation Grant Proposal for Adult Basic Ed.
- Notification of Personnel Appointments
- Notification of Personnel Action: LOA, Resignation
- Approval of Field Trip: NYU / (TERI College Access) July 17, 2013

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimous.

With regard to the *Carol White Physical Education Grant*, Mrs. Joyce asked how this could dovetail into the new Wellness Policy. Mrs. Maryellen Kirrane, Department Head of Wellness K-8, Mr. Peter Caruso, Coordinator of Physical Education and Athletics, and Ms. Linda Cahill, Nursing Supervisor, responded. This grant would allow Brockton to hire eight additional personnel; increasing the amount of fitness level activities to coincide with Brockton's curriculum, health education would be increased before and after school as well, and the grant would provide more resources to focus on the middle school students. Mrs. Kirrane stated that this is a very competitive grant and that she would hear something by early September.

Mrs. Joyce moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of the proposal to the U.S. Department of Education FY 2013 Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant and, if successful, to expend funds.

Voted: to adopt the recommendation; unanimous.

Baroncelli Award

Presentation of Baroncelli Award

Mayor Balzotti asked Superintendent Elect Kathleen Smith to come forward to speak about this year's recipient of the Albert Baroncelli Award, Mr. Armand Colombo. The Baroncelli Award honors individuals whose volunteer efforts have had an impact on the lives of Brockton students and community members. Mr. Baroncelli was a former School Committee member and Chairman of the Community Schools Advisory Board for six years. This year's award is being presented to Mr. Armand Colombo for his many years of service as the Brockton High School head football coach, and his continued contributions to the football program and within the Brockton community.

Superintendent's Report

Huntington School Partnership with Bridgewater State University

Mr. Jerome invited Principal June Saba of the Huntington School to give a presentation to the School Committee about the ongoing partnership between Bridgewater State University and the Huntington School. Mrs. Saba introduced Mr. Fred Clark, Vice President of External Affairs, and Dr. Lisa Battaligno, Dean of the College of Education and Allied Studies.

Mr. Clark spoke about the many areas which Bridgewater State University is partnering with the City of Brockton.

Mrs. Saba and Mrs. Battaligno highlighted the following accomplishments in the 2012-2013 school year at the Huntington School in a power point presentation:

- Grades 4 and 5 students visited BSU
- Reading buddies through college mentors
- Bridgewater students working in enrichment programs
- Student teacher placements
- Pre-practicum placements
- Footbridge Program – a summer program for rising grade 5 students--this is a two-week daily program where the students will be bused to and from the university and spend a full day in academics including STEM activities, and will culminate with a graduation ceremony
- Advancing STEM education
- Professional Development for Huntington Staff on site at Huntington

Dr. Battaligno called the Huntington School Partnership the model for which they will base future partnering with schools on.

After the presentation, Committee members expressed their appreciation for this partnership, stating that the presentation showed the amount of effort and collaboration that has gone into this partnership, they were very impressed with the creativity.

Mayor Balzotti said that she was very grateful for the many avenues in which BSU is partnering with Brockton.

Administrative Appointment

Mr. Jerome asked *Dr. James Cobbs* to come forward, and introduced him as the newly hired Principal of the Edison Academy. Dr. Cobbs is a long-time Brockton

resident whose background will be sure to enhance the program.

Unfinished Business

Superintendent's FY 2013-2014 School Department Budget

Mr. Minichiello announced that a vote would be taken on the Superintendent's Recommended FY2014 School Department Budget.

Mr. Minichiello then moved to accept the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2014 School Department Budget as the School Committee FY 2014 Budget, as follows:

- **Net School Spending - \$156,952,627**
 - **Non-Net School Spending - \$7,340,522,**
- pending final approval of the budget appropriations by the Full City Council.**

Voted: to approve the motion, unanimous.

New Business

Approval of Wellness Policy

Mr. Minichiello reported that at the Policy Subcommittee meeting held June 17, 2013, after a presentation by Maryellen Kirrane and Peter Caruso, the Subcommittee voted to bring the Draft Wellness Policy forward for approval by the Full School Committee.

Mr. Minichiello then moved that the School Committee adopt the draft Wellness Policy as presented, to replace BPS Policy ADF as the new Wellness Policy for the Brockton Public Schools.

Voted: to adopt the recommendation, unanimous.

Boy's Breakfast

Mr. Minichiello acknowledged and thanked Matthew Campbell, teacher at West Middle School, for the Boy's Breakfast that he hosts each year. This breakfast provides a great opportunity for people from the business, school, and legal communities to meet the graduating eighth grade male students, and it is a nice way to be able to give encouragement and advice to these students.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Jerome
Secretary/Interim Superintendent