

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

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

Also Present: Dr. Salvatore Terrasi (served as Secretary in Mr. Jerome's absence)

Absent: Mr. John Jerome, Interim Superintendent

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. She announced that Dr. Salvatore Terrasi, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel, would be sitting in for Interim Superintendent Jerome in his absence.

#### **Hearing of Visitors**

Mayor Balzotti explained the procedure for this portion of the agenda and then invited Deb Beane to the microphone. Ms. Beane wanted to extend the invitation to come and see the Brockton High Drama Club production of *The Wedding Singer* this coming weekend.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Balzotti explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items from it. There were no requests.

**Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda:**

- *Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2013 Regular School Committee Meeting*
- *Acceptance of CSAB Minutes of March 13, 2013 Meeting*
- *Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Appointments: non-certified*
- *Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action: LOA, Change of Retirement*
- *Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip Requests – Ashfield, West Middle Schools*

The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **Introduction of Administrative Interns**

Dr. Terrasi invited Dr. Kathleen Moran to introduce the 2012-2013 Administrative Interns. Dr. Moran stated that she is pleased to have ten administrative interns who have been assigned to projects at various locations. She then introduced the following: *Dianne Alksninis, Melanie Dobson, Maureen Donaruma-Carpentieri, Cristina de Novais, George Donovan, Emily Flores, Nicole Ford, Nicholas Lee, Jonathan Quint, and Kathleen Wilkinson.*

### **BHS Accreditation Process Update**

Ms. Sharon Wolder, Associate Principal at Brockton High School, and Mr. Daniel Corbett, math instructor at BHS who is part of the Accreditation Committee, gave a power point presentation on the *Core Value, Beliefs, and 21st Century Learning Expectations* document which will replace the current mission statement for Brockton High School. This document was required as part of the accreditation process. It includes current and future learning goals and will guide the remainder of the accreditation process, and incorporates the following:

- BHS Current Literacy Initiative
- District Mission Statement
- Input from Faculty and Restructuring Committee
- 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills
- Technological learning expectations
- Rigor, Relevance and Relationship framework

Ms. Wolder reported that this document has been fully approved by faculty and the school council at Brockton High; it now needs the approval of the School Committee in order to move forward in the accreditation process.

Mr. Corbett addressed the survey that was completed and the results. He stated that Brockton High met the required mandated number of responses for all three areas— staff, student, and parents.

Mr. Donegan added that an enormous amount of work was included in developing the document and would recommend that the School Committee vote to approve the document. A brief question and answer session followed. To the questions about funding that will be required as part of this process, Mrs. Wolder responded that there is a desperate need for more computers for student testing, and more bandwidth. She added that funding for professional development for staff, particularly in the area of teaching the technological piece, will be necessary. Mrs. Joyce asked Ms. Wolder to continue to provide input with regard to funding needs in order for the School Committee to plan accordingly.

**Mr. Healy moved that the Committee approve the Core Values, Beliefs, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Expectations document.**

The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

### **Items to Refer to Subcommittee**

No items were referred to Subcommittee.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Superintendent's FY 2013-2014 School Department Budget**

Mr. Petronio reported that the Finance Subcommittee will meet with regard to the FY 2013-2014 School Department budget on May 8 for the main purpose of prioritizing needs of the system in anticipation of the receipt of the Mayor's funding recommendation. He added that this year the School Department is not anticipating a reduction in staff.

**Approval of 2013-2014 Supplemental Calendar**

Mayor Balzotti introduced this agenda item for discussion.

**Mrs. Joyce moved to approve the 2013-2014 Supplemental School Year Calendar.**

The motion was seconded, the vote was unanimous.

**New Business**

**Report of Facilities Usage and Planning Subcommittee Meeting of May 7, 2013**

Mr. Carpenter gave the report of the Facilities Usage and Planning Subcommittee meeting held earlier this evening, at 6:30 p.m. The subcommittee met to discuss and make a recommendation to the full School Committee on the future use of the B.B. Russell School.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the subcommittee has met previously to discuss various options to address the issues of class size across the system and the need for additional kindergarten classrooms due to the growth in enrollment at that level. He outlined Mr. Jerome's proposal to establish the B.B. Russell School as a citywide kindergarten center as follows:

- This is a one-year temporary plan
- Fourteen kindergarten classrooms will be opened at the B.B. Russell School
- Four of these will be considered additional in order to accommodate increasing enrollment
- Ten of these will be pulled from schools across the system to alleviate overcrowding in some of the other grades
- The Facilities Subcommittee will subsequently meet with Mr. Jerome and Mrs. Smith, incoming Superintendent, to create long-range master plan for the best use of all facilities for the following school year.

**Mr. Healy moved to accept the report of the Facilities Usage and Planning Subcommittee.**

The motion was seconded, the vote was unanimous.

**Mr. Carpenter moved that the School Committee adopt the recommendation of the Facilities Usage and Planning Subcommittee to establish a citywide kindergarten center at the B.B. Russell School for one year only per Mr. Jerome's proposal; the subcommittee will subsequently meet with both Mr. Jerome and Mrs. Smith, incoming Superintendent, to create a long-range master plan for the best use of all facilities for the following school year.**

The motion was seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Janet Lopes, BHS student representative to the School Committee, reported that she has received feedback from many students with regard to the new *limited ticket policy for graduation*. There are students with extended families larger than the ticket allowance and on their behalf, Ms. Lopes asked the School Committee to extend the limit to at least 12 tickets. Mayor Balzotti responded that the request will be brought to the Principal of the High School, Mr. Michael Thomas.

Mr. Minichiello acknowledged the following:

- Five students from West Middle School went on to compete at the National History Day State Finals, bringing back two awards
- New State Representative Claire Cronin for her support of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, which provides funding for transportation of homeless students to and from school
- The quality BHS student artwork on display in the Fine Arts Building of the Brockton High School, and HarborOne Credit Union as a sponsor of the event.

Mr. Healy asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Jerome  
Secretary/Interim Superintendent