

The Regular School Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4, 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 five o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Mr. James Watson, science teacher at East Jr. High School, addressed the School Committee on the current dress code at the school. He would like a written detailed policy with "teeth" in the rules and administration protection for the teachers enforcing the rules. Mr. Minichiello stated that they will address the issue.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the School Committee Retreat Minutes of January 25-26, 2008, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Recognition of BHS Students

Dr. Susan Szachowicz, BHS principal, was present to introduce the following BHS students for their outstanding achievements:

- a. James Voorhis for a perfect score on the SAT Reasoning Test in Math
- b. Anthony Bassett for a perfect score on the SAT Subject Test in Math Level 2
- c. Michael Gomes for a perfect score in both SAT II Reasoning Test in Math and SAT Subject Test in Math Level 2

All of the students were presented with Certificates of Achievement by Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow. Dr. Szachowicz informed the School Committee that they now have Academic Banners located at the entrance to the Red Building, similar to the Athletic Banners in the gym.

Donation

Superintendent Nembirkow indicated that Mr. Allan Smallhoover from Staples in Avon, MA, donated miscellaneous supplies to the students at the Franklin School. The estimated value of the items is approximately \$3,000. Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the donation and to send a letter of appreciation to the donor.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**CSAB
Minutes**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Community School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2008, as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

BHS Trip

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the BHS DECA Conference overnight trip on March 13-15, 2008, at the Marriott Copley Hotel in Boston, MA. This is for the students who won at the district competition and who will be competing in the MASS State DECA/Marketing Career Conference.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Carl D. Perkins
Grant**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a proposal to access funds from the Carl D. Perkins Grant, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The purpose of the grant will be to fund professional development, supplement personnel in the shop areas, upgrade equipment and technology, purchase supplies, create integration activities between the vocational/technical programs and the math and science departments, and to provide assessments and certifications for the three vocational areas. This is an annual grant based on the October 1 SIMS data.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel
Appointments**

Mrs. Beyer 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

Kellie Adams – Angelo (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 4/17/08)

Peter Farley – Hancock (Military leave in excess of 1 yr. Eff. 3/17/08)

Kimberly Gentile – Russell (12 wk. Maternity plus remainder of 2007-2008 school year – Eff. 4/24/08)

Darcy Lamond – Downey (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 5/1/08)

Nicole Pastena Causey – East JHS (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 6/17/08)

Cordae Higgins – Arnone (1 yr. Alternative Career for 2008-2009 school year – Eff. 9/08)

Eleanor Vasapollo – Arnone Food Service (3 mo. unpaid Leave – Eff. 3/18/08)

Ariane Wurtz – Downey Paraprofessional (12 wk. Maternity – Eff. 2/1/08)

2. Resignations

Elizabeth Russell – Champion Charter (Eff. 2/13/08)

Katherine Wilbur – BHS (Eff. 2/12/08)

3. Change of Retirement Date

Susan Belitsky – Brookfield Paraprofessional (from 2/8/08 to 3/2/08)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Grade 7
Registrations and
Student
Assignments**

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report on the Grade 7 Registrations and School Assignments for the 2008-2009 School Year and to authorize the notification of parents of the grade seven school-choice assignments for September, 2008. Mrs. Joyce stated that she was very impressed with the percentage of students who received their first and second choices, and the credit goes to Ms. Prudence Buckley and her department for their outstanding work.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Finance
Subcommittee**

Mayor Harrington announced the following: Whenever a subcommittee meeting is held on the same night as a regularly-scheduled School Committee meeting, the report and discussion will be voted on at the next regularly-scheduled School Committee meeting. The Finance Subcommittee which met this evening will be reported out at the next meeting.

**Districtwide
School
Reconfiguration**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that the School Committee met earlier to discuss the Districtwide School Reconfiguration and agreed to the following dates to inform parents/public:

- March 10** Fliers and Connect Ed Information will go out to all parents of students in K-8 explaining the process and a description of the draft proposals
- March 18** The Districtwide School Reconfiguration Task Force will make a presentation at the SC Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the recommended draft proposals
- March 25** A Public Hearing on the draft proposals will be held at 7 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium
- March 26** A Finance Subcommittee Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre to discuss the feasibility and financing of the draft proposals
- April 8** A final vote will be taken at the SC Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre

**Executive
Session**

Mr. Daley moved to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and indicated that the Committee will not come back to regular session. Mayor Harrington called the roll call vote:

Beyer	- Yes	Foley	- Yes
Dobrowski	- Yes	Joyce	- Yes
Minichiello	- Yes	Bath	- Yes
Daley	- Yes	Chair	- Yes

Voted: to go into Executive Session, unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary