

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the Cafetorium of the Mary E. Baker School at seven-thirty o'clock.

Present: Mayor Balzotti; Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan; Dr. Malone, Secretary

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Janice Fitzgerald of the Council on Aging addressed the School Committee on the Brockton Public Schools involvement in this year's *Brockton Blooms* contest. Mr. Cliff Murray, principal at West Middle School, supported the project as last year's winner.

Andrea Donaruma and Theresa Wilde addressed the School Committee on the topic of having one location for all preschool programs in the Brockton Public Schools.

George Denning, resident and parent of a Kennedy School child, addressed the School Committee regarding a recent incident involving his child, and asked the Committee to look at their policies.

Henry Alves, resident and parent of two children that attend the Kennedy School, addressed the School Committee regarding his campaign for a golf tournament to benefit the Kennedy School. The tournament will be held at the end of May.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti reviewed the Consent Agenda process, and asked if the School Committee wished to remove any item(s) from same.

Mr. Sullivan requested to remove *Enclosure #'s 4, Additional/New BHS Scholarships, and 8, Personnel Appointments*, from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Daley then moved to approve the following agenda items listed in the Consent Agenda:

- Enclosure #1, Chief Supervisor of Attendance Report, March 2010
- Enclosure #2, Brockton Public Schools Out-of-State Trips:
 - a. Brookfield, to Canobie Lake Park, June 4 (June 11, rain date), for 71 students and 10 chaperones
 - b. Downey, to Canobie Lake Park, June 7th, for 70 students and 15 chaperones
 - c. South Middle, to Newport, RI, on May 26th, for 41 students and six chaperones
 - d. Huntington, to Canobie Lake Park, June 9th (June 11, rain date), for 71 students and 12 chaperones

e. BHS, to Louisville, KY, from April 24-28, for four students and one chaperone

- Submission of FY2011 Adult Basic Education Continuation RFP to the MA DESE, and the expenditure of funds
- Revision to BPS 2010-2011 School Calendar
- Accounts Review Subcommittee Report on March 22, 2010
- Safety/Security/Transportation Subcommittee Report on March 22, 2010
- Notification of Personnel Action regarding Leaves of Absence, Resignations, a Retirement and a Change in Retirement

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Additional/New 2010 BHS Scholarships

Mr. Sullivan then requested that the Superintendent read the agenda summary regarding additional/new scholarships. Dr. Malone announced that two new scholarships have been added for distribution to BHS students: **1) the BHS Varsity Golf Team Award, and, 2) the Brian Pendergast Award.**

Mr. Sullivan moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the above new scholarships.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appts.

Mr. Sullivan said that he wished to announce that three, non-certified appointments were made and which are listed on Enclosure #8.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #8.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

The Superintendent discussed the following, ongoing activities in Learning and Teaching this evening:

Recovery High School

Dr. Malone sent a group of educators to visit the Recovery High School in Beverly, MA, on March 23, 2010. Future plans involve discussions with Senator Tolman regarding funding; a second visit to the RHS by community members and legislators; a meeting with regional collaborative and area superintendents; and an exploration of grant funding opportunities.

Raymond School Visit

Commissioner Chester visited the Raymond School on April 8th to observe the positive impact that the *Bay State Readers' Initiative* has had on teaching and learning. The Commissioner told the staff that they should all be proud of the good work that is going on at the Raymond School.

<i>Greenfields Project/ Raymond School The</i>	Dr. Malone said that he is interested in having the students of the Champion High School involved in another community service learning project regarding the Raymond School. project involves the school property, and Dr. Malone has contacted Mr. Branco on the matter.
Coordinated Program Review (CPR)	Dr. Malone reviewed for the School Committee the Coordinated Program Review (CPR) audit that took place from early December 2009 through April 6, 2010. A team of educators from the DESE examined the following areas in the Brockton Public Schools for compliance: Special Education; Title IV, Safe and Drug-free Schools services and programs; Career Vocational Technical Education; and English Language Learner Education. According to CPR Chair, Anne Higgins, the BPS is either in compliance or partial compliance; there are no , non-compliance issues. A draft report will be sent to Dr. Malone, and the final report will be published within 60 days of the closing of the review or at the start of next school year.
Cross Functional Committee/Work	Dr. Malone said that he has been working toward creating a one-page document for the School Committee that articulates a sequential implementation order for the R ³ . A large workshop was held at the Pathways Center conference room on April 6 th , and, at that time, teams of educators placed in groups were spaced throughout the building to work on the initiatives.
School Site Visits	Dr. Malone said that he has recently visited the following schools: Downey (site visit), Plouffe, Brockton High, Raymond and Baker. He said that people outside the system are very impressed with what Brockton Schools are doing. <i>We look different, he said, than other school systems; <u>we don't make excuses.</u></i>
Leadership Institute for Superintendents	Dr. Malone is presently involved in a Leadership Institute for Superintendents offered by the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The institute runs from April 11 – 14, and the Superintendent gave a brief overview of his work to the School Committee.
Item(s) to Refer to Subcommittee(s)	Dr. Malone has referred the following items to the appropriate subcommittees for further discussion: 1) Early High School Graduation (to Curriculum Subcommittee), and, 2) Student Dress Code (to the Policy Subcommittee). The Subcommittee meetings will be posted/held on April 26, 2010.
Rotary/ Outstanding Public Service Award	Dr. Malone stated that, each year, the Rotary Club honors an individual who has demonstrated exemplary performance in public service. This year's award recipient is Ms. Maria LeFort, Associate Principal, Brockton High School. A luncheon was held in her honor at the Holiday Inn on March 25 th , which was attended by her supervisors. Mrs. LeFort was presented a Certificate of Recognition by Dr. Malone and the Brockton School Committee.

Supt's Self-Evaluation

The Superintendent called attention to his self-evaluation document included in this evening's agenda booklet. The self-evaluation discusses the progress that the Superintendent has made in meeting the initiatives/objectives outlined last August 20, 2009, at the School Committee Retreat. This self-evaluation, he said, is Part A of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Mr. Bath moved to refer the Superintendent's evaluation to the Superintendent's Contract Subcommittee for further discussion.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Following the vote, Mrs. Joyce said that there are many things she would like to respond to in the Superintendent's self-evaluation. Dr. Malone said that it was his understanding that the School Committee would need a tool to respond to, and further stated that he doesn't mind taking the evaluation up in a public or closed session.

Mayor Balzotti said that the Contract Subcommittee needs to meet to decide on how to proceed.

**Supt's Recommended
FY'11 Budget**

Dr. Malone gave a PowerPoint presentation to the School Committee on his recommended FY'11 School Department Budget which provided a figure (\$151,066,425) of estimated need for the school department and all information on how the amount was determined. The Superintendent offered a chronology of the budget process beginning as early as last November and ending with the final adoption in June, 2010, as well as describing funding sources. Dr. Malone also defined fixed costs to the School Department and areas of concern, i.e., reductions in federal grants, special education costs, the dispersement of ARRA funding, transportation questions, and capital and facility maintenance. In conclusion, Dr. Malone announced the commitment/focus of the Brockton Public Schools in the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as presented, and to maintain the current level of services of the Brockton Public Schools and forward the Superintendent's recommended FY'11 School Department budget of \$151,066,425 in net-school spending and \$7,069,811 in non-net school spending to Mayor Balzotti for her review and response.

On the motion, Mr. Daley stated that this is the first step in the budget process. He said that the School Committee will sit down and go over the budget line by line.

Mr. Bath called on Mr. Petronio to correct an error listed in the report regarding certified and non-certified information.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the vote, Mayor Balzotti said that she has been meeting with Mr. Condon, the City's Chief Financial Officer, and is committed to do the best she can to maintain the level of services. She said that she will take the Committee's vote under advisement and will talk to Mr. Condon in putting the whole budget together.

Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee

A meeting of the Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee was held this evening in the Community Room of the Mary E. Baker School, at 7 p.m. Mr. Bath read the report.

Mr. Bath moved to accept the report, and send the *Status of Request for Roof Repairs* and *MSBA* school repair program to the City Council for their consideration at the Standing Committee on Finance meeting on April 20, 2010..

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Bath moved to send the *Cell Phone Towers RFP*, regarding the Kennedy and Baker Schools, recently reviewed by the City's Law Office, out through the proper City channels for bidding by qualified vendors.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Daley moved to combine all early childhood education and move it to the Gilmore Academy facility, and to keep the Huntington School open.

A lengthy discussion by Mr. Carpenter took place on the motion, who felt that more time should be taken to look at other factors before making a final decision, i.e., the deficit, the possibility of using the Franklin School, and requesting enrollment projections. He stated that the Huntington, Davis and Kennedy Schools, are all near capacity. Mr. Carpenter said that no one is against placing all early childhood at the Gilmore.

Mr. Bath announced that the next Facilities Usage and Planning Subcommittee meeting was scheduled on April 26, 2010.

At Mr. Carpenter's request, Mayor Balzotti then called the Roll Call vote:

Mr. Minichiello	no	Mr. Carpenter	no
Mr. Bath	no	Mr. Daley	yes
Mrs. Beyer	yes	Mr. Sullivan	yes
Mrs. Joyce	yes		

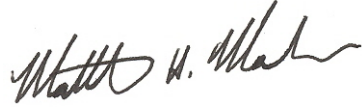
Voted: to combine all early childhood education and move it to the Gilmore, and keep the Huntington School open, 4-3

At this time, Mayor Balzotti thanked Ms. Gosselin, Principal, and the staff of the Downey School for their kind invitation and presentation of a shirt. The Mayor said that she enjoyed her visit.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew H. Malone".

Matthew H. Malone
Secretary

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