

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theatre of Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock.

Present: Mayor Harrington, Chair; Mrs. Joyce, Vice-Chair; Mr. Minichiello, Mr. Bath, Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Foley; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Mrs. Joyce, Vice-Chair, moved to take the agenda out of order for the purpose of allowing three Brockton Public Schools students to give their presentation and show an exhibit regarding Enclosure #6: *Approval of Participation in and Funding for the National History Day Contest in Maryland on June 15-19, 2008.*

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

## **National History Day Presentations**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that two Brockton High School students, James McAvoy and Kevin Gillis, and student Kelsey Lynch of the Gilmore Academy, have all qualified for the National History Day National Contest. Under the direction of their teacher-adviser William Szachowicz, they will now represent Massachusetts at the National History Day nationwide finals to be held at the University of Maryland from June 15-19, 2008. The total cost of the trip for the students and adviser is \$1,798. For the past thirteen years, the School Committee has generously funded the students' participation in the national finals.

At this time, the Superintendent introduced Mr. William Szachowicz who said that BHS has been involved in the National History Day for over 20 years. This year is the first time that BHS has had two entries qualify for the contest, and Brockton High is the only urban high school that takes part in the contest. Mr. Szachowicz then ran the DVD presentation by students James McAvoy and Kevin Gillis, titled, *The Indian Removal Act of 1830*. Following the presentation, Mr. Szachowicz called the School Committee's attention to the exhibit created by student Kelsey Lynch, titled, *Women's Place in the Home Front*.

Superintendent Nembirkow asked each of the students what they had learned from their work. He congratulated the students on their projects and took the opportunity to recognize Mr. Szachowicz for all his time and efforts spent on National History Day.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the above trip with funding for the three students and the advisor.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

At this time Mayor Harrington announced that there were no visitors to speak, and proceeded to Enclosure #1.

**Approval of Records**

Mr. Daley moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on March 18, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Daley moved to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing on Reconfiguration on March 25, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Communication**

In conjunction with the City's waste and recycling services, Mr. Daniel Balboni, General Manager of Allied Waste, would like to offer a \$1,000 scholarship, preferably, in the environmental science field, to a BHS graduate.

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the abovementioned scholarship donation with the specified guidelines, and send a letter of acknowledgment to the donor.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**FY2009 Budget**

The proposed School Department Budget for FY2009 was formulated through submission by all departments to address the Personal Services and Ordinary Maintenance to best meet the needs of the students and staff of the Brockton Public Schools.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the FY2009 School Department Budget in the amount of \$146,735,474 which represents \$110,232,591 in Personal Services, \$26,813,524 in Ordinary Maintenance, \$39,500 in Out-of-State Travel and \$9,649,859 in Non-Net School Spending and forward it to the Mayor to include in his budget to be presented to the Brockton City Council.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, 6 – 1 (Mr. Daley)

**School Closing**

Provided there is no further need to cancel classes during the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, the last day of school will be Monday, June 23, 2008.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the last day of school as Monday, June 23, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**CSAB Minutes**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the minutes of the Community School Advisory Board meetings on February 13 and March 12, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Approval of Trips**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Out-of-State trips:

- a. Hancock School, Grade 4, to Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, RI, 6/4/08
- b. Hancock School, Grade 6, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 6/16/08
- c. Arnone School, Grade 6, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 6/10/08
- d. Angelo School, Grade 6, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 5/28/06
- e. Kennedy School, Grades 1 and 2, to Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, RI, 5/23/08
- f. BHS African-American Club, to New York City, NY, on 5/17/08

On the motion, Mr. Foley requested to cut down on resources by having the schools take their trips on the same day. Mr. Nembirkow said that he would bring the suggestion to the principals' meeting tomorrow.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the donation of used books for the Keith School from the Congregation Klal Yisrael in conjunction with the Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel Appts.**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #9.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel Action**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #10:

**Leaves of Absence (Teachers):**

Almeida, Betti, BHS	Granted extension of MAT LOA, unpaid, for remaining of 2007-08, Eff. 5/5/08
Burns, Lisa, North JHS	Granted Unpd. Personal LOA, Eff. 4/4/08
Moran, Caroline, BHS	Granted 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 7/29/08
Pearson, Kerry, Davis	Granted extension of MAT LOA, unpaid, for remaining of 2007-08, Eff. 4/29/08
Thurston, Adriana, Angelo	Granted 12 Wk. MAT OOA, Eff. 3/10/08
Ladd, Susan, MTA, Plouffe	Granted up to 7 Wks. FMLA, Eff. 5/7/08

**Resignations:**

*(Teachers)*

Daley, John, BHS	Eff. 6/23/08
Haile Fassett, Lydia, BHS	Eff. 6/23/08
Hallinan, Kristen, Arnone	Eff. 6/30/08
Houstle, John, BHS	Eff. 6/30/08
Schell, Paul, BHS	Eff. 6/30/08
Smith, John, BHS	Eff. 6/23/08

*(Paraprofessionals)*

Barbosa, Jessica, East JHS	Eff. 4/16/08
Lamb, Teri, West JHS	Eff. 4/4/08

**Retirements:**

Lee, Betty, Raymond	Eff. 4/30/08
O'Keefe, Elizabeth, Keith	Eff. 4/7/08

**Early Retirement**

**To participate in the 12% Final Step Increase Plan:**

Ulianelli, Joseph, Custodian      To retire: 4/24/2011

**Change of Retirement Date:**

Andrews, Louise, Dept. Hd.	From 7/15/2009 to 7/15/2008
Medford, Patricia, East JHS	From 6/30/2010 to 1/3/2010
Romanick, Susan, Arnone	From 9/9/2008 to 9/30/2008
Treinaovicz, Roberta, Davis	From 8/20/2009 to 8/20/2008
Stack, Joan, Central	From 8/22/2008 to 8/22/2009

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Finance  
Subcommittee  
April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Finance Subcommittee meeting held on April 28, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Finance Subcommittee meeting held on May 1, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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