

Brockton, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting

May 3, 2011

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

Present: Mayor Balzotti, Chair; 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 7:03 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag.

Following the salute to the flag, Mr. Daley made a motion to suspend the Regular Meeting and resume the business of the Finance Subcommittee meeting, which preceded the Regular Meeting.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Reconvene

Mayor Balzotti reconvened the Regular Meeting of the School Committee at 7:30 p.m.

Hearing of Visitors

John Williams, general manager of 47Records, in his third visit addressing the School Committee, spoke on the need to adopt a Peace curriculum in the Brockton Public Schools. He said that supplemental help in conflict resolution would benefit the kids of Brockton.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items. Mr. Carpenter requested to remove **Enclosure #'s 8 and 9**, *Notifications of Personnel Appts. and Action*, and Mr. Bath requested to remove **Enclosure #6**, *BHS MA JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge*.

Mrs. Joyce then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following remaining items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of School Committee on April 12, 2011
- Report of Superintendent's Contract Subcommittee Meeting of 4/12/11
- Accounts Review Subcommittee Report of 4/12/11
- Bid Review Subcommittee Report of 4/12/11
- Approval of South Middle School Out-of-State field trips on June 10 and 17, 2011
- Authorization to Submit Community Adult Learning Center RFP, and expenditure of funds

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Carpenter asked Ms. Sirois, Executive Director for Human Resources, to clarify the position of Administrative Assistant filled at the Mary E. Baker School, as well as asking Dr. Malone if positions would be filled from actions listed on Enclosure #9 (leaves;

resignations; retirements). Dr. Malone said that he had no plans to fill positions until the FY2012 budget is settled.

Mr. Carpenter then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve **Enclosure #'s 8 and 9**, *Notifications of Personnel Appointments and Action*.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Bath asked Colonel Robert Tripp to speak about the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge trip to the Devens Reserve Forces Training Area. The Colonel gave a detailed explanation of the event, and said that military history education will be included with a side trip to Lexington/Concord which will include a walkthrough of the Certified Army Campaign.

Mr. Bath then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve **Enclosure #6**, *BHS MA JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge*.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

Dr. Malone informed the School Committee that East Middle School is working on its redesign plan and will present it at the June 7, 2011, Regular Meeting.

The Superintendent encouraged the School Committee to attend the *Darkness to Light* training workshop on May 31st. BPS has partnered with the YMCA to train staff in identifying and responding to child sexual abuse. There are 100 seats in the workshop, and it is open to the community and PAC/PTA, as well.

Dr. Malone said that the School Committee can expect to hear more information about Early Childhood Literacy as BPS partners with local agencies to drive literacy from birth so that children are on level by Grade 3. Next month, there will be a meeting with BHA, BPL, and Faith Based Partners to explore how to implement a robust, wraparound model.

Items to Refer to Subcommittee s

Dr. Malone referred to the Curriculum Subcommittee a discussion about future and current curriculum programming.

Mr. Carpenter referred to a future Policy Subcommittee meeting the following items: 1) the education of overage and under-credited students in a more appropriate setting; and, 2) Residency/Caregiver Authorization Affidavit.

Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair, requested that the running list of subcommittee items be sent to him.

Technology Presentation

Dr. Malone called upon Daniel Vigeant, Director of Instructional Technology, to give the PowerPoint update report on projects, professional development, pilots, repairs performed by IT, projects to improve performance, and 21st century skills in the coming years. Points listed were:

- Districtwide Wi-Fi and Fiber WAN
- Cloud Based Computing
- Computerized Bell/Clock System
- Mobile Device Computing
- Districtwide Desktop Phone Systems
- Touch Screen/Textbook

School Committee members Daley, Joyce and Carpenter inquired about the following:

- Security of Cloud Based Computing
- Storage and backup systems
- Fiber that is brought into the site
- Clocks and bells project
- Migration to the virtual classroom
- Cost and conversion from PC's to portable devices
- Off-site, back-up recovery time
- WiFi at the Plouffe School

Mr. Vigeant responded to all inquires.

Mrs. Beyer then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Technology Report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Bullying Presentation

Dr. Malone called upon Maryellen Kirrane, Bullying "Czar" for BPS, to give the report on the BPS Bullying Plan based on the feedback from the state.

Ms. Kirrane reported on some of the areas of feedback from the state which involved: 1) more reporting forms and website availability; and, 2) stating the law in the plan and refine curriculum.

Mr. Daley asked why the aggressor and victim are not on the same form or in the same room for mediation, and Ms. Kirrane responded. She also spoke on the special education department's work to include intervention strategies into IEP Team meetings to support special education students. Mr. Daley then requested to have the number of times an aggressor has been identified incorporated into the forms. The documentation, which will be submitted to the Executive Director for Pupil Personnel, will follow a student from level to level, according to Ms. Kirrane.

Mrs. Joyce commented favorably on the Bullying Committee's ability to produce a comprehensive plan. She also inquired about website anonymous reporting.

Mrs. Beyer then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Bullying Policy report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

FY '12 Budget

Dr. Malone asked that the findings from this evening's Finance Subcommittee meeting be placed on the May 17th Regular School Committee meeting agenda.

Finance Subcommittee Report

Mr. Minichiello read the report of this evening's Finance Subcommittee meeting which was held at 6:15 p.m., regarding the Chartwells Food Service contract renewal for FY '12.

Mrs. Joyce made the motion to award the contract to Chartwells under the auspices of the approved guarantee of \$1,000,697. to the School System.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Bid Review Subcommittee Report

Mr. Minichiello gave the report of the Bid Review Subcommittee meeting of May 3, 2011, which discussed FY '12 supplies. He then made the motion to accept the report.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Minichiello made a motion to award the FY'12 School Bids, as presented by the Bid Review Committee (attached), with the understanding/rationale that all awards were low bid, with the exception of one cleaning product, which would have to be used in double amount; therefore, the Committee awarded the bid to a higher priced product.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Bath spoke about the Antiterrorism Roundtable on April 13th, at Lasell College which was attended by BPS students. He stated that 75% of questions asked came from the Brockton students. The College would like to develop a program with Brockton.

Mr. Bath cautioned about how we "*rush to justice.*" There was a systemic breakdown in the CORI situation.

At this time, Mr. Bath thanked Kathleen Sirois, Executive Director for Human Resources, for her guidance, professionalism and dedication to the Brockton Public Schools.

Mr. Minichiello wished the Regional Science Fair good luck and compliments to staff and students.

Mr. Minichiello called attention to the student art work on display this evening in the lobby for the Fine Arts Building for the annual art show. He also mentioned the BHS greenhouse *going green.*

Mr. Minichiello inquired about looking into SORI checks in conjunction with CORI checks, and suggested looking into the matter during the HR audit.

City

Mayor Balzotti spoke on the BHS Marching Band and its performance of the National Anthem at the May 2nd Red Sox game. A video of the performance can be found on the

Facebook page. The Mayor gave a *shout-out* to Messrs. Macrina and Steve Green of W. B. Mason Co., who raffled off seats in the W. B. Mason luxury box to raise money for the band uniforms.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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