

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening beginning in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building of Brockton High School for the student recognitions program 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 7:34 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag and the presentation of the colors by the Brockton High School JROTC.

Student Recognitions

The Mayor also announced that the Brockton High School band accompanied by administrative staff would be performing at the Model Schools Conference in Orlando, Florida. Brockton High School has been chosen, once again, as a Model School. Mayor Harrington said that Brockton has many young, talented people of which the City has plenty of reason to be proud. He then introduced Mr. Nembirkow, Superintendent of Schools.

Superintendent Nembirkow thanked and congratulated Colonel Robert Tripp and his staff for an outstanding job, and said that the BHS JROTC is the top group in New England. The Superintendent thanked the students, their families and teachers on behalf of the School Committee for attending this recognition event and said that students are most deserving of the accolades and presentations given this evening.

Mr. Nembirkow then began the student recognitions with the introduction of Ms. Linda Santry, Coordinator of Math & Science, K-8, who recognized the student winners of the Johns Hopkins Talent Search, New England Math League and Junior High/Middle School Science Fair.

The meeting continued with the introductions of the following presenters and recognitions:

Mr. William Szachowicz, BHS teacher-adviser, announced the National History Day winners.

Ms. Jane Rizzitano, Foreign Language Department Head, 7 – 12 , announced the National Latin Exam Medal and Medusa Mythology Exam winners.

Ms. Carrie Copp, Coordinator of Art, K – 12, announced the Globe Scholastic Art Award winners.

Mr. Vincent Macrina, Director of Music, announced the All State Music, Chorus, Orchestra and Band winners.

Colonel Robert Tripp, BHS JROTC, announced the awarding of the Governor's Cup and recognized members of the BHS JROTC.

Mr. John Boutin, Director of Athletics, announced student-athletes and recognized coach Robert Boen.

Mayor Harrington congratulated Mr. Boutin on his impending retirement from the Brockton Public Schools.

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The presentations concluded at 8:22 p.m., and the Mayor announced that the remaining agenda would be heard in the George M. Romm Little Theatre.

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The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Approval of Records

Mr. Dobrowski moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on May 6, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Student Recognitions Superintendent Nembirkow recapped for the present and listening audience the student recognitions portion of this evening's agenda, and thanked the Administrative Interns for their assistance and facilitation.

Recognition of SC SAC Rep At this time, Mr. Nembirkow thanked Patrick Jolicoeur, Student Advisory Council representative to the School Committee, for his participation at the Regular Meetings this school year. Mr. Nembirkow stressed the importance of student involvement and input at School Committee meetings and congratulated Patrick on his excellent grades. Daniel Cowell is the alternate student representative and was not present this evening.

Grade 1 Assignments The Superintendent introduced Ms. Prudence Buckley, Director of the Brockton Public Schools Parent Information, Student Registration Center, to give the report of the 2008 – 2009 Grade 1 Assignments. Ms. Buckley talked about the reconfiguration of Brockton schools and gave the report on Grade 1 assignments. One thousand thirty children registered for Grade 1, and based on address, parents had three choices from each attendance zone. She said that 90.6% of parents who registered received their first-choice school.

Following a brief discussion, the School Committee thanked Ms. Buckley for her work, and Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the abovementioned report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Submission of Proposals Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the Continuation Grant Proposal for Adult Basic Education and, if successful, the expenditure of funds. The purpose of the grant is to provide free access for undereducated and limited English proficient adults to a continuum of Adult Basic Education instructional and support services. The maximum funds allowed is being sought: \$651,183 in direct DOE funding and \$74,718 in indirect DOE funding administered through the local Workforce Investment Board and the Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board, a total of \$725,901.

Adult Basic Ed

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the vote, Mrs. Beyer announced the dates and times of the Adult Learning Center's recognition events.

AT&T High School Success Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the proposal for the AT&T High School Success Special Grants Program and, if successful, the expenditure of funds. The grant is designed to address the dropout challenge in the country and will help to sustain the Freshman Academy at Brockton High School. The maximum amount of \$100,000 is being sought each year for four years.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Title II-B MMSP Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the proposal for the Title II-B MA Mathematics and Science Partnership Program Grant: Math Improvement Partnership and, if successful, the expenditure of funds. The grant would provide funding for professional development for teachers of math, science, engineering and technology. The funding is \$694,373 over three years to provide content courses in math for grades 4 – 8 teachers in conjunction with Bridgewater State College. The partnership includes Brockton as the lead district along with Fall River Public Schools, North River Collaborative and Cape Cod Collaborative. The higher education partners are Bridgewater State College as the lead partner, along with Cape Cod and Bristol Community Colleges.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Approval of Trips Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Out-of-State/Overnight Trips:

- Raymond School Grade 6 to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on June 18, 2008

- Approximately ten BHS Science Club students to Horseneck Beach Campground in Westport, MA, from June 20-21, 2008
- Approximately 14 BHS music students and five JROTC cadets to attend the Model Schools Conference in Orlando, FL, from June 22 – 25, 2008

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Superintendent Nembirkow announced that Brockton High School has been selected to be showcased as a Model School for the fifth year in a row.

Personnel Action

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

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Building Naming Subcommittee

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Building Naming Subcommittee meeting of May 27, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce announced that Building Naming Subcommittee will hold a public hearing on June 16, 2008. The public is encouraged to attend and make recommendations.

Accounts Review Subcommittee

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee meeting of June 2, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Bid Review Subcommittee

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Bid Review Subcommittee meeting of June 2, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the FY2009 School Bids to the vendors, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Transportation Subcommittee

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Transportation Subcommittee meeting on June 2, 2008, at which transportation issues for the 2008 – 2009 academic year were discussed.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the vote, Mr. Foley asked if a Connect Ed message or notices could be sent home to the parents of the Gilmore, Plouffe and Arnone students who will be affected by the reconfiguration regarding the upcoming meeting of June 10th.

New Business

Mr. Minichiello congratulated Mrs. Beyer on the success of this year's Spelling Bee contest.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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