

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-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 7:30 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on June 3, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Attendance Report

Mrs. Joyce made the motion to approve the report of the Chief Supervisor of Attendance for June 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Recognition of Sponsors

Superintendent Nembirkow announced that, for the fifth year, the Professional Brockton Baseball Team has invited fourth, fifth and sixth graders of the Brockton Schools to attend a live baseball game at the Campanelli Stadium. This event was sponsored by Harbor One and the Brockton Rox, and assisted by the school lunch provider Chartwells with the donation of food. The event was an excellent example of community support.

Those who were recognized were James Blake and Leo MacNeil of Harbor One Credit Union, Allison Gemelli of the Brockton Rox, and Mary Civetti and Peter Szafir, both of Chartwells.

Mr. MacNeil said that he was very proud to have worked with Elizabeth Barry and the staff of the Brockton Public Schools on the event.

Spelling Bee Winners

The following student winners of the Little Red School Spelling Bee were presented a Certificate of Recognition this evening by the Superintendent: Juanita Canal, Grade 5; Sovannary Sok, Grade 6, and Fedrick Finjap, Grade 7. This year students in Grades 3 – 8 participated and individual classroom, grade level and citywide contests were held.

Winners Keyanzi Claxton, Grade 3, Jessica O'Neil, Grade 4 and Tyler Caldwell, Grade 8, were not present for the recognition.

Mrs. Beyer thanked everyone who donated their time to and amenities for the Spelling Bee this year.

MASC Delegate

Each year, a delegate and alternate delegate must be elected by the School Committee to be its representatives(s) at the Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Mrs. Joyce, Vice-Chair, nominated Mr. Bath as the delegate and Mr. Dobrowski as the alternate delegate.

Voted: to elect Mr. Bath, delegate and Mr. Dobrowski, alternate, unanimously

Submission of Proposals

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of the DOE FY2009 John Silber Early Reading Initiative Proposal for the Huntington School and, if successful, the expenditure of funds. The School Department will apply for the maximum eligible award for Brockton of up to \$100,000.

Reading Initiative

After a brief discussion on the motion, the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Technology Enhancement Competitive Grant

The DOE issued an RFP for its *FY2009 Technology Enhancement grant*. Brockton Schools is partnering with Braintree Public Schools to submit a proposal to support the school districts in providing face-to-face and online professional development aligned with the Department's technology literacy standards and instructional strategies to integrate technology effectively into instruction.

The districts will submit a collaborative proposal to seek \$100,000 in grant funds and will enter into a contact with Bridgewater State College's Division of Graduate Education as a provider to develop and instruct courses. Additionally, the grant funds will be used for stipends for teachers and materials for the professional development.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of the abovementioned proposal and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Safe & Supportive Learning Environments

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the *FY2009 Safe and Supportive Learning Environments Proposal (791-B)* for the Raymond and Huntington schools in the amount of \$24,993 and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

On the motion, questions were asked regarding the proposal and were answered by Julianne Andrade, Coordinator of Reading, Language Arts and Social Science, K-8.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Alternative Ed/
Suspended/Expelled/
Other At-Risk Students

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the *FY2009 Alternative Education Program for Suspended, Expelled and Other At-Risk Students Proposal (790-B)* for South Middle and the B. B. Russell Alternative Schools in the amount of \$74,996 and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

On the motion, Mrs. Beyer asked about the proposal regarding the Alternative Education Advisory Council, and Superintendent Nembirkow responded.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appts.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #10.

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 #11:

Leaves of Absence (Teachers):

Barry, Kimberly, Downey	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/22/08
Fernald, Elizabeth, Arnone	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff 10/16/08
Lanzillo, Danielle, East	6 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 05/28/08

Data Analyst

Paula O'Sullivan, Central	8 Wk. MAT LOA and 4 Wk. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 06/02/08
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Community Facilitator

Alvarado, Lucia, Central	Unpd. MAT LOA, and up to 12 Wks FMLA, Eff. 06/02/08
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Resignations:

John Barry, BHS Teacher	Currently on LOA, Eff. 7/3/08
Carol Battaglia, West Teacher	Eff. 6/24/08
Lisa Corrick, West Teacher	Eff. 6/23/08
Donna Cotterell, Gilmore Teacher	Eff. 6/24/08
Kathleen Delgado, Raymond Teacher	Eff. 6/23/08
Carolyn Hunt, Central/Speech	Eff. 6/27/08
Sarah Jerome, Kennedy Teacher	Eff. 6/23/08
Colleen Lane, North Teacher	Eff. 6/23/08
David Mish, BHS Teacher	Eff. 8/31/08
Kathleen Souza, Psychologist, Central	Eff. 6/23/08
Brian Tice, West Teacher	Eff. 6/24/08

Jamie Donovan, Keith Para.	Eff. 6/23/08
Sarah McLaren, Davis Para.	Eff. 6/23/08
Elizabeth Swain, Downey Para.	Eff. 6/19/08
Christine Ambrose-Beltson, East MTA	Eff. 6/20/08
Deborah Camara, Russell MTA	Eff. 9/2/08
Caitlin Haynes, Howard MTA	Eff. 6/23/08
Leanne LeBlanc, Downey MTA	Eff. 9/2/08
Jennifer Tischbein, Downey MTA	Eff. 6/23/08
Luciana Quintanilha, BHS MTA	Eff. 6/23/08

Retirements:

Kathleen Savini, West Teacher	Eff. 6/30/08
Jill Wainwright, Howard/Speech	Eff. 6/30/08
Cheryl Sullivan, Howard Secretary	To participate in the Final Step Increase Plan for three years, Eff. 12/29/11

Changes of Retirement Date:

Barbara Finger, Central/Speech	From 9/18/08 to 8/15/08
Dianne Vaughn, Kennedy Teacher	From 10/17/08 to 6/30/08
Anne Juliano, Central Secretary	From 7/5/11 to 6/27/11

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Finance
Subcommittee Report

Mrs. Joyce read the report of the Finance Subcommittee Meeting of July 23, 2008.

Mr. Foley moved to accept the report of the Finance Subcommittee Meeting of July 23, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce moved to accept the opening dates for the new schools: **Mary E. Baker School will open on October 20, 2008, and the Manthala George, Jr. School will open on January 5, 2009.**

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Dobrowski moved to accept the \$.25 increase in elementary and secondary lunches and a five percent (5%) increase in ala carte.

Voted: to accept motion, 6-1(Foley)

New Business

Mayor Harrington commented on the renovations being made at the West Junior High School by the facilities department, and congratulated the staff on a great job. Mrs. Joyce said that she was amazed at the quality of work and the amount of money that has been saved.

Superintendent Nembirkow complimented Mr. George Bezreh and his crew for working with pride.

Superintendent Nembirkow also thanked Ms. Shailah Stewart for her work on the Summer of Work and Learning Program. The Superintendent said that he enjoyed watching the students in the program taking pride in getting dressed up to attend a special luncheon at Thorny Lea.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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