

Brockton, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting

August 11, 2009

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; Mr. Minichiello; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Foley; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Jerome, Interim Deputy Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Bath; Superintendent Nembirkow

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Mayor Harrington announced that Mr. John Jerome, Interim Deputy Superintendent, is representing Superintendent Nembirkow this evening.

Hearing of Visitors

Reverend and Mrs. Fred Boucher, et al, of the Faith Family Life Church addressed the School Committee this evening to announce that they are hosting a Teacher Appreciation Day on September 26, 2009, from 12-4 p.m. at D. W. Field Park (rain date is October 3rd). Food, entertainment, games and raffle are free.

Mr. Jerome and Mayor Harrington thanked the members of the Faith Family Life Church for their generosity.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following School Committee minutes:

Regular Meeting on June 16, 2009

Special Meeting on June 23, 2009

Special Meeting on July 8, 2009

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

School Department CSAB Representative

Mr. Jerome said that, in compliance with the Bylaws of the Community School Advisory Board, Superintendent Nembirkow is appointing Ms. Karen McCarthy as the School Department representative to the Community School Advisory Board. The term shall be for two years, for the school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the appointment of Ms. Karen McCarthy as the School Department representative to the Community School Advisory Board for the school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Authorization to
Submit Proposals**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the *FY2010 Technology Enhancement Competitive RFP* to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

Technology
Enhancement
Competitive Grant

Mr. Jerome stated that Brockton and Braintree Public Schools have partnered 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 proposal amount is \$100,000, and the districts will enter into a contract with Bridgewater State College's Division of Graduate Education to offer a graduate level course for K-12 mathematics teachers: *IT 560: Foundations for the 21st Century Teacher*, focused on teaching K-12 mathematics skills through the use of appropriate technology. A strand for administrators will prepare them to recognize, model and evaluate the effective use of technology. To support the success of students with diverse learning needs, a workshop called *Universal Design for Learning (UDL) using 21st Century Technology* will also be provided.

Additionally, the grant funds will be utilized for stipends for teachers and materials for the professional development.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Reading First
Professional
Development
Partnerships Grant

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the *FY2010 Reading First Professional Development Partnerships Grant (Fund Code: 728)* RFP to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

Mr. Jerome announced that the purpose of the grant is to support identified school districts and schools in implementing professional development on critical K-3 literacy issues. The Downey School is eligible for this grant as it is a currently funded Reading First school and is on the list of schools serving grade 3 identified for Corrective Action.

Brockton Schools will partner with Professor Sarah Michaels, Ph. D., School of Education at Clark University, to implement effective, research-based early reading strategies at the Downey School, specifically, the integration of language and literacy instruction with science content knowledge through teacher professional development. The maximum grant funding is \$25,000 to contract with Dr. Michaels and purchase professional development training materials and supplies.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appts.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #5.

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 #6:

Leaves of Absence:

Marlana Lee, Raymond– 8 Week Maternity, Eff. 7/8/09
Julie McLean, Brookfield - Maternity Extension, Eff. 2009-10 school year
Colleen Murphy Keane, West – 8 Wee, Maternity, Eff. 8/17/09
Agnes Perez Zabala, George – 8 Week Maternity, Eff. 10/26/09

Resignations:

Melissa Bramble, Arnone – Eff. 7/27/09
Matthew McMillan, West – Eff. 7/16/09
Charlene Mont-Rond, East – Eff. 7/23/09
Steven Mossberg, Plouffe – Eff. 7/28/09
Robin Shea, Angelo – 7/14/09
Donna Abrams, MTA, Downey – Eff. 6/24/09

Retirement:

Sheila O'Connell, MTA, Raymond – Eff. 5/29/09

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Facilities Usage
& Planning
Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee meeting on July 28, 2009, regarding the placement of cell phone towers located at the Baker and Kennedy Schools.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the vote of the Subcommittee to have Tower Resource Management perform tests for T-Mobile to determine the feasibility of constructing cell towers on the Baker and Kennedy School sites.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Bid Review
Subcommittee**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Bid Review Subcommittee meeting on August 11, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the FY2010 Software & Services for Assessment System bid to the vendor Data Metrics Software, Inc., as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Business

BPS Transportation Plan

At this time, James Hayden, Executive Director for Operations and School Administration, gave a draft report on the transportation plan of the Brockton Public Schools. Following Mr. Hayden's presentation, Mr. Minichiello and Mrs. Joyce complimented the School Committee and School Administration for working together on a daunting task. Mr. Minichiello also thanked Superintendent-elect Dr. Malone for his support in finding a resolution.

Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Beyer made the motion to request of the Mayor and the Brockton City Council a fund appropriation of \$546,475 to put in place the Brockton Public Schools transportation plan.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Hayden thanked Lynn Winkler, Director, and Peggy Killea of the Parent Information-Student Registration Center for their efforts in making the transportation plan possible.

New Superintendent

Mayor Harrington introduced new Superintendent Dr. Matthew Malone and thanked him for attending this evening's meeting. On the matter of Dr. Malone's transition to Brockton, the Mayor announced that Dr. Malone does not want to be paid for the many hours of work he has already performed in Brockton. The Mayor also stated that Dr. Malone will begin working permanently in Brockton on August 24, 2009.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jerome
Interim Deputy Superintendent

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