

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the George M. Romm Little Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School.

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

Absent: Mr. Bath, Mr. Daley

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at seven-thirty o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

Approval of
Records

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2008, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Community Service
Sustainability-
354A Proposal

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a Community Service Learning Sustainability School Based Program Proposal, Fund Code 354A, to the Massachusetts Department of Education in the amount of \$4,000, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Community Service
Learning
Partnership
Proposal – 355A

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a Community Service Learning Partnership Proposal, Fund Code 355A, to the Massachusetts Department of Education in the amount of \$16,470, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

FY09 Competitive
Summer Work and
Learn Proposal

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of an FY09 Competitive Summer Work and Learn Proposal, Code 597, to the DESE in the amount of \$35,000, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. This will allow continuation of intensive supports next summer for students in the classes of 2009 and 2010 who have yet to pass the 10th grade MCAS.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Acceptance of
Funds: CONNECT
Partnership for

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept and expend funds from the CONNECT Partnership Dropout Prevention Initiative to help the district launch its new Twilight School, currently planned for the spring of 2009.

Twilight School

The following regional school districts are involved in this initiative: Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton and Brockton. Mr. Foley requested more details on this program. Superintendent Nembirkow stated that a presentation will be made at a September School Committee meeting. Funds would amount to approximately \$30,000.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Notification of
Personnel
Appointments

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #6.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Notification of
Personal Action

Mr. Dobrowski moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #7:

1. Leaves of Absence

Tasha Pavlidis – BHS (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 9/5/08)

2. Resignations

Jessica Couto – West Middle (Eff. 7/17/08)

Michael Holland – West Middle (Eff. 7/24/08)

Mary Quinn – BHS (Eff. 7/25/08)

Michele Shaw – Champion Charter (Eff. 7/31/08)

3. Retirements

Virginia Noone – Lincoln (Eff. 8/29/08)

Barbara Souza – Central Confidential Secretary – (to participate in Final Step Increase Plan for three years – Eff. 12/18/2012)

4. Change of Retirement Date

Viriato Pereira – BHS (from 1/9/09 to 6/30/08)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Transportation
Subcommittee
Report

Mrs. Joyce, chair, proceeded to read the Report of the Transportation Subcommittee Meeting which was held prior to the School Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 12. The meeting was to discuss the transportation plans for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Foley moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved to accept the recommendations of the Transportation Subcommittee on the updated 2008-2009 transportation schedule for vans and buses with the changes noted in the August 12 handout.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Foley publicly thanked Superintendent Nembirkow, his leadership team, especially Prudence Buckley and James Hayden, and everyone involved in this issue as far as the new schools, bus routes, reconfiguration, etc. He also thanked the parents for their fortitude and patience.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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