

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; Dr. Susan Dukess, Deputy Superintendent

Absent: 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 7:32 p.m. followed by a salute of the flag.

Approval of Records

Mr. Daley moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on July 24, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

See the Math! Project

Dr. Dukess announced that Mr. Rick Colon of Verizon External Affairs was in attendance this evening to personally present the Verizon Foundation's Education & Literacy Award of \$10,090 to the Plouffe and Hancock Schools for their *See the Math!* Intervention Project. The goal of the pilot project is to improve students' proficiency in reading comprehension, written communication and math computation skills required in the MCAS math open response questions, a critical area of the high-stakes testing. Given the success of the pilot, the School Department hopes to adopt the project as a model for all Brockton elementary schools. The funds will be used to provide professional development and to purchase portable document cameras and projectors required for the intervention.

Mr. Colon, after presenting both the Mayor and Dr. Dukess with the award, shook hands with all School Committee members and thanked them.

School Opening Report

Dr. Dukess gave the Opening of School report and highlighted the following areas: the first day attendance, staffing, readiness of buildings, school transportation, the food services program and kindergarten. Dr. Dukess commended Kathleen Sirois, Executive Director of Human Resources and her staff on a job well done. She then introduced Dr. Susan Szachowicz, Principal of BHS; John Jerome, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, 6-8; and Virginia Lynch, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, PreK-5, to give his/her individual report on the opening of school.

A lengthy discussion took place that included several accolades from School Committee members and a commendation from Dr. Dukess to Principal Donna Haymes and her team for their efforts on a successful opening with a combined staff at the Ashfield School.

Mr. Daley then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the above report.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Scholarship

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Gary G. Sarkisian Scholarship for inclusion into the 2009 Scholarship Booklet for Brockton High School.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Submission of Proposals

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MA DESE) issued an RFP for an After-School and Out-of-School Time Quality Grant. The purpose of this grant is to coordinate ASOST funding with other existing after-school programs in

After-School/Out-of-School Time Quality Grant

Brockton to expand service availability. This grant will allow the Brockton Public Schools to increase the number of students who will be engaged in academic, enrichment, recreational and homework assistance activities. The grant award would amount to approximately \$150,000.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to authorize the submission of the above proposal and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

After a discussion on the motion involving the details of the proposal provided by Laurie Silva, 21st Century Coordinator, the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

CCLC Continuation Grant

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MA DESE) issued an RFP for the MA CCLC FY 2009 Continuation grant. The purpose of the grant is to continue to support community learning centers that operate during after school hours and provide students with academic enrichment opportunities to complement students’ regular academic programs. The grant award would amount to approximately \$476,500.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to authorize the submission of the above proposal and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

A discussion took place on the motion regarding the specifics of grant funds, as was explained by Laurie Silva, 21st Century Coordinator, and the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appts.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

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 #8.

Leaves of Absence:

Fruitkin, Linda, Teacher BHS	Granted up to 12 Wks. FMLA, Eff. 09/02/08
Vasapollo, Eleanor, Food Service	Granted 3 month Extension of Unpd. MED LOA, Eff. 09/02/08

Resignations:

Darcy Fernandes, Adm., West JHS Eff. 08/12/08

Teachers:

Garland, Melissa, Downey	Eff. 08/21/08
Homer, Kelly, Juvenile Resource	Eff. 08/11/08
Ponte Porto, Ann, North JHS	Eff. 08/15/08

Malas, Patsy (Nurse), Downey Eff. 08/01/08

Etoniru, Cheryl (SL Interpreter) Eff. 08/13/08

MTA’s

Calixte, Prosper, West JHS	Eff. 08/07/08
Hilton, Debra, Champion PHS	Eff. 08/20/08
Kamel, Denise, Angelo	Eff. 08/18/08

Rodriguez, Paola, Para., BHS Eff. 08/14/08

Retirement:

Vigil, Maria, Para., Arnone

Eff. 08/12/08

Change of Retirement Date:

Martin, Stephen, Principal, Brookfield From 09/12/10 to 9/12/09

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Susan Dukess
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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