

A Public Hearing on the Districtwide School Reconfiguration Draft Proposals was held this evening in the Auditorium located in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at seven o'clock.

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

Also

Present: Mr. Suziedelis; Mr. Jerome; Ms. Buckley; Filomena Cardoso; Michaelle Dimanche-Silva; Andrea Donaruma; Jean Holmes-Kireilis; Janet Landerholm; Mary Milligan; Maribel Soto; Christine Crossman; Barbara Janelli; Beth Keane

Absent: Mr. Nembirkow; Dr. Dukess; Doreen Francio; Barbara Lora; Patricia O'Connor; David Brewster; Terry Starr-Klein; Timothy Sullivan

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

Prudence Buckley, Co-Chair, opened the hearing at 7:09 p.m. and introduced the School Committee members. She thanked all members of the audience for attending and asked those who signed the Hearing of Visitors form to limit their communications to two minutes. She then announced the names of the Districtwide School Reconfiguration Task Force members.

Ms. Buckley gave a PowerPoint presentation on the draft proposal recommendations that the Task Force sent to the Superintendent of Schools, breaking the information down by school year of implementation under both proposals. Highlighted, were school zone maps, systemwide changes and the pros and cons of each plan.

Hearing of Visitors

A total of nine visitors addressed the School Committee: Catherine Wedge, Linda Dias, Claire Sheehan, Michael Scanlon, Patricia Cook, Michelle Eldridge, Nicole Gatling, Jass Stewart and Gail Manos. They expressed their concerns, some of which consisted of the following: lack of an elementary school in Ward 2; the renovation of the Arnone school; the status of the Keith School; the future of the Gilmore Academy; the loss of schools; bussing; Cape Verdean SEI classes; finances for the recommended changes; demographic issues, and the need for renovations at the Ashfield School.

Ms. Buckley, again, thanked the audience for attending and the speakers for their input. She said that the School Committee will meet tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m., in the Little Theatre to consider finances regarding the reconfiguration, and the public is invited to attend.

Adjournment

The hearing adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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