

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

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 School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Special School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Report of
Chief Supervisor
of Attendance**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Report of the Chief Supervisor of Attendance for the Month of September, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Recognition of
NCTE
Award
Recipient**

Dr. Susan Szachowicz, BHS Principal, was present to introduce Miss Jessica Ronan, BHS senior in the Red House, who won the 2007 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing. Jessica was one of six juniors nominated by the BHS English Department. A total of 1,937 juniors were nominated by their schools to participate with 595 chosen as outstanding writers. There were only seventeen winners in the state of Massachusetts. Jessica was presented with a Certificate of Achievement by Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow as well as a Certificate from the National Council of Teachers of English.

**TERI
College Access
Program**

Superintendent Nembirkow introduced Dr. Adrian K. Haughabrook, TERI Vice-President, and Ms. Lydie Ultimo, Director of TERI Brockton Programs. They both highlighted a powerpoint presentation on the programs they offer. TERI promotes college access for all students, and TERI advisors work with students in the Brockton Public Schools to help them prepare for college and career success. They thanked Superintendent Nembirkow, the administrative staff, Dr. Szachowicz and Mr. Jerome for their help. They stated that they began working with students at Brockton High School four and one-half years ago. They discussed their Upward Bound Program, Talent Search Program, etc. They are putting together a continuum of programs and services starting at the fourth grade level, following through middle school and high school to a phase called pre-college enrollment. This Friday they will be visiting the junior high schools as well as the Davis and Gilmore Academy. School Committee members were invited to attend the schools. TERI stands for The Education

Resources Institute. After many questions, Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Report on School
Registration/
Parent Information
Center - Summer
Enrollment**

Ms. Prudence Buckley, Director of the School Registration/Parent Information Center, was present to highlight the Summer Enrollment Statistics from June-September, 2007. She stated that 2,229 student registrations were processed; this was 385 more students than last year. There were 1,864 in grades 1-8 and 365 kindergarten students registered. Eighty-seven percent received their first choice. After several questions, Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Donation

Superintendent Nembirkow indicated that Costco Wholesale of Avon, MA, donated 350 backpacks to the following seven schools: Angelo, Arnone, Brookfield, Franklin, Howard, Plouffe and Whitman. Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the donation and to send a note of appreciation to Mr. Mark Ofstein, Marketing Representative.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

BHS Trip

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the BHS Concert Choir out-of-state trip to participate in the Fiesta-Val Music Competition in Virginia Beach, VA, on April 3-6, 2008. Mrs. Joyce stated that she had several concerns about this trip, but after speaking to Dr. Szachowicz her concerns were addressed.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Home Education
Requests**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the continuing as well as the new requests for home schooling as listed on Enclosure #8.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**In-School OR
Out-of-School
Proposal**

Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of a proposal to the Brockton Workforce Investment Board in response to the Request for Proposals for an In School OR Out of School Year Round Youth Program, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The purpose of the proposal is to strengthen the local network of referrals, services and programs that address the barriers to the labor market for disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14-21. The award would amount to approximately \$50,000

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Transition to
Full-Day K**

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Education in response to the FY2008 Transition to Full-Day Kindergarten Grant, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The proposal would be in the amount of \$90,000. The purpose of the proposal is to encourage the voluntary expansion of high-quality, full-day kindergartens across Massachusetts by providing funds to plan the transition

to full-day classrooms. This grant is intended for districts ready to implement full-day kindergartens in September of 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel
Appointments**

Mr. Foley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the personnel appointments listed on Enclosure #11.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel
Action**

Mr. Foley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following personnel action:

1. Leaves of Absence

Suzanne Blanchard – Raymond (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 12/7/07)

Ines Roque-Enos – East JHS (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 4/9/08)

2. Resignations

Kathleen Ward – Keith Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 10/5/07)

Lisa Corr – Plouffe Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/27/07)

Patricia Lugo – Central Accountant (Eff. 10/19/07)

3. Change of Retirement Dates

Natalie Connelly – Central Secretary (From 4/20/08 to 4/20/09)

Paula Wyner – Central Grant Accountant (From 6/30/09 to 10/5/07)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Accounts
Review**

Mrs. Beyer, chair, proceeded to read the Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting Report of October 16, 2007. The accounts reviewed were for the period of September 19, through October 10, 2007. Mr. Foley moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

New Business

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that he had good news. On Monday, the Department of Education met with Deputy Superintendent Dukess and members of the staff regarding a grant proposal of the Brockton Public Schools. The DOE will be funding a third party evaluation of all of the programs we have developed over the past few years to increase student performance. It is the only proposal like this that they are funding in the Commonwealth. Brown University Graduate School of Education will be conducting this evaluation which will take approximately one year. The project is over \$140,000, and they are funding it for us.

Mayor Harrington commended Dr. Szachowicz, staff and students at Brockton High School. He stated that Dr. Szachowicz shared an e-mail with him from a visiting group of people from Phoenix who came to BHS to evaluate what we are doing so that they can implement it in their high school. They were astounded at what is being accomplished here. He was quite proud and congratulated them all on a job well done

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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