

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 **Monday**, September 17, 2007, meeting to order at seven thirty-five o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

### **Approval of Records**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the August 21, 2007, School Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

### **Report on New Website**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that they are very proud of the new Brockton Public Schools Website. He asked Executive Director James Hayden to introduce Mrs. Kathleen Ettinger, webmaster, and those involved in putting it together. Mr. Hayden stated that Mrs. Ettinger took a home-made website and worked with a company called Finalsight as well as with the following School Department personnel: Mrs. Jocelyn Meeks, Communications; Dr. Susan Dukess, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Eligijus Suziedelis, Executive Director for Accountability, Planning and Technology; and Mr. Daniel Vigeant, Technology to bring us into the Twenty-First Century. He stated that there was a lot of team work. Mrs. Ettinger proceeded to highlight an in-depth presentation on the website. She also commended Ms. Maria LeFort for working with her on the high school site. She highlighted the School Committee, BHS, Calendars and up-coming events, Lunch Menus, Assessment/Accountability, Human Resources, Community Schools, Athletics, etc. School Committee Members commended Mrs. Ettinger and those involved in the professional-looking website created to keep the community updated and informed on school matters, events, schedules, etc. After a lengthy discussion and many questions and suggestions by Committee members, Mr. Hancock moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

### **Wellness Proposal**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a Wellness in the Community, School and Workplace proposal to the Department of Public Health, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The proposal will focus on fitness, healthy eating, tobacco cessation, oral health, healthy relationships and stress reduction. The proposed award will be in the amount of \$60,000.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

### **Expanding Learning Time Proposal**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a Planning Grant application to the Massachusetts Department of Education for Expanding Learning Time to Support Student Success, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The grant is intended to support districts' planning activities to use longer school days/years as part of their redesign strategy to raise student achievement. Districts that

develop approved final implementation plans will be eligible for state funding of \$1,300 per student to establish Expanded Learning Time Schools. After several questions, the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**NSBA  
Conference**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that the National School Boards Association Conference is held annually in a different city across the country. This year it will be held in Orlando, Florida, from March 29-April 1, 2008. Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to send School Committee members to the NSBA Conference in Orlando, Florida, from March 29-April 1, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel  
Appointments**

Mr. Daley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the personnel appointments listed on Enclosure #6.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel  
Action**

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

1. Leaves of Absence
  - Annmarie Sherrick – Downey (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 11/6/07)
  - Ancherre McLean – BHS Paraprofessional (12 wk. unpaid FMLA – Eff. 9/27/07)
  - Cynthia Duggan – Whitman Cafeteria (12 wk. unpaid FMLA – Eff. 9/5/07)
2. Resignations
  - Marya Baldwin – East JHS (Eff. 8/31/07)
  - Michele Haslett – BHS (Eff. 8/30/07)
  - Michael Tartaglia – South Middle (Eff. 8/31/07)
  - Cherilyn Ciardi – Downey Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 9/5/07)
  - Andrea Russo – Charter Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 8/27/07)
  - Shamir Vieira – Lincoln Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 9/5/07)
  - Bhuvana Chandramouli – Russell Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/27/07)
  - Laura Schiffer – Kennedy Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/4/07)
  - Sara Sullivan – South Middle Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/4/07)
  - Heather Thistle – Downey Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/27/07)
  - Nancy Thomas – Angelo Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/24/07)
3. Retirements
  - Mary Higginbotham – Howard Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/24/07)
  - Patricia McGrath – Ashfield Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/20/07)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Accounts  
Review**

Mrs. Janice Beyer, chair, proceeded to read the Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting Report of September 17, 2007. She stated that the accounts were reviewed for the period of August 22, 2007, through September 12, 2007. Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Facilities  
Usage**

Mr. Maurice F. Hancock, chair, proceeded to read the Facilities Usage and Planning Subcommittee Meeting Report of September 17, 2007. He stated that another meeting will be scheduled to review the jurisdiction of the fields and play areas around all of our schools as to who has what jurisdiction, who issues the permits and who will maintain the fields. Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to name the land behind the Asiaf Skating Rink in honor of William J. Poliseno (former Brockton Public Schools teacher and coach). The sign will be funded by the Brockton Youth Soccer Association.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to allow the Davis PTA to purchase and install new playground equipment at that site to be reviewed by Mr. Bezreh to be sure that it is installed in conformance with code regulations. A letter of verification from the manufacturer of the equipment should be received to indicate that everything was done according to the plans.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**School Building  
Committee  
Update**

Mr. Hancock informed the School Committee that the School Building Committee met last Thursday, September 13, 2007, and moved forward with the pay requisitions. The Quincy Street site is on schedule. The masonry work will begin next week, and they expect to get the building tight before the winter. The Colonel Bell Street site is six weeks behind schedule. They are trying to move forward as quickly as possible, and they want to have the masonry work done before winter. Both Councillor DeNapoli and Councillor MacMillan received complaints from neighbors at both schools about the dust. The project manager indicated that a letter has been sent to the abutters stating that in the spring or next summer their homes will be pressure washed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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