

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 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; 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.

**Hearing of Visitors**  
Phillip Kassel

Mr. Phillip Kassel was present to address the School Committee on the entitlement of older students for educational services. This matter was taken up by the Policy Subcommittee. He stated that he was happy with the process and hoped that the School Committee will vote favorably on the policy that is before them this evening.

**Approval of Records**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2006, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Communication**

Superintendent  
Nembirkow

Superintendent Nembirkow distributed a memo to the School Committee from himself on the tentative scheduling of a School Committee Retreat on Saturday, February 10, 2007, from 9-12 noon in the Crosby Conference Room, 43 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA. He indicated that Mr. Hancock contacted Mr. Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the MASC, to address the School Committee on communications. After discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting at 1 p.m. on February 10, 2007. More information will be forthcoming.

**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 December as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Report of School Food Services**

Mr. David Kimball was present with representatives of Chartwells to update the School Committee on the School Food Services Program. He stated that last June the School Committee voted to award a management-only contract to Chartwells School Dining Services. He then introduced the following personnel from Chartwells: Erin Long, District Manager; Mary Civetti, Resident District Manager assigned full-time to the Brockton Public Schools; Peter Szafir, Food Service Director who is responsible for half the schools; Butch Thurber, Food Service Director who is responsible for the other half of the schools; and Joe Pecorelli, hired on October 31, 2006, as Executive Chef. Erin and Mary then proceeded to highlight a powerpoint presentation on the School Food Services Program over the last four

months. They indicated that participation has increased; student satisfaction, food quality and the financial picture have improved significantly; and staff morale has improved by basic communication and training. They indicated that meals have increased twenty percent between breakfast and lunch throughout the district. They also mentioned nutrition, balanced choices, food ordering, distribution of excess equipment, reorganizing of storerooms, surveys, etc. Mrs. Beyer requested a copy of the presentation to share with members of the Parent Advisory Council. Mrs. Joyce requested an approximate dollar figure on what was lost in food and supplies that were not used due to the large inventory. After a lengthy discussion and several questions, Mr. Hancock moved to accept the report as presented. Superintendent Nembirkow stated that he was pleased at the tremendous increase in participation. He thanked and complimented Chartwells on their presentation, performance and for the sampling of food which those present enjoyed.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

### **Approval of BHS Trip**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following BHS out-of-state trip:

BHS Guidance and Occupational Department Students, approximately 35 students, to New England Institute of Technology in Warwick, Rhode Island, on February 1, 2007

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

### **Acceptance of CSAB Minutes**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Community School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2006, as presented.

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. Daley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following Personnel Action:

1. Leaves of Absence  
Tara Oliveto – Brookfield (12 wk. Maternity plus the 2007-2008 school year - Eff. 4/23/07)
2. Resignations  
Ellen Francese – Champion Charter (Eff. 1/19/07)  
Santa Sierra – East JHS (Eff. 1/2/07)  
Ineida Barbosa – Champion Charter (Eff. 12/22/06)
3. Change of Retirement Date  
Anne Thompson – Director of Instructional Technology (From 6/30/10 to 1/31/07)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

### **Finance Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Daley, chair, proceeded to read the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting of January 11, 2007. Mr. Kimball and Mr. John Condon, Chief Financial Officer, provided the subcommittee with an overview of the Financial Statement dated

June 30, 2006. Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Policy Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Daley, chair, was unable to Braille the report in time so he asked Mr. Hayden, Executive Director who had taken the notes, to read the Policy Subcommittee Meeting Report of January 11, 2007, along with the amendment. Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the School Committee Policy JEB renamed Enrollment and Attendance Age as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the amendment to item number 3. Maximum Age of Attendance by adding the sentence in bold italics: Eligible students will be permitted to attend the Brockton Public Schools until their twenty-first birthday, or until they receive a high school diploma or equivalent, whichever comes first. Appropriate grade placement and school assignment will be determined by the district. *Students in good standing who turn twenty-one and are on track toward graduation may finish their studies at Brockton High School that school year.* The enrollment and placement of students with disabilities is governed by relevant State and Federal regulations.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Accounts Review**

Mrs. Beyer indicated that the Accounts Review Subcommittee met at 6:30 p.m. this evening to review the accounts from December 20, 2006, to January 10, 2007. Mr. Hancock moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**New Business**

Mrs. Joyce congratulated Marilyn Thomson, librarian at the Huntington School, for receiving the Laura Bush Foundation for American Libraries grant in the amount of \$5,000 this year. Mrs. Joyce also informed the Committee that the Davis and Keith School librarians have applied for the grant next year.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary