

The Organizational Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theatre in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock.

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

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Mayor Harrington asked for a moment of silence in deference to Rebecca Jerome, teacher of the Dr. William H. Arnone Elementary School, who recently passed away.

**Election of Secretary**

The Superintendent of Schools serves as the Secretary of the School Committee. Mr. Hancock moved to approve Mr. Basan Nembirkow as Secretary of the Brockton School Committee for 2007.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Presentation to Vice-Chair**

At this time, Mayor Harrington recognized Mr. Hancock in his capacity of 2006 Vice-Chair of the School Committee.

Mr. Hancock thanked his colleagues, saying that this is the sixth School Committee he has worked with, and one of the finest.

Superintendent Nembirkow also thanked Mr. Hancock and said that he served admirably as the president of the MASC and represented Brockton and all Massachusetts children very well.

**Election of Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair presides in the absence of the Chair whenever the Chair temporarily vacates the chair.

Mr. Dobrowski nominated Mr. Daley of Ward 6 to serve as the 2007 Vice-Chair of the School Committee. There being no further nominations, Mr. Hancock moved to close nominations.

Voted: to accept motion to close nominations, unanimously

On the nomination of Mr. Daley, the vote was taken.

Voted: to elect Mr. Daley as Vice-Chair for 2007, unanimously

**Election of  
Committee Members  
to CSAB**

The Bylaws of the Community School Advisory Board provide for the election of two (2) School Committee members to serve on the Board for a one-year term.

Mrs. Joyce nominated Mrs. Beyer and Mr. Dobrowski nominated Mr. Daley. There being no further nominations, Mr. Hancock moved to close nominations.

Voted: to accept motion to close nominations, unanimously

On the nominations of Mrs. Beyer and Mr. Daley, the vote was taken.

Voted: to elect Mrs. Beyer and Mr. Daley, unanimously

**Approval of Rules  
and Orders of the SC**

The Rules and Orders of the Brockton School Committee are subject to annual ratification. Mr. Daley moved to adopt the Rules and Orders, as presented, for 2007.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**2007 Subcommittee  
Assignments**

Mayor Harrington referred to the 2007 Subcommittee Assignments. Mr. Daley moved to accept notification of the 2007 Subcommittee Assignments.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Approval of Records**

Mr. Daley made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on December 5, 2006.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Report on School  
Technology**

Superintendent Nembirkow introduced Eligijus Suziedelis, Executive Director of Accountability, Planning and Technology, to give the Report on School Technology. Mr. Suziedelis' report discussed, but was not limited to, the following items: technology with students, technology for professional purposes, professional development, technology leadership and staffing, technical support and expenditures. Mr. Suziedelis reviewed school technology as it was and as it is now, as well as phases to approach progress.

A discussion was held and questions asked by School Committee members. Responses were given by Superintendent Nembirkow, Mr. Suziedelis and Ms. Anne Thompson, Director of Instructional Technology.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Technology Report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Expanded Learning Time Grant**

Dr. Susan Dukess gave the Report: *School Redesign – Expanding Learning Time to Support Student Success*. In her report, she discussed the details listed under the following headings: *Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Staffing, Professional Development, Students and Families, Scheduling, Community Partnerships, Transportation and Other Supports*.

Dr. Dukess explained that nothing is final, including having Expanded Learning Time.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the Report on the Expanded Learning Time Grant.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Sexual Harassment Officers**

The Sexual Harassment Officers for Staff and Students are appointed, annually. Superintendent Nembirkow informed School Committee that he has appointed Kathleen Sirois, Executive Director of Human Resources, to serve as the Sexual Harassment Officer for Staff and Dr. Salvatore Terrasi, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services, to serve as Sexual Harassment Officer for Students.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the notification of the above appointments.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Authorization to Submit Proposal**

The Medical Foundation, in partnership with the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, issued an RFP for its Youth Action Initiative “*Get the Word Out*” *Mini-Grant 2006-2007, Tobacco Use in the Entertainment Industry*. This is the second year of this grant to strengthen youth community-based tobacco prevention and control efforts. The Health Services Department was a recipient of last year’s grant focused on Smoke Free Schools at BHS. This year’s grant is a call to action to high school age youth to challenge the presence of tobacco use in the entertainment industry. The maximum funding sought is \$2,000. Funds will be used to underwrite the expense of sending youth and adult advisors to the YAI Youth Summit in the spring of 2007 and various regional trainings, advisor stipends, incentives for the youth, campaign materials and supplies.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the abovementioned proposal and, if successful, the spending of the funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Notification of  
Personnel Appts.**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #12.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Notification of  
Personnel Action**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #13:

**Leaves of Absence (Teachers):**

Danielle Concannon	Raymond School	Granted Unpd. LOA for Remainder of 2006-2007 School Year
Ann-Kristina Eastman	Keith School	Granted 8 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 04/11/07
Patricia Pica-Thomas	Angelo School	Grant 12 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 03/05/07

**Resignation:**

Maureen Coleman, MTA	Keith School	Eff. 12/22/06
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**Retirement:**

Louis Humphreys, Teacher	Davis School	Eff. 10/27/06
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Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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