

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

Present: Mayor Linda Balzotti, Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan; Dr. Malone, Superintendent

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at seven twenty-eight o'clock followed by salute to the flag.

**Hearing of Visitors**

Representative Canavan

Representative Christine Canavan congratulated Mayor Balzotti and briefly reminisced the days when she, herself, served on the Brockton School Committee. The Representative also spoke on *Race to the Top* funding and specific amendments, i.e., regarding the dismissal of teachers/just cause, and Charter School funding. She asked for opinions from the School Committee regarding the funding of Charter Schools.

Mr. Daley moved to suspend the rules in order to allow a dialogue on the Hearing of Visitors.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Following the discussion, the Mayor stated that the suspension of rules this evening was an exception and will not be an ordinary practice. Mayor Balzotti thanked the Representative.

Dr. Timothy Sullivan

Dr. Sullivan, president of the B.E.A., addressed the School Committee this evening on the B.E.A.'s position on the *Race to the Top* Memorandum of Understanding.

John C. Williams

Mr. Williams invited the School Committee and those interested in attending a Community Dialogue event regarding community building, scheduled on January 12, 2010, from 6 – 8 p.m., located at the main branch library.

Bishop Texeira

Bishop Teixeira addressed the School Committee this evening regarding the treatment of and services for minority children.

**Election of Secretary**

The Superintendent of Schools serves as the secretary of the School Committee. Mr. Daley moved to approve Dr. Matthew H. Malone as Secretary of the Brockton School Committee for 2010.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Recognition of Out-Going Vice-Chair**

Mr. Richard Bath was presented with a plaque by Mayor Balzotti and Superintendent Malone in recognition of his service as Vice-Chair of the School Committee during 2009.

**Election of Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair presides in the absence of the Chair whenever the Chair temporarily vacates the chair. Mr. Bath nominated Mr. Minichiello as Vice-Chair for 2010. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Joyce moved to close nominations.

Voted: to close nominations, unanimously

On the nomination, the Mayor called the Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bath	yes	Mrs. Joyce	yes
Mrs. Beyer	yes	Mr. Minichiello	yes
Mr. Carpenter	yes	Mr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Daley	yes		

Voted: to elect Thomas J. Minichiello as Vice-Chair for 2010, unanimously

**Election of CSAB Members**

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. Mr. Minichiello nominated Mr. Bath and Mrs. Beyer.

On the nominations, the vote was taken.

Voted: to elect Mr. Bath and Mrs. Beyer to serve on the Community School Advisory Board, unanimously

**Approval of Rules and Orders**

The Rules and Orders of the School Committee are subject to annual ratification. Mr. Daley moved to adopt the Rules and Orders, as amended for 2010.

A brief discussion took place on the motion, and Dr. Malone advised the Committee to move forward with the documents which will be revisited at the next School Committee retreat.

Mayor Balzotti called the Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bath	no	Mrs. Joyce	no
Mrs. Beyer	yes	Mr. Minichiello	no
Mr. Carpenter	no	Mr. Sullivan	no
Mr. Daley	yes		

Voted: the motion failed, 2 – 5 – 0

Mr. Bath made the motion to accept pp. 6 – 9 (the first four pages) of the Rules and Orders, and refer pp. 10 and 11 (the protocols) for further discussion at a School Committee Retreat.

Voted: to accept motion, 5 – 2 – 0 (Mr. Daley; Mrs. Joyce)

**Appointment of  
2010 Subcommittees**

Mayor Balzotti included in this evening's packet a copy of the 2010 School Committee Subcommittee Assignments for 2010. Mr. Daley moved to accept notification of the 2010 Subcommittee Assignments.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Approval of Records**

Mrs. Joyce moved to accept the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009, as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Learning & Teaching**

Dr. Malone announced that Governor Duval Patrick will visit South Middle School tomorrow. The Governor will tour the school, and is visiting schools across the state to look at teaching and learning. Dr. Malone said that he looked forward to hosting the Governor's visit. He said that we are doing great work, but there is much work to be done.

**MOU/RTTT**

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have released a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of federal education funds. If the Brockton Public Schools is to receive future financial consideration for the RTTT funds, the attached MOU must be signed by the School Committee, Superintendent and Brockton Education Association. Deadline for submission to the DESE is January 13, 2010.

Dr. Malone said that time was running out on making a decision. He gave accolades to both the MTA and MASC, and said that he would like to have collaboration on getting additional dollars for the children. He said that RTTT is a real Civil Rights movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Mr. Bath, referring to handouts he distributed this evening, spoke at length about RTTT, explaining the MASC's work with legislators. He said that he would be voting to be in the pool. He also said that he would withdraw, if need be.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the collaboration on the RTTT Initiative and sign the MOU, pending B.E.A. action.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Guidance Services  
Presentation**

At this time, Dr. Malone introduced Salvatore Terrasi, Executive Director for Pupil Personnel Services. Dr. Terrasi then introduced Catherine Leger, Guidance Department Head/Registrar, 9-12, and John Snelgrove, Department Head, PreK-8 Guidance, to give the presentation on Brockton Public Schools Guidance Services.

Mr. Snelgrove began the presentation, highlighting the duties of the department head for PreK-8, listing team members and discussing the duties of the psychologists and adjustment and guidance counselors.

Mrs. Leger then presented information on the Grades 9-12 guidance services and the duties of the guidance and adjustment counselors. She reviewed the Program Foundation, consisting of the guidance curriculum, responsive services, individual student planning, and system support.

A discussion took place following the presentation involving topics, i.e., improving social activities, helping children to interact with each other, more after-school activities, the counselor-student ratio, specialized counseling services, and parent involvement. All questions were responded to by Mr. Snelgrove and Mrs. Leger.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Facilities Usage &  
Planning  
Subcommittee**

Mayor Balzotti took the agenda out of order to go to Enclosure #18, *Report of the Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee*. It was noted by Mr. Minichiello that the Huntington School should be added to paragraph 4 (requested visitations) and Mr. Minichiello's name should be added to paragraph 2 (as being present) to the minutes of December 14, 2009.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as amended.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, as amended, unanimously

**First Reading/  
BPS Capital  
Improvements**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the First Reading of the Brockton Public Schools Capital Improvements listed in Enclosure #11.

Dr. Malone briefly reviewed the four Tiers in the listing, and called attention to the final page, which contained in-house projects to be completed by the School Department. He said that a full report will be given in February. Mr. Hayden added that the Raymond, Davis and North Middle roofs have been inspected and are the most severe projects.

Voted: to accept the report, unanimously

**Consent Agenda**

The Superintendent discussed the theory behind the Consent Agenda which would allow the School Committee to conduct routine business more effectively and collectively. Dr. Malone said that he is recommending the Consent Agenda, which is a time-saving measure to take care of business by bundling items into one vote.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to refer discussion of the Consent Agenda to the Policy Subcommittee.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**CSAB Minutes**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the October 14, 2009 Minutes of the Community School Advisory Board.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Authorization to Submit Proposal**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to authorize the submission of the *Gelfand Endeavor in MA Schools (GEMS) RFP*, and the expenditure of funds, totaling \$54,000 over three years.

Voted: to adopt motion, unanimously

**Approval of Overnight Trip**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the overnight trip by sixteen members of the BHS student council and two chaperones to attend the MASC annual conference in Hyannis, from March 10-12, 2010.

Voted: to adopt motion, unanimously

Following the vote, School Committee members inquired about fund raising for this event, and Luke Flanagan, SAC member to the School Committee said that he would be prepared to discuss fund raising activities in the future.

**Personnel Appts.**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #16.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel Action**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #17:

**Leaves of Absence:**

Allison Dibiasio, Ashfield (8 Wk. Maternity)  
Julianne Lynch, Downey (12 Wk. Maternity)

**Resignations:**

Lanetta Brunson, BHS, Eff. 12/18/09  
Miaochan Liang, Plouffe, Eff. 2/26/10  
Kaitlyn Kilroy, MTA, Downey, Eff. 12/18/09

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**New Business**

Mr. Carpenter asked the Superintendent for information on the budget, referring to the \$14 million gap. Dr. Malone said that a presentation on budget will be given at the February School Committee meeting.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there would be specifics, if Dr. Malone was anticipating deficits, and expressed concern over people losing jobs. Dr. Malone responded that there would be no specifics, and said that information will be included in the five-year plan that he will discuss on January 19<sup>th</sup>. He said jobs will likely be eliminated, and invited Mr. Carpenter to his office to discuss ways in which to save. Mr. Carpenter asked Dr. Malone to share his decisions with the Committee.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to refer to the Policy Subcommittee the implementation of the new requirements of the Open Meeting Law before the July 1, 2010 deadline.

Dr. Malone encouraged the Policy Subcommittee to engage legal counsel for this purpose.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

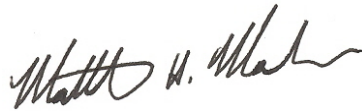
Mr. Minichiello congratulated the students, teachers and staff at Brockton High School on a job well done in earning the U. S. World and News Report bronze medal.

Mr. Minichiello also congratulated the Concert Choir on their spectacular performance.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Malone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.  
Secretary

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