

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

Present: Mayor James E. Harrington, Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Foley; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Minichiello; Mr. Nembirkow, Superintendent

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.

### **Donation of Dictionaries**

Mayor Harrington stated that Mr. MacWha and Mr. Staffier of the Randolph Lodge of Elks-2130 had another meeting to attend so this item was taken out of order. Mrs. Virginia Lynch, Executive Director, was present to introduce the above gentlemen and to inform the Committee that the Lodge donated dictionaries to every grade 3 student in the Brockton Public Schools. She stated that they have done this in the past. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Lodge for their generous donation by Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow.

### **Recognition of BHS DECA Students**

Dr. Susan Szachowicz, BHS principal, was present to introduce the following BHS DECA students: **Danielle Healy, Stephanie Caldwell and Thuong Tran.** These girls organized a charity benefit, auction and raffle at Mulligan's Restaurant for the Chaupetta family who have twin sons, Andrew and Troy, fighting a battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. They raised \$11,000 which allowed them to purchase a handicapped-accessible wheelchair van for the family.

Dr. Szachowicz then introduced the following BHS DECA students: **Sarah Grande, Rebecca Merolli and Kristen Rankin.** These girls organized a pasta dinner/dance on December 5 at the VFW in Brockton complete with music by DJ Gary, BHS JROTC Color Guard, silent auctions and raffles for Sergeant Michael Downing who lost both legs and faced numerous surgeries as a result of a roadside bombing in Afghanistan. They raised over \$11,000 and donated it to the Downing family so that Sergeant Downing's home can be made handicapped accessible.

Dr. Szachowicz also introduced and thanked Ms. Paula Minchello, DECA advisor. All of the students were presented with Certificates of Recognition by Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow. All of the parents were asked to stand to be recognized.

### **Mr. Minichiello**

Mr. Minichiello stated that he attended the December 5 event for Sergeant Downey, and the girls did a phenomenal job. He congratulated the girls and their advisor. Mr. Minichiello also asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Douglas Allen, a personal friend as well as a friend of the Brockton community. He was a BYSA soccer and hockey coach and passed away unexpectedly on January 2.

**New Business**

Mayor Harrington mentioned at the last meeting that a decision needed to be made on the placement of the Rocky Marciano statue. The Marciano Committee requested that the 26' statue be placed inside Marciano stadium next to the Marciano Stadium sign. Councillor-at-Large Todd Petti and Attorney Lawrence Siskind, chair of the Brockton Historical Society, distributed a packet to each member consisting of drawings (4) and placement of the statue. Both Councillor Petti and Attorney Siskind recommended that the site for the statue be inside Marciano Stadium near the Marciano Stadium sign. After discussion and several questions, Mr. Dobrowski moved to refer the placement of the Rocky Marciano statue to the Facilities Subcommittee.

Yeas: Beyer, Daley, Dobrowski, Foley, Joyce

Nays: Bath, Minichiello

Voted: to accept motion, 5-2

**Election of Secretary**

The Superintendent of Schools serves as Secretary of the School Committee. Mrs. Joyce moved to approve Mr. Basan Nembirkow as Secretary of the Brockton School Committee for 2009.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Presentation of Plaque to Out-Going Vice-Chair**

Mrs. Patricia Joyce was presented with a plaque by Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow in recognition of her service as Vice-Chair of the School Committee during 2008.

**Election of Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair presides in the absence of the Chair or whenever the Chair temporarily vacates the chair. Mr. Minichiello nominated Mr. Bath as Vice-Chair for 2009. There being no further nominations, Mr. Foley moved to close nominations.

Voted: to close nominations, unanimously

On the nomination, the vote was taken.

Voted: to elect Mr. Richard E. Bath as Vice-Chair for 2009, unanimously

**Election of CSAB Members**

The Bylaws of the Community School Advisory Board provide for the election of two School Committee members to serve on the Board for a one-year term. Mrs. Joyce nominated Mrs. Beyer and Mr. Foley. There being no further nominations, Mr. Foley moved to close nominations.

Voted: to close nominations, unanimously

On the nominations, the vote was taken.

Voted: to elect Mrs. Janice A. Beyer and Mr. Brian C. Foley to serve on the Community School Advisory Board, unanimously

**Approval of Rules and Orders**

The Rules and Orders of the Brockton School Committee are subject to annual ratification. Mr. Dobrowski moved to adopt the Rules and Orders of the Brockton School Committee that reflect current School Committee policies for 2009.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

<b>Appointment of Subcommittees for 2009</b>	<p>Mayor Harrington distributed a copy of the 2009 School Committee subcommittee assignments.</p>
<b>Reading &amp; Approval of Records</b>	<p>Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2008, as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously</p>
<b>Approval of Scholarships</b>	<p>Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following new scholarships for 2009:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cape Cod Café Athletic Scholarship - (2 @ \$1500)</li> <li>2. The Educe Foundation –“Books Scholarship”–(\$4,000 - \$1,000 per year for 4 years)</li> <li>3. Martin David Hancock Memorial Scholarship – (\$500)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously</p>
<b>CSAB Minutes</b>	<p>Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Community School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008, as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously</p>
<b>BHS Trip</b>	<p>Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following BHS trip: Talent Search (TERI College Access) to take 15 students in grade 10 with four chaperones to Trio Day 2009 on February 19-20, 2009, in Portland, Maine.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously</p>
<b>MOA/ Secretaries</b>	<p>Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brockton School Committee and the Independent Brockton School Secretaries and Technical Employees for a three-year period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2011.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously</p>
<b>MOA/ Food Service</b>	<p>Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brockton School Committee and the Brockton Food Service Associates, Local 888, Service Employees International Union for a three-year period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2011.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously</p>
<b>Personnel Appointments</b>	<p>Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #15.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Voted: to accept notification, unanimously</p>

**Personnel  
Action**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #16:

1. Leave of Absence  
Bonnie Miller – Russell (8wk. Maternity – Eff. 2/2/09)
2. Resignations  
Maureen O'Leary – Russell Nurse (Eff. 1/7/09)  
Holly Fenn – East Middle MTA (Eff. 12/19/08)  
Jessica Mason – Huntington MTA (Eff. 12/12/08)  
Marybeth Simmons – Baker MTA (Eff. 12/23/08)  
Karyn Squire – Keith MTA (Eff. 1/23/09)  
Terri Levine – BHS Paraprofessional (Eff. 12/23/08)
3. Retirements  
Ruth Rokus – Howard Paraprofessional (Eff. 12/31/08)  
Gail Zimmerman – Downey Food Service (Eff. 12/8/08)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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