

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

Present: Mayor Balzotti, Chair; Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan; Dr. Malone, Secretary

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Mr. Scott Holmes addressed the School Committee this evening, thanking Mr. Bath for his assistance on the 40th Anniversary celebration on October 8th. Mr. Holmes discussed future events of celebration, including a *Summerfest*, and invited anyone who wishes to be part of the celebration to join in. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti asked School Committee members if s/he wished to removed any items from the consent agenda. Mr. Minichiello requested to remove *Enclosure #2, Approval of Minutes of Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee meetings on October 5 and 12, 2010*, and Mr. Carpenter requested that both *Enclosure #'s 6 & 7, Notification of Personnel Appointments and Action*, be removed.

Mrs. Beyer then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Regular Minutes of the School Committee on 10/5/10
- Approval of the Minutes of the Accounts Review Subcommittee on 10/5/10
- Report of Supervisor of Attendance for September 2010
- Approval of BHS Concert Choir Trip to Virginia Beach, from 4/14-17/11

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Facilities Usage & Planning Reports

Mr. Minichiello expressed concern that the last bullet listed on the Facilities Usage & Planning agenda summary page which reads as follows: "... to recommend that the Superintendent go forward with the Brockton Public Schools Emergency Capital Plan and present it to the full School Committee at its regular meeting on October 19th, 2010," be appropriately brought up under this evening's New Business for ratification by the full School Committee.

Following a brief discussion on the matter, Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes of the Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee meetings on October 5 and 12, 2010.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appts.

Mr. Carpenter said that he was most appreciative that Dr. Malone and the administration have appointed an individual to the position of *adjustment counselor, Brockton High School*. Mr. Carpenter then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #6.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Personnel Action

Mr. Carpenter expressed his concern for a new opening listed in Personnel Action, specifically, the position of partnership coordinator, once held by Shailah Stewart. He said that this is a big loss to the system, requiring maybe two or three people to replace Shailah. Dr. Malone said that Shailah will still be working with Brockton in her new position with Commonwealth Corp. regarding pathways. *Brockton has become a model thanks to Shailah, and she will still be a partner*, he said.

Mr. Carpenter then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #7.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Building Naming Report

At this time, Dr. Malone moved to *Enclosure #12, Report of the Building Naming Subcommittee meeting on October 19, 2010*. Mrs. Joyce, Chair, read the report, and Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Carpenter then made the following motions regarding the School Committee's formal approval of naming the fields at the Mary E. Baker School:

- to name the athletic grounds at the Mary E. Baker School the Dick Trum Athletic Fields

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

- to name the football field at the Mary E. Baker School the Lou Montgomery Football Field

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

- To name the baseball field at the Mary E. Baker School the George Thomas Baseball Field

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

Dr. Malone discussed the following items under Learning & Teaching this evening:

- **Counseling & Intervention Center (CIC):** The center will open in early November and will serve students who have been placed on 10-day suspensions for serious violations of the discipline code in their sending schools. Dr. Malone said that students need to follow the rules while in this 10-day program, and will then be returned to their sending schools.
- **Raising a Reader/Gilmore:** A kick-off event was held on October 14th, and every PreK child was given a bag of books to bring home to share with parents. A large component of the program is to encourage parents to read to their children, and workshops on how to read to the children are provided.
- **Governor's October 16th Event:** Dr. Malone announced that members of the BHS Buddy Program were invited by the Governor's campaign people to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. Luke Flanagan, Student Advisory Council representative to the School Committee, attended and spoke about the event, saying that it was an experience of a lifetime; one that he will never forget. Dr. Malone said that he would forward pictures to the School Committee that were taken at the event.

Items to Refer to Subcommittees

Dr. Malone said that he would refer BPS-SC Policy KEB-R, Complaints about School Personnel, to the School Committee Policy Subcommittee for their review.

Save Our Sports Presentation

Gary Leonard, President of Brockton High School Sports Foundation, Inc., a.k.a. Save Our Sports (SOS), addressed the School Committee this evening and prepared a PowerPoint presentation to show to Committee members, highlighting the many projects that SOS has completed and/or enhanced over the last 19 years.

Thomas Kenney, Athletic Director, introduced SOS members who were present at the meeting: George Mussari; Jack Kelley; Artie Diaz; John Boutin; Bobby Bonnett; Janice and Bill Beyer; and Dennis Connor.

"The mission of SOS, Mr. Leonard said, is to provide support for the students who are, or who want to be participants in BHS athletics." He then discussed a list of 17 accomplishments achieved by the Foundation. The Foundation earns support through fundraising, local businesses and organizations through advertising, and, since its establishment in 1992, has estimated that over \$500,000 in purchases or in-kind services have been contributed to enhance Brockton's athletic programs.

Mayor Balzotti, Dr. Malone, and School Committee members thanked Mr. Leonard and the Foundation.

MCAS Data Report

Dr. Malone called upon Dr. Ethan Cancell, Associate Director for Accountability and Assessment, to give the report on MCAS Data. Dr. Cancell prepared and gave a PowerPoint presentation which discussed: **AYP:** Accomplishments, Concerns and Changes; **CPI:** Gap Analysis, Grade Level Analysis, and Subgroup Performance; and **State Growth:** Primer and Gap Analysis.

Following the report, the School Committee made the following inquiries regarding: other communities' scores and what they are doing differently; doing "detective work"/continuing with growth work; class sizes in other communities; comparisons and contrasts of other systems; a focus on math and how to pay for it in the next budget; data broken down by school/various school districts, etc. Dr. Malone discussed what is presently being done to address math in the R³. He also said that AYP is NCLB, and Brockton Public Schools is seriously challenging AYP. He said that there will be a change in accountability, but there will be a similar type of test. He encouraged School Committee members to address their concerns at the state conference.

School Committee members thanked Dr. Cancell for his report, and Mr. Carpenter moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Minichiello made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee to submit the Brockton Public Schools Emergency Plan, as presented, to the Brockton City Council for its review.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Bath said that he and other School Committee members would be attending the annual MASC/MASS Joint Conference on November 3rd and made the motion to have one Regular School Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Daley announced that he would be unavailable for the next two School Committee meetings due to a medical procedure, and said that he would continue to be available by telephone and email.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew H. Malone, Ph.D.

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