

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the Green Cafeteria of Brockton High School at six-thirty o'clock.

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

Absent: Mr. Foley

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

#### **Approval of Records**

Mr. Daley made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee on November 21, 2006.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Daley made the motion to approve the FY07 Financial Statements of July 31 and August 31, 2006.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

#### **Report/Chief Supervisor of Attendance**

Mr. Daley made the motion to approve the Report of the Chief Supervisor of Attendance for November 2006.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

#### **SC Subcommittee Assignments**

Mr. Nembirkow announced that, if a School Committee member wishes to request a particular Subcommittee assignment, he/she must do so prior to December 26, 2006. The Subcommittee assignments, with the exception of the Community Schools and the Chair of the Finance/Policy Subcommittee, which are elected positions, will be announced by the Mayor at the January 2, 2007, Organizational School Committee meeting.

#### **Authorization to Submit Proposal**

The Superintendent announced that the *Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries* provides books to school libraries and students in most need of them. The Foundation will award grants of amounts up to \$5,000 to school libraries with funds being used to update, extend and diversify the book collections of those libraries. Preference will be given to schools with a preponderance of low-income students, and grants will be awarded to schools with stand-alone libraries. One application per school is allowed, and the Keith and Davis School libraries are applying for the grant.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the above proposal and, if successful, the spending of the funds.

A discussion took place on the motion by Mrs. Joyce who asked why more schools were not involved in the application process and requested that schools be more aggressive next year. Ms. Watts verified the award amount for each school at the request of Mr. Belcher.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

#### **Acceptance of Donations**

The *Reading is Fundamental Program* has been made available to some of our school sites due to the financial help of area organizations.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the above donation made available by Kiwanis, PTA's, PTO's and PAC's to the Angelo, Ashfield, Brookfield, Davis, Downey, Huntington, Plouffe, B. B. Russell and the Keith Schools.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that Ms. Suzanne Fernandes of the Community Bank, Mr. Calvin Bourne of Bourne Trucking and Ms. Connie Whalen of the Crescent Credit Union distributed approximately 1,200 students dictionaries for home use, donated by the Rotary Club, to all third grade students in the Brockton Public Schools.

The Superintendent thanked Mrs. Beyer for her involvement. Mrs. Beyer said she received letters of acknowledgement from Ms. DelSordo and all Ashfield School third grade students.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the generous donation.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Notification of  
Personnel Appts.**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept Notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #8.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Notification of  
Personnel Action**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept Notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #9:

**Leaves of Absence (Teachers):**

Diane Chase, Huntington School	Granted 8 Wk MAT LOA Eff. 3/28/07
Allyson Murphy, Franklin	Granted 12 Wk MAT LOA Eff. 4/9/07
Natalie Pohl, Hancock	Granted 12 Wk MAT LOA Eff. 2/7/07
Ellen Stephen, Brookfield	Granted 8 Wk MAT LOA Eff. 3/2/07
Maria Johnson, Paraprofessional, Whitman	Granted Unpd Personal LOA Eff. 1/12/07-5/11/07

**Resignations (Teachers):**

Cecilia Byron, Brockton High	Effective 11/28/06
Alethea Gryniuk, Huntington	Effective 6/18/07
Dona Mills, Huntington	Effective 6/18/07

**(Monitor Teacher Assistants):**

Lauren Bechtel, Plouffe	Effective 12/15/06
Lenira DosReis, Angelo	Effective 12/22/06

**Retirements:**

Frances Pitman, Brockton High	Effective 1/31/07
Judith Tabaroni, Whitman	Effective 7/28/07

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Report/Accts Review  
Subcommittee**

Mrs. Joyce read the report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee meeting held on December 19, 2006.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**New Business**

Mr. Hancock read the report of the New School Building Subcommittee meeting of December 7, 2006.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the above report.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Hancock also said that bids were received and opened on December 14, 2006, for the Colonel Bell Drive and Quincy Street Schools, saying that the bids came in below the estimate.

The Superintendent asked about the groundbreaking, and Mr. Hancock said it is being discussed for mid-January. Mayor Harrington said that he hoped the groundbreaking would be soon.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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