

Brockton, Massachusetts

Organizational Meeting

January 4, 2011

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 o'clock.

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

Absent: Mr. Sullivan

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag.

Mayor Balzotti wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**Election of  
SC Secretary**

The Superintendent of Schools serves as Secretary of the School Committee. Mr. Daley moved to approve Dr. Matthew H. Malone serve as Secretary of the School Committee in 2011.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Recognition of  
Out-Going V-C**

Mayor Balzotti thanked Mr. Minichiello, and, along with Dr. Malone, presented Mr. Minichiello with a plaque in appreciation of his service as the 2010 Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Minichiello said that this past year went quickly with some interesting challenges. He said that he is proud of the way the School Committee came together at budget time.

**Election of  
2011 Vice-Chair**

Mr. Carpenter nominated Mr. Minichiello to serve as Vice-Chair of the School Committee for the 2011 calendar year. On the nomination, the vote was taken.

Voted: to elect Mr. Minichiello to serve as Vice-Chair of the School Committee for the 2011 calendar year, unanimously

Dr. Malone said that he looked forward to working with Mr. Minichiello in the next year. Mr. Minichiello thanked Dr. Malone and said that he is looking forward to working collaboratively with Committee members and the Superintendent on the budget, as well as representing the Chair whenever necessary.

**Election of CSAB  
SC 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. Mrs. Joyce nominated Mr. Bath, and Mr. Bath nominated Mrs. Beyer.

On the nominations, the votes were taken.

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

**Approval of Rules  
and Orders of SC**

The Rules and Orders of the School Committee are subject to annual ratification. Mr. Daley moved to adopt the Rules and Orders for 2011.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Appointment of  
2011 Subcommittees**

Mayor Balzotti included in this evening's packet a copy of the 2011 School Committee Subcommittee Assignments. Mr. Daley moved to accept notification of the 2011 Subcommittee Assignments.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Mayor Balzotti said that she made no subcommittee assignment changes and told the School Committee that she appreciated their hard work and thanked them for their service.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Balzotti reviewed the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if there were any items School Committee members wished to remove. Mr. Minichiello requested to have removed Enclosures #7 and #10, *Approval of Minutes of the Regular School Committee meeting on December 21, 2010*, and *Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Appointments*. Mr. Minichiello requested to have a name corrected in *paragraph two of New Business* in the December 21, 2010 Regular School Committee minutes.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the SC on December 21, 2010, as amended
- BHS Sophomore Trip to Providence, RI, from February 24-25, 2010
- Community School Advisory Board Minutes of November 17, 2010
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action: Leaves of Absence

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Minichiello then inquired about the certified appointment of the *Partnership Liaison/Pathways Developer, Russell School*, and Dr. Malone said that he was pleased to have chosen Heather Arrighi to take over where Shailah Stewart, former partnership coordinator, left off.

Mrs. Beyer then moved to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #10.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

### **Learning & Teaching**

Dr. Malone said that the School Department is deeply in the process about thinking of what next year will bring, looking ahead, and doing its best thinking right now on maintaining a high performance system.

Dr. Malone then introduced Michael Thomas, Interim Executive Director for Operations, and Tobias Cowans, *Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Project Director*, to give the REMS Grant update presentation.

Mr. Cowans explained the purpose of the grant, provided examples of the vulnerabilities that exist both inside and outside of the schools, and discussed examples of the four (4) key elements of emergency response and crisis management: mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Mr. Cowans also talked about community partnerships, i.e., police, fire, and health departments; District Attorney; AMR; Neighborhood Health Center; area hospitals, etc., and upcoming training requirements for members of crisis management and emergency response teams. Training will also include those with special needs and for whom English is a second language.

In conclusion, Mr. Cowans said that monthly meetings will begin on January 13<sup>th</sup> with community partners and in mid-January with crisis management and steering committee members. The goal is to have the training schedule developed before the end of January.

Following the presentation, School Committee members inquired about: teachers reviewing procedures; the updating of emergency plans; the added problem of traffic flow in the City due to the rerouting of traffic from Route 24 incidents; what detail Mr. Cowans' involvement is at the school level; the comparison of plans from various agencies with the BPS plan, etc. Messrs. Cowans and Thomas responded.

### **Items to Refer to Subcommittees**

Dr. Malone stated that Coordinated Program Review (CPR) will be placed on a future Policy Subcommittee agenda.

**Budget Forecast**

At this time, Mr. Petronio answered a question asked by Mr. Minichiello regarding the School Department's current status in terms of spending. Mr. Petronio said that the School Department is where it should be, but cautioned about heating and snow removal expenses.

**New Business**

Mrs. Beyer called attention to a *Save Our Sports*-sponsored buffet/event on January 15<sup>th</sup>, honoring the 1970 Football Team and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BHS. The event will be held at Joe Angelo's at 6 p.m., and the cost of a ticket is \$20.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.  
Secretary

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