

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-thirty o'clock.

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

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at seven-thirty o'clock followed by a salute of the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Jim Baracevicz

Mr. Jim Baracevicz, resident, addressed the School Committee on concerns regarding the Manthala George, Jr. School, i.e., lighting, noise and school busses. Mayor Harrington said that he would have someone look into these problems and invited Mr. Baracevicz to contact him at the Mayor's Office.

Bill McGauley

Mr. Bill McGauley of the Youth Foundation announced that the Foundation was hosting a Breakfast Recognition Event at the Shaw's Center on March 15, 2009, and gave the names of those being recognized and information on how to obtain tickets.

Patricia O'Connor

Mrs. O'Connor, parent and member of the Superintendent Search Focus Group, addressed the School Committee on the subject of goals. She asked that School Committee reach out to parents and network with them to find out what is important to them regarding the future of the Brockton Public Schools. She shared the goals she felt should be addressed: the achievement gap, improving communication with parents and improving literacy for all students. Mrs. O'Connor then discussed the Observation Law. The purpose of the law is to ensure that parents can participate fully and effectively in determining the child's appropriate educational program.

Approval of Records

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the School Committee on January 6, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Communication

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the use of schools as polling locations for the 2009 election cycle by John McGarry, Executive Director of Elections Commission, on September 15 and November 3, 2009. The following buildings will be opened at 6 a.m. and must remain open until 8 p.m.: Ashfield, Brookfield, Davis, Downey, Gilmore, Hancock, Huntington, Kennedy, Raymond and East, North, South and West Middle Schools.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Essay Awards

Brockton Public Schools third grade students participated in the Thomas Edison Essay and Mixed Media contest sponsored by the Brockton Historical Society. The student participants were awarded Certificates of Recognition by Superintendent Nembirkow and Mayor Harrington. Members of the Historical Society, Barbara Lutz, Kathryn Archard and Attorney Lawrence Siskind, were also acknowledged.

Superintendent Nembirkow thanked the students and the Historical Society for encouraging the students.

**Paraprofessionals
MOA/Ratification**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brockton School Committee and the Brockton Education Paraprofessional Association for a three-year period from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**School Police
MOA/Ratification**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brockton School Committee and the Brockton School Police Officers, International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 566 for a three-year period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New 2009 Scholarship

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the Stephen Taft Lowell Memorial Scholarship for inclusion into the 2009 scholarship booklet at Brockton High School.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

CSAB

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the Minutes of the Community School Advisory Board meeting on December 10, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel
Appointments**

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #8.

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 #9:

Leaves of Absences:

Marcia Andrade Serpa, Principal	Hancock	8 Wk. MAT. LOA, Eff. 7/14/09
Melissa Gorvine, Teacher	East	8 Wk. MAT. LOA, Eff. 4/13/09
Christine Murphy, Teacher	East	8 Wk. MAT. LOA plus school yr. 2009-2010, Eff. 5/26/09

Rachael Richardi Bucio, Teacher	Howard	8 Wk. MAT. LOA, Eff. 3/17/09
Michelle Rapoza, C-Print Asst. Hrg. Impaired	BHS	Up to 12 Wks. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 4/14/09

Theresa Choate, Paraprofessional	Downey	Up to 12 Wks. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 1/7/09
Joanna Medina, Food Service	BHS	Up to 12 Wks. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 12/12/08

Retirement:

Frederick Grimshaw, Jr., Teacher	South	Eff. 6/30/09
Bonnie Olson, Food Service	Raymond	Eff. 1/23/09

Resignation:

Tammy Blake, Paraprofessional	Raymond	Eff. 1/1/09
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Change of Retirement Date:

Darlene LaFrance, Teacher	Raymond	From 6/30/09 to 7/19/09
Maureen Haughey, Confidential Adm. Asst.	Central	From 11/26/09 to 11/26/10

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Supt's. Contract/
Evaluation
Subcommittee**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the reports of the Superintendent's Contract/Evaluation Subcommittee meetings on January 27 and February 2, 2009.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Bid Review
Subcommittee**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Bid Review Subcommittee meeting on February 9, 2009.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the FY2010 School Bids and Contract Renewals to the vendors, as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Foley, referring to the Mayor's State of the City Address, said that he did not want to hold up the contracts on this evening's agenda. He said that he hopes all union members, certified and non-certified, will get together.

Mr. Minichiello spoke of the 2009 Woman of the Year Award and the criteria for nominating someone, which includes an age requirement of 16+ years, residency and having made a significant contribution to the community in the last year. The event is being held at the Shaw's Center in Brockton on March 28th. Nomination forms may be obtained from Ms. Lisa Sliney, Manager at Rockland Trust, 485 Belmont Street, Brockton.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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