

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; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan; Dr. Malone, Secretary

Absent: Mr. Bath

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items. Mrs. Joyce asked to remove **Enclosure #5, Notification of Personnel Appointments.**

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

- Minutes of the Regular SC Meeting on May 17, 2011
- Report of Facilities Usage & Planning Meeting on July 12, 2011
- Report of Superintendent's Contract Subcommittee Meeting on July 21, 2011
- Acceptance of Notification of Executive Session Minutes Review
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action
- Authorization to submit proposals, and, if successful, the expenditure of funds:
 - a. Quality Full-Day Kindergarten
 - b. Models to Successfully Transition Adult Learners to Community College

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce questioned the salary amounts on three newly appointed positions in ESL, Math and Auto Technology. Dr. Kathleen Moran, Interim Executive Director for Human Resources, responded to the inquiry, offering information as to what determines salary. Dr. Malone said that the actual average for all employees/FTE is \$56,000.

Mrs. Joyce then made the motion to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #5.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

Dr. Malone stated that System is in a good place for its September opening; the principals have returned, a good number of new teachers were hired, and the Green School Repairs Project is underway. He also discussed the submission of the Recovery School RFP, the result of the partnership between Brockton and the North River Collaborative, who is the fiscal agent. Dr. Malone thanked Mr. Carpenter for his leadership and thanked the Brockton Public Schools administrators who were also involved.

Dr. Malone then announced that a donation was made to the Brockton Education Foundation by Personal Eyes of Randolph, MA, to be used for the professional development of the Brockton High School adjustment counselors in the amount of \$335. in memory of Malik Atkinson, BHS student. The Superintendent publicly thanked the organization for their contribution.

Transfer of Funds

Mr. Petronio requested a transfer of funds from Ordinary Maintenance to Personal Services in order to balance out the accounts for the close of the FY 2011 fiscal year.

Mr. Carpenter inquired about figures that came to almost \$2 million dollars over what the School Committee budgeted last year, and Mr. Petronio responded, mentioning ARRA funding, grants accounts, outside consultants/contract services, special education/pupil contract services, etc. Mr. Carpenter asked Dr. Malone if School Committee members could be provided information regarding the payment of outside consultants, and Dr. Malone said that he would email the information.

Mr. Daley then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a transfer of funds from Ordinary Maintenance to Personal Services (in the amount of \$1,870,000).

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

2012 Meal Pricing

Mr. Petronio introduced Tom Burke and Erin Long of Chartwells to discuss where and how the School Committee could choose to make the mandated 2012 school year increase to school lunches. Presently, the elementary lunch is 1.75 and the secondary, 2.

A discussion took place by School Committee members regarding:

- the percentage of free/reduced lunches (70%)
- the percentage the increase would affect (30%)
- whether or not the increase could come from the surplus
- the use of the lunch pre-payment program
- whether or not additional help could be secured to assist Chartwells in the application completion process (*Community Facilitator* job description)
- whether or not incentives could be offered to encourage the completion of the applications
- uploading student information to the Dept. of Transitional Assistance to learn which students would not have to complete the application process

Messrs. Burke and Petronio, and Ms. Long responded to all inquires.

Mrs. Beyer then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to increase the 2012 school lunch price at the elementary level by \$0.10. (the elementary lunch will now be 1.85)

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

GROUP WORKCAMP FOUNDATION

Mr. Sullivan made the motion which he intended to serve as a reminder to the School Committee that the Committee move forward with *GROUP WORKCAMP FOUNDATION*. He then agreed to an amendment of the motion to also include input from a previously involved Committee/participant, and, if their report is favorable, to move forward with *GROUP WORKCAMP FOUNDATION* at the BPS location (South Middle requested), appropriately.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Following the vote, Mr. Thomas said that he would obtain information regarding the *GROUP WORKCAMP FOUNDATION* event from Marshfield.

Mayor Balzotti said that the Committee needs to learn of any possible difficulties that it may face.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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