

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

Present: Mayor Balzotti; Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair, Mr. Robinson; Mr. Donegan; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Healy; Dr. Malone, Secretary

Absent: Mr. Sullivan

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. The Mayor explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items from it. Mrs. Joyce requested to remove **Enclosure #5, Authorization to Submit FY 13 Expanded Learning Time RFP**, and Mr. Minichiello requested to remove **Enclosure # 4, Authorization to Submit FY 13 Redesign Grant-Cohort III RFP**.

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

- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action
- BPS School Out-of-State Trips:
 1. Baker Kindergarten, to Providence, RI, 5/12/12
 2. Baker Grade 5, to Salem, NH, on 6/13/12
 3. George, Grade 5, Salem, NH, on 6/13/12
 4. Huntington Grade 5, to Salem, NH, on 6/18/12
- Bid Review Report of 4/9/12, and FY 13 bids to vendors
- West Middle School student to attend and participate in Nat'l. History Contest, June 10-14, 2012, University of Maryland, with funding beyond budgeted amount, if needed

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce inquired about the Expanded Learning Time RFP, asking about its description and funding. Both Mr. Jerome and June Saba, Huntington principal, answered her questions. Mrs. Joyce then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the above RFP, and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Minichiello inquired about the School Redesign-Cohort III RFP, asking about what areas the grant will help, and its funding, and Mr. Jerome responded.

Mr. Minichiello then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the above RFP, and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

Dodgeball Event

Dr. Malone noted the success of the recent BPS Dodgeball fundraising event which generated approximately \$6,000 which will be used to upgrade the Gilmore Early Childhood Center to accommodate its special needs students. He gave a special thanks to Jocelyn Meek, Communications Officer, John Snelgrove, K-8 Guidance Department Head, and Juli Caldwell, Administrative Assistant for their good organization.

Ashfield Recognition

Dr. Malone called upon Principal Barbara Lovell to discuss the success of two fundraising events that benefitted the families of two Ashfield Middle School students' who experienced extraordinary hardships this year. Teachers Nancy Williams and Cynthia Daly organized the events for the Ashfield News Elective and the Ashfield Student Government, and accepted a Certificate of Appreciation awarded by the Brockton School Committee, presented by Superintendent Malone and Mayor Balzotti.

Mr. Minichiello said that he had received a call regarding the compassion shown by the Ashfield Middle School to fellow students. He said that the City is fortunate, and the School Committee is proud of the staff and students.

2012 Administrative Interns

Dr. Malone informed the Committee that the 2012 BPS Administrative Interns were in attendance this evening, and he introduced them, as well as announcing their assignments. They are: Kelly Cooper of West Middle School; Kevin DaPonte of Brockton High School; Scott Pearsons of the Davis School; Christine Pugliese of the East Middle School; Shaina Squires, of various school assignments; Fernanda Vera-Cruz of districtwide ELA; and Eric Wescott of West Middle School.

Dr. Malone congratulated the Interns and wished them well in their assignments.

MCAS

Dr. Malone announced that we are now in the month of May and more MCAS is ahead. He asked that parents to prepare their children so that they are “*eager and ready to go.*”

The Superintendent said that he is looking forward to concluding another successful year in learning and teaching; everyone has worked hard. He mentioned that he visited another school system today and feels much pride for the Brockton Public Schools.

Items to Refer to Subcommittees

Mr. Minichiello mentioned that Mr. Goss of *SuperSystems* will soon meet with the Superintendent’s Contract Subcommittee to familiarize the new members with the tool for the Superintendent’s upcoming evaluation.

Update on FY ’13 Budget

Dr. Malone announced that the School Committee is working on the FY 2013 budget process and that Finance Subcommittee meetings have been held. He said that he is looking forward to continuing this work.

Mayor Balzotti said that, in terms of the City side, the City is pretty close to making decisions on the funding for the school side. She said that there will be some significant changes on the City side. She said that, currently, the House and Senate will review their sides of the budget. Last year the Governor gave an additional \$1.2 million in local aid that was distributed after the local budget had passed. This was too late to help the budget crisis then, but will help with the deficit this year. The Mayor continued, saying, that the House has included a similar amount in the local aid number for this year. This is above what the Governor has proposed. She said she has to present a balanced budget to the City Council. The difficult part is trying to figure out what the local aid will be; the Governor’s figures must be used until the House and Senate settle on the final figure.

2012-2013 BPS Calendar Supplement

Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the BPS 2012-2013 Supplemental Calendar.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Business

Mayor Balzotti offered words of a personal note, and extended her and her family’s appreciation to the staff of the Kennedy School and the entire Brockton Public Schools for tremendous support following the loss of her sister Mary Valente, who would have retired this June after 33 years of service to the Brockton Public Schools.

Mr. Minichiello informed the Committee that the *Credit for Life* event took place on Friday, April 27, 2012, at Massasoit and thanked the BHA, as well as local businesses, real estate offices and banks for their efforts. He also acknowledged organizers, volunteers and Massasoit Community College, saying that it was another successful event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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