

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-one o'clock followed by a salute of the flag.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes of the Regular School Committee meeting on January 27, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Communication

Dairy & Food Council

Ms. Sheri Doucette, RD, LDN and Nutrition Specialist for the Dairy & Food Council announced to the Brockton Public Schools that West Junior High School won the 1st prize of \$5,000 in the New England Dairy & Food Council's 2008 Expanding Breakfast Awards program. Ms. Doucette presented Superintendent Nembirkow with the check.

Ms. Doucette said that food was being brought to different areas of the building to students to encourage them to eat breakfast. She said 110 out of 300 students per day are now eating breakfast, which is very impressive.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the award.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Scholarship Donations

Mr. Campbell, Treasurer/Trustee of the Daniel F. and Margaret MacAdam Loughry Charitable Foundation, has requested that the Brockton Public Schools accept the generous donation of \$2,000 to the Brockton High School Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the donation and to send a letter of acknowledgment to the donor.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mayor Harrington announced that he had received formal correspondence requesting that the Brockton Public Schools accept a generous donation from the estate of Dorothy King for the establishment of the Margaret and Dorothy King Scholarship Fund that will be awarded to graduating seniors of the Brockton Public Schools.

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the donation from the estate of Dorothy King for the establishment of the Margaret and Dorothy King Scholarship Fund, per the requested guidelines.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Attendance Report

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Chief Supervisor of Attendance for the month of January 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

MY TURN Report

Maria Fernandes, MY TURN Regional Director, gave the School Committee an update on programs and statistics. Ms. Fernandes distributed a handout, discussed the programs at Brockton High School and highlighted the Class of 2008 profile. She said that all students of MY TURN are Brockton students.

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

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Approval of Trip

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the BHS JROTC trip to attend the 2nd ROTC Brigade's Northeast Area Army Competition in Fresh Meadows, NY, on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Francis Lewis High School.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Bath announced that this is the second year in a row that the ROTC has won the championship and is representing all of Massachusetts and New York at this event. He congratulated Colonel Tripp on a job well done.

Personnel Appointments

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Personnel Action

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #8.

Leaves of Absence

Jennifer Aufiero, Teacher	East	Granted extension of MAT LOA, remainder of 03-09, Eff. 2/13/09
Leah DeCristofaro, Teacher	Angelo	12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 5/25/09
Ann Eastman, Teacher	Keith	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 4/27/09
Andrea Galvin, Teacher	Baker	Unpd. Medical LOA, Eff. 1/6/09
Ellen Stephen, Teacher	Brookfield	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 4/27/09

Maryann Hanson, Para. Downey 3 Month Unpd. Medical LOA,
Eff. 12/12/08

Resignation

Maryann Finch, Para. Keith Eff. 2/20/09

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Accounts Review

No action was taken on the February 10, 2009 report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee.

New Business

Mr. Bath moved to implement the four-zone Districtwide School Reconfiguration Plan and limit transportation to within zone. In addition, parental notification will be made promptly to allow families to make timely decisions for their child's September 2009 assignment. Transfer requests will be honored at the School Registration and Parent Information Center throughout the spring.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Dobrowski suggested a Facilities Subcommittee meeting be scheduled in the near future to discuss a number of items, i.e., returning the Franklin and Whitman Schools back to the city, current projects and capital improvement projects for the next fiscal year.

Executive Session

Mr. Dobrowski moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and not return to the regular meeting. Mayor Harrington called the Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Minichiello	yes	Mr. Foley	yes
Mr. Bath	yes	Mr. Daley	yes
Mrs. Beyer	yes	Mr. Dobrowski	yes
Mrs. Joyce	yes		

Voted: to go into Executive Session, unanimously

Mr. Dobrowski quickly announced the M.A.S.C. District III is being hosted by the Brockton Public Schools and will be held at the new Manthala George, Jr. School. During the meeting, a tour will be given of the new school. Legislators will be in attendance to discuss budget issues and where Brockton stands with the stimulus package. Also attending, will be a member of the Department of Education to discuss regionalization. The school tour is scheduled at 6 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Beyer commended the students at the Champion High School for the many wonderful Black History Month projects that were showcased at the school on February 27th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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