

Brockton, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting

March 1, 2011

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; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan

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

Balzotti called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Bill McGauley, president of the Brockton Youth Foundation, addressed the School Committee this evening regarding the *The 3rd Annual Breakfast with Champions* which will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at The Shaw's Center, One Lexington Way, Brockton, MA. The event will include a special ceremony to highlight extraordinary leadership to support Brockton youth.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items. The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda:

- **Enclosure #2, B-6**, Approval of BHS Out-of-State /Overnight Girls' Indoor Track Team Trip to New York, NY, from March 11-12, 2011 (**Mrs. Joyce**)
- **Enclosure #5**, Acceptance of Donation to the Brookfield School (**Mr. Sullivan**)
- **Enclosure #2, B-5**, Approval of BHS In-State/Overnight Trip to the Mass-DECA Annual State Career Development Conference, Boston, March 10-12, 2011(**Mr. Carpenter**)

Mrs. Beyer then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following remaining items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the SC on 2/8/11
- BHS In-State Science Club Trip, Plymouth, MA, April 16, 2011
- BHS In-State/Overnight MASC Trip, Hyannis, MA, March 9-11
- Brookfield School Out-of-State Trip, Salem, NH, June 16, 2011
- Davis School Out-of-State Trip, Salem, NH, June 16, 2011
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Appointment: Non-Certified
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action: Leaves of Absence; Retirement; Change in Retirement Date
- Submission of Collaborative Partnerships/Student "Success Program RFP, and expenditure of funds
- Submission of DESE Mass Grad Application and expenditure of funds
- Community School Advisory Board Minutes of January 19, 2011

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Carpenter asked about the funding for the BHS In-State/Overnight DECA trip to Boston, from March 10-12, 2011. Dr. Szachowicz said the students have planned every year, and they have enough money, including money if they go to the Nationals. Mr. Carpenter then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the trip.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce said that the accomplishments of the Girls' Track Team was worthy of showcasing. Dr. Szachowicz was happy to be given the opportunity to speak about the success of the student athletes Vanessa Clerveaux, Arianna Freeman, Milan Neville and Yvette Igbowke. Dr. Szachowicz also congratulated the coaches.

Mr. Carpenter acknowledged the Save Our Sports Foundation for its support and generous funding. Mrs. Joyce then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the trip.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Sullivan wanted to highlight the donation offered by Manager Leon Bayles of the Brockton Home Depot of 80, 80lb. bags of concrete and 20 patio blocks for the Brookfield playground project. Added to this by Mr. Daley was the mention of shrubs, volunteer work and workers of the Carpenters' Union, as well as many other volunteers. Mr. Daley invited anyone interested in helping to join other volunteers on August 13, 2011.

Mr. Sullivan then approved the acceptance of the above donation.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

Dr. Malone discussed the following on-going activities in Learning and Teaching this evening:

- Accomplishments of the DECA students and track stars
- Commended Mrs. Moran, Brookfield School principal on her fundraising efforts
- March battery of tests in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 – the MCAS begins this month

2011-12 School Year Calendar

Dr. Malone discussed two draft plans of the 2011-2012 School Year calendar. Plan A placed the first day of school for students on September 2nd and, Plan B began school on September 6th. Dr. Malone informed the School Committee that his recommendation is for Plan A.

Both Messrs. Minichiello and Carpenter felt that Plan B was the better choice. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve Plan B with an adjustment to remove the BHS graduation date from the calendar which will be determined following an update from Dr. Malone on the 2011 BHS graduation at the June 21, 2011 regular meeting of the School Committee.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, 5-2-0 (Mrs. Beyer and Mr. Daley opposed)

BPS Grants Office

Dr. Malone called upon Karen Watkins-Watts, BPS Grants Administrator and Writer to give the presentation on the Brockton Public Schools Grants Office. Mr. Jerome, Deputy Superintendent joined Ms. Watkins-Watts for the presentation.

Ms. Watkins-Watts gave a PowerPoint presentation consisting of and describing the following areas of the Grants Office:

- Resources and Web tools
- Mission and Goals
- Resource Development Process
- Competitive Grant Awards Update
- FY2011 Grants by Funding Source, to date
- 2011 Objectives
- 2011 Grants Forecast

Following the presentation, School Committee asked questions regarding the following topics: keeping a list of applications not received; public and private grants; counting donations; Title I grants; various supporters, including Senator Kerry and Congressman Lynch; grant writing workshops; teachers sharing resources; the number of employees in the Grants Office; and specific Huntington School grants. All inquiries were responded to by Ms. Watkins-Watts and Mr. Jerome.

The School Committee thanked Ms. Watkins-Watts for her presentation and hard work.

Items to Refer to Subcommittees

Mr. Daley referred to the Policy Subcommittee the subject of educational requirements in athletics. Mr. Minichiello stated that he spoke with the School Department attorney regarding the language of BPS-School Committee Policy KEB-R, *Complaints About School Personnel*, requesting an update for review at the next Policy Subcommittee meeting.

FY'12 Supt's Recommended

Dr. Malone announced that he will have for the next School Committee meeting his recommended FY'12 budget. Mr. Petronio said that he received all department feedback and will show, at that time, the current services we have, the requested services, and the current services brought forward with just what the level service requirement would be. He said that he will show the initiatives that the Superintendent would like to bring forward. *"We are looking to realign our resources to give the best results for the students,"* he said.

Mrs. Joyce said that the School Committee would like to look over some form of draft before the next meeting. Dr. Malone said that the actual document will be furnished the Friday before the School Committee meeting, with any questions being referred to the Finance Subcommittee. Mr. Daley inquired about the needs of the whole system being presented on March 15th, and Mr. Petronio said he will proceed with what is needed to run the System. *"We need to make a request of the Mayor of our needs,"* he said.

Dr. Malone said that the same process will be used this year as was used for last—no wish list; a very disciplined product, with level services, taking the entire operation and bringing it forward with no additional data. He gave examples of priorities, i.e., the LEP doubled population; increase in student population; and elementary class sizes. *"Yes, we know that when the bottom line comes, we will go back to the drawing board and be asked to prioritize,"* he said.

Mayor Balzotti said that she sat here last year, very concerned. She said, *"This year, the Governor has put forth a budget that reduces local aid by seven percent (7%). I will tell you right now, that I will make a commitment to do the best I can, but it's not going to be a good year. It's actually a double cut on the City side."* She suggested that a bottle of Roloids be included with Mr. Petronio's report. Mr. Petronio agreed.

The Mayor said that she is prepared to have many sleepless nights this year.

Building Naming Reports

Mrs. Joyce read the minutes of the Building Naming Public Hearing on March 1, 2011.

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce read the minutes of the Building Naming Subcommittee meeting on March 1, 2011.

Mr. Daley made the motion to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to accept the motion, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce then moved to approve the naming of the Ashfield and South Middle School science labs as the Gelfand Science Labs.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, 6-0-1 (Mr. Minichiello abstained)

The Schools will organize the purchase and placement of the plaques.

New Business

Mr. Minichiello congratulated the Angelo School teachers, Ms. Kay Seale, Director of Special Education, Brockton Area Association for Retarded Citizens (BAARC) and volunteer students from Bridgewater State University for collaborating to serve children with disabilities and autism in afternoon programs.

Mr. Bath recognized Ms. Jocelyn Meek, Communications Officer, for being featured in Channel 5's Chronicle/*Boston Gala Girls*, along with her siblings and friend. The women put together a segment on the celebration the 2011 Oscars. Mr. Bath said that he followed the suggestions of the group, and had a wonderful time.

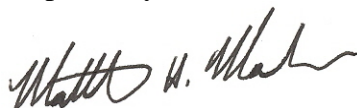
Mr. Carpenter announced the BHS Hockey team is, for the first time in 12 years, hosting an MIAA game scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Asiaf Skating Rink, at 7:30 p.m. He said that he hopes folks will come out to show their support. Mr. Carpenter also commended the coaches.

Dr. Malone reminded everyone that the Newton South vs. BHS Girls' Basketball game would be occurring simultaneously with the Hockey event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Malone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" being the most prominent.

Matthew H. Malone, Ph.D.
Secretary

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