

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

Present: Mayor Harrington, Chair; Mr. Bath, Vice-Chair; Mr. Minichiello, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Beyer; 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 7:31 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Todd Petti

Councilor Todd Petti addressed the School Committee this evening on the following: He commended Brockton students who participated in the Project Bread walk in Boston; and he commented on the Superintendent Search, asking the School Committee to consider additional applicants as finalists.

Lorraine Munroe

Mrs. Monroe addressed the School Committee on the topic of food service providers.

Ozzie Jordan

Mr. Jordan addressed the School Committee this evening on the Superintendent Search.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on March 17, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Communication

Superintendent Nembirkow announced that the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Center for Secondary School Redesign (CSSR) have invited Dr. Szachowicz and a team from Brockton High School to present at the *Breaking Ranks™ 2010 Secondary School Showcase* as part of the NASSP annual convention on March 11th, in Phoenix, AZ. The event is designed to help participants gain insights into secondary school redesign. The School Committee congratulated Dr. Szachowicz on this honor.

Nat'l. History Day

At this time, the Superintendent took the agenda out of order to discuss the National History Day item. He announced that Ms. Jillian Riseman of the Gilmore Academy took 2nd place in the Union Individual Exhibit (6-8) division of the MA History Day State Competition that was held on April 4, at Clark University in Worcester. With the School Committee's authorization and funding, Jillian will advance to the final level of competition at the University of Maryland, June 14-18.

Mr. Nembirkow introduced Mr. Szachowicz who thanked the School Committee for their previous financial support, and discussed the details of the competition.

Jillian was then presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Superintendent Nembirkow and Mayor Harrington. The Superintendent said that he would like Jillian to give a presentation at a future School Committee meeting.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the funding for the student and a teacher/chaperone to attend the June 14-18, 2009 National History Day competition in Maryland.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Food Service Providers At the School Committee's request, the food service providers, Chartwells and Aramark, gave a presentation at this evening's meeting. The following Aramark representatives spoke: Bernadette Patynski, Maria Davis, Bill McCann, Dave Miles and Jim Accard. From Chartwells: Eric Pimental and Erin Long. Each presentation was extensive, involving but not limited to: proposals, the history of each company, transitioning, food and meals, organizational structure, contractual issues, and revenue. A lengthy question and answer period followed each presentation. No action was taken.

FY2010 Budget The FY 2010 School Department Budget was not discussed this evening due to additional dollars being cut from the school budget and information on the Stimulus monies. The Superintendent said that a draft presentation will be mailed to the School Committee in the next Informational Bulletin. Another Financial Subcommittee meeting will also be scheduled. Mayor Harrington said that he would be giving the City Council his budget next Monday evening.

Commendation At this time, Mr. Nembirkow thanked James Hayden, Executive Director for Operations and School Administration, and the custodial staff for their efforts during the time of a possible flu pandemic. Mayor Harrington also thanked Mr. Hayden for his work with the Brockton Emergency Management and working closely with the Mayor's Office

School Closing Provided there is no further need to cancel classes during the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the last day of school as Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Authorization to Submit Proposals Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the *21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Competitive RFP* to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and, if successful, the expenditure of funds. The grant's purpose is to provide students with academic enrichment opportunities designed to complement student's regular school day academic programs. The award would amount to approximately \$500,000.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the submission of the FY2010 *Continuation Grant Proposal for Adult Basic Education RFP* to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and, if successful, the expenditure of funds. The purpose of the grant is to provide free access for undereducated and limited English proficient adults to a continuum of Adult Basic Education instructional and support services. The proposal is to seek the maximum funds allowed of \$638,134 in direct DESE funding, and \$73,224 in indirect DESE funding administered through the local Workforce Investment Board, for a total of \$711,353.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**2009-2010 School
Calendar Supplement**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar Supplement.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Approval of
Out-of-State Trips**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Out-of-State trips:

- a. Arnone School, Grades 5 and 6, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 6/17/09
(rain date: 6/18/09)
- b. Downey School, Grades 5 and 6, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 6/8/09
- c. Huntington School, Grade 5, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 6/19/09
- d. West JHS, Grade 8, to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, 6/18/09

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

CSAB Minutes

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes of the Community School Advisory Board meetings on February 11 and March 11, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the vote, Mr. Foley, referencing the March 11th CSAB minutes, moved to schedule a Policy Subcommittee meeting for the purpose of discussing outside programs being advertised in the Brockton Public Schools which is believed to be taking enrollment from the Community Schools Program.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Personnel Action

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #11:

Leaves of Absence:
(Teachers)

Rebecca Clary, Davis School; 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 6/12/09
Clarissa Craig, George School; 8 Wk., MAT LOA, Eff. 5/26/09
Jennifer Greco, BHS; 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 6/2/09
Melissa Henry, Huntington; 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 8/11/09
Dianne Kerwin, Plouffe; 12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 9/1/09, remaining FY2010 School Year
Monica Ligunya, Keith; 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 7/0/09
Kara Pike, Baker;; 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 6/24/09
Adriana Thurston, Angelo; 12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 5/3/09

(Paraprofessionals)

Cheryl Downing, Lincoln; Unpd. Intermittent FMLA for up to 12 Wks., Eff. 12/12/08
Kristine Goche, Hancock; Unpd. FMLA for up to 12 Wks., Eff. 5/5/09

Resignation:

Dannielle Candido, Hancock School, Eff. 4/13/09

Retirements:

Deputy Superintendent
Susan Dukess, Central Administration, Eff. 6/30/09

Executive Director – Accountability, Planning & Technology
Eligijus Suziedelis, Central Administration, Eff. 9/30/09

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Action.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Mayor Harrington commented that he accepted the retirements with great reluctance. The Superintendent further discussed the number of years of experience between Dr. Dukess and Mr. Suziedelis.

**Accounts Review
Report**

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee meeting held on April 14, 2009, to review the accounts for the period February 6 – April 8, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Bid Review Report

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Bid Review Subcommittee meeting held on April 14, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the FY2010 School Bids, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the leasing of the Parent Information-Student Registration office space for the six month period 7/1/09 to 12/31/09 for the sum of \$37,665 (annual rent is \$75,330)

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the FY2010 Athletic Trainer Services contract to Jerilyn Connor, ATC, LAT, S. Easton, MA, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Bath moved a two-percent (2%) salary increase for Brockton Public Schools non-union employees effective this school year.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Ms. Sirois informed the School Committee that the money for the above increases in salaries was already in the budget.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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