

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the Auditorium of Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock.

Present: Mayor Balzotti, Chair; Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan; Dr. Malone, Secretary

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

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. and asked all present to stand for the posting of the colors by the BHS JROTC and the salute to the flag.

Student Recognitions

Mayor Balzotti opened the Student Recognitions portion of this evening's meeting by telling students, parents, staff and others present that Brockton has many things to be proud of, and chief among those things is its youth. She said, *"Those of you seated here tonight have excelled academically, artistically and athletically, and I congratulate you for your success."*

The Mayor then introduced Superintendent Malone.

Dr. Malone told the students that he is proud of each of them because they have worked hard, applied themselves and shown that they can achieve whatever they set their minds to. He said, *"Each of you deserves accolades for striving to be the best you can be, and your parents also deserve applause for encouraging you to work hard and meet your potential. All of you have brought recognition not only to yourselves, but to your schools and the City, and I thank you on behalf of all of Brockton: we are very proud of you, indeed."*

Students were awarded Certificates of Recognition and medals, where appropriate, by Dr. Malone and Mayor Balzotti for the following awards:

Award

Announced by:

John Hopkins Talent Search
New England Math League
Junior High/Middle School Science Fair

Linda Santry, Coordinator, Math & Science, K-8

Thomas Edison Essay Contest
Little Red Schoolhouse Spelling Bee
National History Day

Dr. Julianne Andrade, Coor. Elementary Literacy, K-5, & Social Studies, K-8

Medusa Mythology Exam
National Latin Exam Medals

Jane Rizzitano, Foreign Language Dept Hd, 7-12

Boston Globe Scholastic Art Carolyn Copp, Coordinator, Art, K-12

BHS JROTC Col. Robert Tripp

Student Athletes Thomas Kenney, Athletic Director

Student winners of the All State Music, Chorus, Orchestra and Band are being recognized this evening at the Band Boosters banquet at the Shaw's Center. (A listing of student recipients of the abovementioned awards is attached.)

Recess Mayor Balzotti thanked everyone for attending and supporting the students. She then called for a brief recess at 8:33 p.m. before resuming the regular meeting.

Reconvene The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Hearing of Visitors Andrea Donaruma and Theresa Wilde addressed the School Committee, asking that the Committee keep in place the motion that was adopted on April 13, 2010 to combine and keep all preschool programs in one location.

Nicolas Paquin-Galaro addressed the School Committee on the subject of budget cuts, i.e. elective programs and class size.

Consent Agenda Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following items listed in the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Public Hearing on School Choice on May 18, 2010
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the SC on May 18, 2010
- Closing date of June 18, 2010 for 2009-2010 School Year
- School Committee Meeting Dates for 2010-2011
- BHS Overnight Trip, Jun 25-29, 2010 re Grace Crossman Youth Collaborative-UMass, Boston
- East Middle School Out-of-State Trip, June 16, 2010
- Bid Review Subcommittee Report/Awarding of FY2011 Bids to Vendors
- Notification of Personnel Action (Leaves of Absence/Resignation/Retirement)

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Learning & Teaching Dr. Malone, again, acknowledged the student winners and their parents in this evening's recognition event. He then thanked the Brockton Public Schools educators for their professionalism in dealing with the information of the past month and a half, saying that teachers continued to deliver instruction and motivation.

Summer SC Meetings The Brockton School Committee annually adopts a schedule of one meeting per month during the summer. In addition to the summer schedule, special meetings are called, as needed. Establishing a summer schedule of School Committee meetings would be helpful

due to the fact that Committee members and School Department employees are planning vacations.

Mrs. Beyer moved to schedule both the summer meetings of the School Committee on Tuesdays, July 20 and August 24, 2010.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Huntington School Redesign

Dr. Malone introduced Aldo Petronio, Executive Director of Financial Services and June Saba, principal of the Huntington School, to discuss expanded learning time and its cost at the Huntington School.

Dr. Malone said that the total cost of the expanded learning time is \$225,000 in additional compensation for the faculty and staff to begin working one extra hour at the beginning of the day, with dismissal at the regular time. He said that there is currently \$180,000 in unexpended funds, so there is a difference of \$45,000.

Mr. Minichiello discussed looking at the possibility of the state's interest with respect to *Turnaround Schools*, saying that, if the state is interested in giving assistance, we should take it. Dr. Malone responded, saying that the *Turnaround* door is not closed. He also discussed RTTT Round Two funding possibilities (money would not be awarded until August).

Mrs. Joyce asked what kind of time the Committee had in terms of making a decision, and Dr. Malone said that he would bring more information to the June 15th SC meeting that would show a better analysis of the total cost and more updated outside funding to help off set costs.

FY2011 Budget

Dr. Malone thanked the School Committee for good transactions and working with a tough dialogue. He said that Mr. Petronio and he are always ready to answer any questions.

Mrs. Joyce asked the Mayor to review non-net school spending. Mayor Balzotti said that she addressed the City Council on her budget and discussed the proposal of increasing the local option meals tax, which would allow the City to continue busing services for the remaining fiscal year. The Mayor asked the School Committee to convey to the City Council the importance of transportation.

Mr. Bath asked the Mayor to explain the tax, and the Mayor responded, also saying that she would not have put it forward if it was overly burdensome.

Dr. Malone said that, based on the work at the Finance Subcommittee meeting on last Thursday, the total cuts in the System came down to 258. Dr. Malone distributed to the School Committee a *Buyback Priority List* as follows: 1) Teachers (elementary; middle; high school); 2) Para's/MTA's; 3) Custodians; 4) Administrative Assistants; 5) School Turnaround; 6) BHS Security; 7) System-wide Departments (Professional Development; Technology; Ordinary Maintenance).

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the FY2011 Superintendent's Recommended Budget report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Bath moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Buyback Priority List, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Daley moved to accept the FY2011 Superintendent's Recommended Budget and forward it to the Mayor to present to the City Council.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Intent to Rescind
Motion Adopted on
April 13, 2010**

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to withdraw his intent to rescind the motion adopted on April 13, 2010, which reads, "to combine early childhood education and move it to the Gilmore Academy facility, and to keep the Huntington School open."

On the motion, Mr. Carpenter stated that a lot of rhetoric came about on this subject. He said that the closing of the Huntington School was never on the table. He said that he would support Mr. Sullivan's withdrawal and the early childhood program at the Gilmore School. He said that he wanted to see the proposed budget before making any decisions.

Mr. Bath agreed with Mr. Carpenter, saying that it was never the intention of the School Committee to close the Huntington School. School Committee members wanted to do due-diligence on the budget, and the Committee is not done with the budget.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Sullivan moved to reconsider the vote just adopted by the School Committee to withdraw his intent to rescind the motion adopted on April 13, 2010, which reads, "to combine early childhood education and move it to the Gilmore Academy facility, and to keep the Huntington School open," in the hope that it does not prevail.

Voted: the motion for reconsideration failed, unanimously

SC Meeting Venue

Mr. Minichiello made the motion to hold future, regular School Committee meetings back at the BHS Little Theatre.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Carpenter made the motion to hold all future School Committee Subcommittee meetings scheduled before regular meetings of the School Committee at the BHS Little Theatre and all other Subcommittee meetings at the Dr. William H. Arnone Theatre.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

At this time, Mayor Balzotti thanked the students, staff and teachers at the John F. Kennedy School for her invitation to the Kennedy School Commemorative Day, saying that she felt very welcomed.

Mrs. Beyer spoke favorably on the Little Red Schoolhouse Spelling Bee awards ceremony.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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