

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 Harrington, Chair; Mrs. Joyce, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Foley; Mr. Minichiello; Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at seven thirty-o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

Mayor Harrington congratulated BEA President Timothy Sullivan, who was in the audience, on receiving his Doctorate degree.

### **Approval of Records**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2008, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

### **Donation from Costco**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that Costco Wholesale of Avon, MA, has done a tremendous public service over the years in providing backpacks for students in the Brockton Public Schools. He stated that 325 backpacks were donated this year to the following schools: Angelo, Arnone, Baker, Brookfield, Howard, Plouffe, South Middle. Mr. Mark Ofstein, Marketing Representative, was present to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow.

### **Update on Brockton's Way**

Ms. Shailah Stewart, Partnership Coordinator, was present to update the Committee on the FY2009 Brockton's Way Grant. She stated that this grant is funded by the Federal Government, the U.S. Department of Labor. It is a two-year grant that ends on June 30, 2009. It is a community collaboration and is designed to insure that we tap into community resources and maximize the benefits we can get from our external partners. It runs the spectrum of dealing with young people who are either dropouts or out of school and some younger students who potentially might drop out. She proceeded to highlight the following areas: Early Warning System, New Pathway Development, Resource Guide, Outreach, Reengagement of Recent Dropouts, and Best Practice Research. She also highlighted the Bridgewater State College Mentoring Project in conjunction with the Early Warning System.

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that Bridgewater State College made a commitment that students who finish four years of mentoring successfully will be given four-year tuition and fees to Bridgewater State College. He thanked President Dana Mohler-Faria and the administration at Bridgewater State College for making this strong commitment to the youth in Brockton. Superintendent Nembirkow stated that two areas of focus of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the next couple of years will be Dropout Prevention and Closing the Performance Gap between the various groups. Superintendent Nembirkow mentioned overage students, 19 and 20 year olds, and stated that the new Twilight School will address this population. A lengthy discussion took place and many questions were asked.

**Pathways to  
Family Success**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of an FY2009 Pathways to Family Success II Competitive (Federal) proposal, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The purpose of the proposal is to expand the existing Family Literacy services at the Adult Learning Center. Funding in the amount of \$85,000 will be sought.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**NSBA  
Conference**

The National School Boards Association Conference is held annually in a different city across the country. This year it will be held in San Diego, California, on April 4-7, 2009. Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to send interested School Committee members to the NSBA Conference in San Diego, California, on April 4-7, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Trips**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following BHS out-of-state trip:

BHS Talent Search Students (approximately 30 students) to Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, on October 9, 2008

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following out-of-state trip:

BHS Concert Choir (approximately 45 students) to participate in the Fiesta-Val Competition in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on April 2-5, 2009

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mayor Harrington stated that Chronicle was in Brockton today to film good happenings in the community. One of the producers came to his office after spending time at Brockton High School and commented on the size and how well-behaved the kids were. He said that they were very respectful and orderly. Mayor Harrington stated that he was very proud and thanked Dr. Szachowicz and the students at the school. Dr. Szachowicz stated that the program should air some time in October, and she will let the members know the exact date.

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that he went to Wal-Mart this morning for the Teacher-of-the-Year presentation.

Mr. Minichiello stated that two weeks ago a producer was interviewing him on the lunch program and stated that he was at the high school two years ago and couldn't believe how quiet the hallways were and how well organized it was.

**Personnel  
Appointments**

Mr. Daley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the personnel appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel  
Action**

Mr. Daley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following personnel action:

1. Leaves of Absence
  - Rachel Kiourouktsidis – BHS (unpaid Personal – Eff. 9/2/08)
  - Maryann Hanson – Downey Paraprofessional (12 wk. FMLA – Eff. 9/18/08)
2. Resignations
  - Daniel Oullette – BHS (Eff. 9/5/08)
  - Ryan Schlossberg – Russell (Eff. 8/22/08)
  - Leanne Tarkanian – BHS (Eff. 8/27/08)
  - Gitana Blaufelder – Angelo MTA (Eff. 8/26/08)
  - Michael Delgado – Raymond MTA (Eff. 9/3/08)
  - Marthe Etienne – Downey MTA (Eff. 9/3/08)
  - Rabia Mifdal – Angelo MTA (Eff. 9/1/08)
  - Ana Pizarro – Downey MTA (Eff. 9/2/08)
  - Nancy Thomas – Plouffe MTA (Eff. 9/3/08)
  - Bret Bartholdson – Plouffe Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/4/08)
  - Karen Feeney – East JHS Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/29/08)
  - Susan Lima – Angelo Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/29/08)
  - Timothy Mack – Angelo Paraprofessional (Eff. 8/26/08)
  - Denise Seymour – Gilmore Academy (Eff. 9/3/08)
3. Retirement
  - Sylvia MacLeod – BHS Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/5/08)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Finance  
Subcommittee**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that the Finance Subcommittee met on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, on the Community School Driver's Education Program Fees for the 2008-2009 school year and the hiring of a consultant for the Superintendent Search. Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented. Mrs. Joyce stated that the subcommittee recommended that we not utilize an outside consulting firm, and that we utilize the resources we have in-house to save the funds that we would normally pay a consultant.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to increase the prices of the Driver's Education Program as stated on Enclosure 9 (see attached) with the stipulation that Mrs. Smith report back to the Committee in January.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Executive  
Session**

Mr. Daley moved to go into Executive Session with the expectation not to come back into general session. Mrs. Joyce stated that the purpose of the meeting is for an update on non-certified negotiations. Mayor Harrington called the Roll Call vote:

Daley	Yes	Bath	Yes
Minichiello	Yes	Joyce	Yes
Dobrowski	Yes	Foley	Yes
Beyer	Yes	Chair	Yes

Voted: to go into Executive Session, unanimously

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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