

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; Mr. Daley, Vice-Chair; Mr. Hancock; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Foley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary

Absent: Mr. Belcher

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

### **Approval of Records**

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on September 5, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

### **Reconfiguration Task Force**

Superintendent Nembirkow stated that the completion of the new school buildings at the Colonel Bell Drive and Quincy Street sites, with a combined capacity of more than 1,500 seats, will have a major impact on the use of all other school buildings and affords us a timely opportunity to review districtwide grade configurations, examine more closely the viability of continuing to use some century-old buildings for K-8 purposes, optimize the use of instructional space and control spiraling transportation costs. Clearly, he said, this requires a broad-scope planning effort that should begin as soon as possible and include a fair representation of the district's main stakeholders.

Mr. Daley, Vice-Chair, then discussed the composition of the Reconfiguration Task Force: two School Committee members; four Executive Team members; two K-8 teachers: one elementary and one middle school; two K-8 principals: one elementary and one middle school; one Brockton Education Association representative; seven parents and three alternate parents, and three special interest parents representing special education, TAG and the bilingual programs.

The task force will meet weekly to review, analyze and discuss changes to the existing school system model and develop reconfiguration options for review and recommendation by the Superintendent for further action by the School Committee. Parents who volunteer to serve on the task force will be selected through a process ensuring equitable representation from all areas of the city as well as the various school programs.

A very lengthy discussion was held regarding topics, i.e., process for selection and assignments of members, the best methods to notify parents of the opportunity to make application, and the frequency of meetings, as well as the task force timeline.

Mr. Daley then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to establish a Districtwide Reconfiguration Task Force with the amendment that *the School Committee will serve as the final arbiters of the selection process.*

Voted: to adopt recommendation, as amended, unanimously

Following the vote, concerns were expressed with respect to timelines, and Superintendent Nembirkow recommended that a Special Meeting of the School Committee could be scheduled on October 23, 2007, for the purpose of finalizing the formation of the Districtwide Reconfiguration Task Force.

Mr. Hancock moved the abovementioned recommendation by Superintendent Nembirkow.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Approval of Trip**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to authorize approximately 160 West Junior High School students to attend a live performance of A Christmas Carol at the Roberts Auditorium in Providence, RI, on November 26, 2007, with the contingency that the ratio of students to chaperones is 10:1, per policy.

On the motion, Mr. Foley inquired as to the number of buses, and Mr. Jerome responded. Mr. Jerome also stated that he believed the students’ teachers were in addition to the chaperones mentioned in this request, a point that Mrs. Joyce felt was unclear.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, as amended, unanimously

**CSAB Minutes**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the Minutes of the Community School Advisory Board Meeting on June 13, 2007.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel Appointments**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #5.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel Action**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #6:

**Leaves of Absence:**

Andrade, Francisca, Nurse	Gilmore	8 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 1/22/08
Hunt, Megan, Teacher	Downey	8 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 12/11/07
Kay, Danielle, Teacher	Huntington	12 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 12/20/07
Nash, Susan, Teacher	Brookfield	8 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 11/30/07
O’Connor, Suzanne, Teacher	Angelo	8 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 10/31/07

**Resignations:**

Blanchard, Michael, Teacher	BHS	Eff. 9/18/07
Hancock, James, Teacher	Brookfield	Eff. 10/12/07
Isenstadt, Donald, MTA	West JHS	Eff. 9/20/07
Gustafson, Danielle, Para	BHS	Eff. 9/5/07
Johnson, Maria, Para	Keith	Eff. 9/28/07

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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