

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the Cafetorium of the new Mary E. Baker School at seven-thirty o'clock.

Present: Mayor Harrington, Chair; Mr. Minichiello; Mr. Bath; Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Foley; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Dr. Dukess, Deputy Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary; Mrs. Joyce, Vice-Chair

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

**Approval of Records**

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee on October 7, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**2008 MCAS Results**

Dr. Dukess introduced Mr. Suziedelis, Executive Director for Accountability, Planning and Technology, to give the PowerPoint Presentation on the *2008 MCAS Test Results, Adequate Yearly Progress Determinations and the NCLB Testing Requirement*.

Mr. Suziedelis gave District, State and Large Urban District Comparison Performance Index (CPI) assessments throughout the report for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science, by grade. Specific Brockton schools were mentioned in the report for their increased proficiency rates, some having gained more than 20% proficiency between 2006 and 2008. The report demonstrated how Brockton Schools are improving. The final item mentioned in the report discussed Brockton Schools' Performance vs State Target for ELA and Mathematics through the school year 2014.

Following the report, School Committee members asked questions which were responded to by Mr. Suziedelis and Dr. Dukess. Committee members thanked Mr. Suziedelis for the information and commended him and the School Department on a job well done.

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

At this time, Mayor Harrington thanked Donna Haymes, Principal of the Mary E. Baker School, for her hospitality in hosting the School Committee meeting this evening. He said that there is no better indication of the City's commitment to education than being able to walk into a school building like the Baker School.

**Authorization to Submit Proposal**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to submit the *FY2009 Academic Support Services Allocation RFP* to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and, if successful, the expenditure of funds.

The School Department’s Academic Support Services will focus on students in Classes 2009, 2010 and 2011 who have scored in the warning/failing or needs improvement levels on their most recent MCAS tests in ELA, Mathematics and/or Science. Academic remediation services will also be offered to students in these classes who have not taken the MCAS, but whose Individual Student Success Plans recommend additional support services in order to gain the skills and knowledge needed to pass the 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS test, required for graduation.

Additionally, a standards-based Credit Recovery Program will be provided after-school as an academic “safety net” to proactively address the needs of at-risk students in the class of 2012 that have failed the first two terms of high-stakes academic courses.

The DESE has published a total allocation of \$179,500 for the Brockton Public Schools.

A brief discussion took place following the motion regarding length of the grant and funding.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**CSAB Minutes**

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the September 10, 2008 Minutes of the Community School Advisory Board .

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Approval of Trip**

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve five students from the BHS International Club and one chaperone to participate in the UN Rotary International Day at UN Headquarters in New York City on November 8, 2008. The day trip is self-funded.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Acceptance of Donation**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept a donation of \$1,000 for rewards, incentives and materials for students and programs at the Lincoln School from Mr. Francis Garcea, Chief Executive Officer for Jon L. Jenmarc, Inc.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Minichiello thanked Mr. Garcea, who was seated in the audience, for his generous donation.

**Personnel Appts.**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

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 #8:

**Leaves of Absence:**

Clark, Kaitlin, BHS, teacher	Granted 8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 12/11/08
Hume, Sheila, Angelo, teacher	Granted 12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 12/24/08
Gerry, Martha, Keith, Para.	Granted up to 12 Wk. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 10/9/08

**Resignations:**

Badger, Larisa, teacher, WJHS	Eff: 11/14/08
Mosher-Hill, Dixie, Para., Downey	Eff. 10/17/08

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Curriculum Subcommittee Report**

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the report of the Curriculum Subcommittee meeting on October 21, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Superintendent Search Subcommittee Report**

Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the report of the Superintendent Search Subcommittee meeting on October 21, 2008.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**New Business**

Mr. Minichiello took this opportunity to thank Mr. Hayden, Mr. McGarry and the Brockton Public Schools staff for proficiently controlling traffic at the school polling places on Election Day.

Mr. Minichiello also thanked Virginia Lynch, Executive Director for PreK-5 Teaching & Learning, and Deputy Superintendent Susan Dukess for meeting with parents at the Hancock School on November 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the changes and proposals for the standards-based report cards. The parents appreciated receiving the information and there will be much feedback.

Mr. Minichiello mentioned the Gilmore Academy event that was much like an “Epcot” night, and said that Chartwells Food Service, teachers and students did a wonderful job putting the event together.

Mr. Minichiello also congratulated Thomas Kenney, Athletics Director, and Peter Caruso, Coordinator of Physical Education, K-8, on a job well done hosting the recent all-star soccer game during very cold temperatures, and added that the *pumpkin decorating* evening event at the Hancock School was a success.

Mr. Bath mentioned that the BHS JROTC, this Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, will be defending the Governor's Cup. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and all are welcome to attend and volunteer.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Susan Dukess  
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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