

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 o'clock.

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

Absent: Mayor Balzotti

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

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Balzotti explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda, and asked if School Committee members wished to remove any items from it. There were no requests made regarding the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Beyer then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the SC on September 21, 2011
- September 2011 Supervisor of Attendance Report
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Appointments
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action: LOA's; Resignations; Change of Retirement Date

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Report on School Improvement Plans

West Middle School/
Louis F. Angelo School/
Electronic Database

Deputy Superintendent John Jerome stated that School Committee members requested a presentation on School Improvement Plans. He said that this evening's presentation is a team effort comprised of three groups: **1)** Clifford Murray, Principal and Juliana Kennard, Associate Principal – West Middle School; **2)** Ryan Powers, Principal, Louis F. Angelo School; **3)** Christine Olansen-Rilli, Associate Principal, South Middle School and Maureen Lovett, Director, Student Information System/Data Services.

After each presentation, School Committee members asked questions of the presenters, and the following highlights of the revised School Improvement Plans were discussed:

- parent input via PAC meetings
- the adoption of high order thinking skills
- staff buy-in and community member serving on board
- teachers are learning more from each other in best practices during their department meetings
- teachers share information all the time
- better technology, i.e., Promethean Boards; Elmo

- professional development is critical
- focus of school Walkthrough and rubric, (developing; providing; sustaining), established by school
- now looking at one to two initiatives in each course
- electronic database provides ease of use
- determining who will have access to database/access is internal/security and confidentiality are issues
- increased better teaching/best practices

RttT Mr. Jerome said that a request for information was made by School Committee regarding RttT. He said that three major components of RttT will be briefly presented this evening.

Pathway Center Presenters were Heather Arrighi, Entrepreneur, and Dr. Salvatore Terrasi, Executive Director for Pupil Personnel Services, who spoke about *Pathway Center Initiatives*;
 Community Schools Kathleen Smith, Director of Community Schools and Laurie Silva, 21st Century Coordinator, who spoke on the *Unification of the Afternoon Academy and Night School*;
 BHS STEM and Sharon Wolder, BHS Associate Principal, Robert Perkins, BHS Math Department Head, Donna Burrill, Director, Business Technology & Career Education, Jonathan Shapiro, Science Department Head, who offered a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on *Brockton High School STEM*.

Following the presentation, School Committee questions focused on the following topics:

- Hospital Stepdown Program (Pathway Center Initiatives)
- Wonder Ts Workshop (Pathway Center Initiatives)

Regarding the STEM report:

- extreme shortage of teachers to teach in nursing program/expansion of the program for next year
- the level of algebra being taught should be able to be transferred to the student's college
- use of Robotics I & II/MIT Lego Mindstorm kits as an educational tool
- Bio-tech lab: space, equipment and partnering with businesses to possibly donate equipment

Dr. Malone said that he will bring the School Committee periodic updates on RttT.

Mr. Daley moved to accept the above presentations regarding School Improvement Plans and RttT.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Unfinished Business Dr. Malone announced that Mr. Petronio could not attend this evening's meeting, and the *Financial/Overtime Report* will be added to the next School Committee agenda.

Bid Review Subcommittee

Mr. Minichiello, Chair, read the report of the October 17, 2011, Bid Review Subcommittee meeting.

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to accept the above report.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to award the *FY2012 Paving Work bid at Paine School* to Paul J. Rogan Co., Inc., Braintree, MA at \$30,575.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Accounts Review Subcommittee

Mrs. Beyer, Chair, read the report of the October 17, 2011, Accounts Review Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Daley made the motion to accept the above report.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Executive Session

Mr. Daley moved to go into Executive Session to continue a matter previously discussed in an Executive Session at the Special Meeting of the School Committee scheduled at 6 p.m., and not return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Minichiello then called the Roll Call vote:

Mr. Daley	yes	Mr. Carpenter	yes
Mr. Bath	yes	Mrs. Joyce	yes
Mrs. Beyer	yes	Mr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Minichiello	yes		

Voted: to go into Executive Session and not return to the Regular Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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