

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: 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 7:03 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. Mr. Minichiello requested **Enclosure #2, Acceptance of Donations** be removed.

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

- Regular SC Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2011
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Appointments
- Acceptance of Notification of Personnel Action
- Acceptance of Notification of School Department Community School Advisory Representative
- Accounts Review Subcommittee Minutes of September 7, 2011

Voted: to adopt motion, unanimously

Mr. Minichiello then recognized the Costco Wholesale Corporation of Avon, MA, and the Child Support Enforcement office for their donations to the Mary E. Baker School. Mr. Minichiello moved to accept the donations and send letters of acknowledgment to the donors.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Communication

Mr. Minichiello moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Brockton Public Schools buildings as polling places for the 2011 election cycle: Kennedy, Huntington, Hancock, West Middle, Gilmore, Davis, East Middle, Downey, Brookfield, Ashfield Middle, North Middle and the Raymond schools.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Learning & Teaching

Dr. Malone announced that learning and teaching is ongoing in the Brockton Public Schools. He visited the Huntington and Angelo schools today. He also visited the Marciano Stadium and gave an update report. This Friday's game will not be held at home

due to ongoing construction. BHS vs. Xaverian will be held at Xaverian. Enhancements to the stadium include: painting the field house, concession stand, press box and ticket booth; seal coating all tar areas and cleaning all grounds to have a completely restored track and field. *“After two inches of rain the other day, the field kept completely dry,”* Dr. Malone said.

Mr. Sullivan congratulated the BPS administration, School Committee and members of City Council for getting the stadium project underway. *“It will be better than Gillette Stadium,”* he said. Dr. Malone gave additional thanks to the athletic director, coaches, administrative staff, parents and students.

Dr. Malone informed School Committee of the establishment of the *Teacher-Administrator Evaluation Task Force*, a team of eight which includes four BEA members. The group will work through March, and Dr. Malone will give the Committee monthly updates.

Dr. Malone then informed the School Committee that each member will be given an iPad as part of the technology pilot. Participation by Committee members will provide valuable data in the outcome of the pilot, as well as strengthen the pursuit to enhance *Communications*, thus attaining the strategic goal.

East Middle School Redesign Update

Dr. Malone then called upon East Middle School Principal Kelly Silva to give the update report on the East Middle School Redesign Plan. Ms. Kelly first thanked the School Committee for their support, as well as Huntington Principal June Saba and her staff, and the technology staff. Ms. Kelly and Celeste Hoeg, Associate Principal, gave the PowerPoint presentation. The report was broken down into the following headings: Structure; Professional Development; Student Programming and Technology Support; Culture and Instruction; Technology; Family Connections; and Community Partnership.

A lengthy discussion by School Committee members took place after the update report was given regarding the following: *PBIS/proactive approach on discipline; bilingual students attending North Middle School and how they are chosen; the shared East and North Middle School curriculum; Adult ESL Family Connections survey; Project Runway; and student uniforms.*

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

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Item to Refer Subcommittee

Dr. Malone referred discussion on a *Social Networking policy* for BPS to the Policy Subcommittee.

Mr. Carpenter inquired about the report regarding new teacher hires that was sent to School Committee in the previous Information Bulletin, and Dr. Malone responded. Mr. Carpenter also asked about the size of Kindergarten classes, i.e., classes of 28 students. Dr. Malone said that the School Department is experiencing the highest enrollment in the last five years, saying that the possibility of looking for other buildings is in the future.

Mr. Carpenter asked if there was any place to add more classrooms, and Mr. Jerome said that, to do so, would require strategy and balance. Mr. Carpenter asked that the School Committee be kept informed over the next two meetings.

New Business

Mr. Bath asked when the School Committee would be receiving information/an update on consultants being used in the Brockton Public Schools, and Dr. Malone said that the report is being worked on, and it should be ready, soon.

Mr. Carpenter announced the launching of a Recovery High School led by the North River Collaborative and Brockton Public Schools. He said that an incredible team effort was put forth and thanked all participants. Mr. Carpenter said that he hopes the school will open in December 2011, adding that there will be an open house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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