

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. Robinson, Mr. Donegan, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Healy, Mrs. Joyce, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Jerome, 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 7:01 p.m., followed by the posting of the Colors by the Brockton High School JROTC.

The meeting this evening began in the auditorium for student recognitions, and Mayor Balzotti stated that Brockton can be very proud of its youth; she congratulated them for their success.

The following student awards were announced by the presenters:

- John Hopkins University (Ms. Joan Farrington)
- Regional Science Fair (Ms. Joan Farrington)
- Massachusetts Middle School Science and Engineering Fair
- MCAS Perfect Scores (Dr. Ethan Cancell)
- Spelling Bee (Dr. Julianne Andrade)
- Thomas Edison Essay (Dr. Julianne Andrade)
- National History Day Competition (Ms. Michele Conners, Ms. Eileen McQuaid)
- Scholastic Art Awards (Ms. Sarah Richards)
- BHS Drama Club New England Drama Festival State Finalists (Ms. Richards)
- National Latin Exam and M.E.D.U.S.A. Mythology Exam (Ms. Jane Rizzitano)
- All State Music Festival (Mr. Vincent Macrina)
- State Championship Drill Team (Col. Robert Tripp)
- All Scholastics, 2012-2013 (Mr. William Devin)

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting was moved to the Little Theatre, and reconvened at 8:18 p.m. after a brief recess.

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. Mr. Jerome asked the Committee to consider an out-of-state field trip request that was not included in the printed agenda; he said that the Brookfield School has requested permission to take their grade five class of 100 students and 20 chaperones to Canobie Lake Park on June 19th.

Mr. Minichiello then moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- *Minutes of May 21, 2013 Regular School Committee Meeting*
- *Minutes of Public Hearing on School Choice on May 21, 2013*
- *Report of Finance Subcommittee Meeting on May 8, 2012*
- *Accounts Review Subcommittee Report of May 14, 2013*
- *Bid Review Subcommittee Report – May 29, 2013*
- *CSAB Minutes of April 10, 2013*
- *May, 2013 Report of Chief Supervisor of Attendance*
- *Notification of Personnel Action: Resignation, Retirement, Change of Retirement Date*
- *Huntington School Out-of-State Field Trip Request*
- *Brookfield School Out-of-State Field Trip Request*
- *2012-2013 School Closing Date*
- *2013 – 2014 School Committee Regular Meeting Dates*

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jerome announced that the School Department has presented a budget that balances with the Mayor's figures; a public hearing has been scheduled for June 18, 2013.

Items to Refer to Subcommittee

Mr. Carpenter referred an issue with regard to First Student Transportation's response to inquiries about student pick up and drop off, to the Safety/Security/Transportation Subcommittee.

Mr. Carpenter referred the issue of a "residency preference in hiring" practice for Brockton Public Schools to a Policy Subcommittee meeting.

New Business

Mr. Minichiello gave a brief report on the Finance Subcommittee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. He asked the School Committee to vote on the recommendations from the Finance Subcommittee.

Mr. Minichiello moved to accept the Superintendent's modified, FY 2014 School Department budget of \$156,952,627 Net Spending, and \$7,340,522 Non-Net Spending, to meet the proposed budget forecast from the Mayor that will be brought before the City Council.

Voted: to approve the motion, unanimous.

Mr. Minichiello moved to approve the recommendation to close the FY 2013 School Department budget, except for emergencies and those anticipated needs during the last months of school.

Voted: to approve the recommendation, unanimous.

Mr. Healy stated that he attended the senior prom and congratulated the seniors on their good conduct and excellent behavior.

The Mayor congratulated all 2013 Brockton Public Schools retirees who will be honored on June 6th at a recognition event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Jerome

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