

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theatre of Brockton High School, at seven o'clock. These minutes contain a summary of the meeting and list items that were under discussion.

Present: Mr. Minichiello, Vice-Chair; Ms. Asack, Mr. D'Agostino, Mr. Gormley, Ms. Plant, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Sullivan, Superintendent Smith, Secretary

Absent: Mayor Carpenter

Also Present: Executive Team, Principal McGrath, Stephen McGunnigal, Dave Mangus, Jonathan Shapiro,

Mr. Minichiello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag. He announced that school committee would begin the meeting in the auditorium for the annual Student Awards Ceremony and return to the little theatre afterwards. **Mrs. Sullivan moved to suspend the meeting in order to attend the ceremony; the vote was unanimous.**

School Committee resumed the meeting at 8:07p.m. after a motion to reconvene by Mr. D'Agostino and a unanimous vote.

Hearing of Visitors

Mr. Minichiello explained protocol for the hearing of visitors then invited the following to address school committee:

Allison Colarusso, Davis School SEI teacher who received a pink slip, spoke against eliminating teaching positions.

Susan Guidaboni, Brookfield School SEI teacher who received a blue slip, against eliminating teaching positions, citing SEI compliance issues.

Juliette Coughlin, BHS English teacher, in support of preserving libraries staffed with certified librarians.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Minichiello explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda and asked committee members if they wanted to remove any items for discussion; there were no requests.

Mr. Sullivan moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent announced she would begin her report with the presentation of the Barconcelli Award, and invited Director of Community Schools Maxine Richardson forward.

Mrs. Richardson announced that Mr. Robert "Bobby" Bonnette, founder of Save our Sports, would receive this year's award for his significant contributions to

Brockton High School Sports, Save Our Sports, and the Brockton community. She invited Mr. Tom Kenney and Mr. Tom Pileski to talk about Mr. Bonnette's rich history of supporting athletics in Brockton, including his time as a student at Brockton High. Mr. Pileski said Mr. Bonnette has raised tens of thousands of dollars for student sports. Superintendent Smith added that most recently, during the 2015 budget crisis, Save Our Sports stepped in and provided funding for intramural sports programs. Mr. Bonnette received a standing ovation. Mrs. Richardson announced that Mr. Bonnette will also be honored at the June 17th Rox game.

Superintendent Smith addressed the teachers who spoke at the Hearing of Visitors earlier this evening, telling them that "each and every teacher is important to us." She emphasized that school committee and administration continue to work hard in the best interest of our students and community, and asked them to "hang in there with us" as they continue to work with contract issues and funding, she assured them that compliance and class sizes are a priority.

Presentation: Boxer Mentor Program

Mr. Stephen McGunnigal, along with freshman mentor Jack Pires, gave a power point presentation about the program, which pairs high school students with elementary students. Mr. McGunnigal said his program began four years ago with 18 applicants in 2012 and six matches, the word has spread and next year he has 75 high school applicants, he will match 20 mentors and mentees. This year he is expanding his program to include ten students from the Raymond School.

Mr. D'Agostino said the presentation reinforces how impressive Brockton students are, school committee members thanked Mr. McGunnigal for this excellent program. Mentor Jack Pires said as a mentor he has taken away that it is important for younger people to have someone in high school to look up to.

Presentation: BHS Biotechnology Program

Instructor Dr. Dave Mangus reported that the first cohort of six students from the 4-year Biotechnology program graduated this year. Dr. Mangus invited students from the BioBuilder program to speak about their experience in the biotechnology program. Nick Alvarez, Aysha-Eleni Cheretakis, and David Joseph gave an exciting presentation about the positive impact the program has had on their educational experience at BHS. The students talked about their biological decaffeination project which they were able to present to scientists and industry professionals at Lab Central in Cambridge, The Museum of Science in Boston, and through an online synthetic biology conference (Biotreks). The project successfully created an environmentally safer, quicker, less-expensive and more consistent method of decaffeinating beverages. Following the presentation, Mr. Minichiello said the school committee needs to have a tour of the new updated lab and commended the students; Mr. Gormley also commended the students and instructors Mangus and Shapiro and said he is pleased to see students excited about STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics).

Presentation: Raymond School

Principal McGrath and half-time Assistant Principal Marybeth O'Brien gave a power point presentation with respect to the school's reconfiguration from a K-8 to a K-5, Extended Learning Time (ELT) school. Some key changes included:

- Two additional hours of learning time on Monday and Tuesday, one benefit is that students have time to work on hands-on, project based activities
- The new, highly engaging Imagine Learning Computer Program, an adaptive reading program that is partly funded by the ELT grant which all children have access to in school and can also work at home
- REACH Reading Curriculum, a non-fiction reading curriculum partly funded by the ELT grant
- Better social emotional climate
- Instructional Collaboration for Excellence – professional development that for staff that has been well-received, this has given teacher a voice in some of the instructional planning going on at the school
- Uniforms – this voluntary initiative has been well-received by parents, the school year began with 75% participation this year. A recent parent survey received 400 parent responses, with 89% in favor of uniforms.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Ms. McGrath and Ms. O'Brien for the presentation and said they were instrumental in the success of the reconfiguration. He also expressed his support for school uniforms. Mr. D'Agostino said he has seen the benefits of the ELT at the Huntington School and he is glad to see it extended to the Raymond.

Ms. McGrath invited school committee members to attend the June 16th launch of the new UNIDOS Portuguese Immersion Program. The program will start with 54 kindergarten students in September.

The Superintendent thanked Mrs. McGrath and Ms. O'Brien for the presentation and said she is very excited to begin the UNIDOS program, the culmination of the District Capacity Project which started in 2012.

School Committee Summer Meeting Schedule

The Superintendent recommended July 19th and August 16th as the summer meeting dates for consideration; there were no objections.

Mr. Gormley moved to accept the summer schedule; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Updated School Committee Policies

The Superintendent said the twelve policies listed in the agenda were presented to school committee at the May 31st Policy meeting and a vote to adopt these updated policies is needed to comply with general laws.

Ms. Plant moved to approve the policies that were presented at the May 31, 2016 Policy Subcommittee meeting; the vote was unanimous.

FY2017 Budget Update

Superintendent Smith reported that the budget was presented to City Council on Monday; another Finance subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:30 p.m. to further review and prioritize the budget and to discuss the non-net transportation budget. In addition to ongoing efforts to find additional funding, next steps include bringing someone on to work with direct certification, developing a task force to work with the parent information center and with a number of the agencies with respect to direct certification, continuing with the advocacy program.

The Superintendent acknowledged the following accomplishments:

- All Enterprise All-Scholastics award winners;
- The 150th Brockton High School graduation on Saturday, which included members of the 100th graduating class of 1966 and graduates from the alternative schools. The Superintendent thanked Principal Wolder, staff and BHS graduates for the ceremony that went off without a hitch
- All BHS staff for their dedication and tireless work during this season of proms, award ceremonies and other end of year celebrations.
- Ten juniors received the prestigious Book Awards, educational leaders.

Mr. Minichiello commended Principal Wolder and the entire staff – custodians, school police, teachers, the BHS printshop, all who were involved in the graduation ceremony, for making it a successful event. He was particularly pleased to note the inclusiveness that is evident in the student body. On a different note, he said he was very displeased with the valedictorian speech given by a former Brockton student at the East Bridgewater graduation; he has drafted a letter to the East Bridgewater School Committee in response.

**ITEMS TO REFER
TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Superintendent said she would like to have a Finance meeting on Tuesday June 14th, the committee confirmed a 6:30 p.m. start time.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

The Superintendent reminded school committee that student handbooks will be on the June 21st agenda for approval; members received copies of all handbooks May 20th and 24th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Smith, JD Superintendent/Secretary

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