

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. 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, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Sullivan, Superintendent Smith

Also Present: Executive Team

Absent: Mayor Carpenter

Mr. Minichiello called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. He announced that Mayor Carpenter is away in Washington DC and will be advocating with respect to the FY18 budget.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Minichiello explained the purpose of the Consent Agenda and asked members if there were any requests to remove items for further discussion. Ms. Plant asked to remove Item A, Minutes of the May 2, 2017 School Committee Meeting.

Mr. D'Agostino moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following remaining items from the consent agenda, the motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan:

- Item B, Raymond School Out-of-State Field Trip to Canobie Lake Park
- Item C, BHS JROTC Boys and Girls State Program Overnight Field Trip
- Item D, BHS JROTC Cadet Leadership Camp, Ayer, MA
- Item E, Authorization to Submit FY18 Preschool Expansion Planning Grant
- Item F, Authorization to Submit FY18 Coordinated Family and Community Engagement
- Item G, Notification of Non-certified Personnel Appointment/s
- Item H, Notification of Personnel Actions: Leaves of Absence, Resignations, Retirements

Voted: to approve the motion, unanimous.

With respect to Item A, Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Regular School Committee Meeting, Ms. Plant asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that she opposed the motion to add two additional half days to the last week of school. Mr. Minichiello said this can be corrected and accepted without a motion if Ms. Plant was agreeable, she said that would be fine.

Ms. Plant moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2017 with the correction to the vote on additional half days showing both herself and Mr. Gormley voting against the motion, the motion was seconded by Ms. Asack.

Voted: to approve the motion, unanimous.

Recognitions

The Superintendent began by saying that since she has been Superintendent, Empower Yourself has blossomed. She invited Mr. Minichiello to introduce Mr. Cedric Turner, Founder and Executive Director.

**Cedric Turner/
Empower Yourself**

Mr. Minichiello said that Mr. Turner is tremendous with respect to financial literacy as well as motivating the students, and he was pleased to invite him to speak to school committee about the program.

Mr. Turner announced that the Brockton High School Empower Yourself team has just won the Massachusetts "stock pitch" competition held in Wrentham, MA, and will be traveling to Los Angeles to compete at the national level. He went on to talk about how the students are gaining access to prestigious colleges and companies, even internships, as they learn and compete. He said his program at the high school has 38 students and is running out of space, there are 25 and 29 students at North and Ashfield middle schools, respectively, Brockton teams have earned high respect at financial literacy competitions. Several of Mr. Turner's students came forward to talk to school committee about what the program has meant to them.

Following Mr. Turner's presentation he received a certificate of appreciation from the school committee. Mr. Minichiello announced that the Empower Yourself gala will be held on June 15th and tickets are available.

**Cansery Goguette
2017 Adult Student
Outstanding Student
Of the Year**

The Superintendent called on Kathleen Quinn, Coordinator of the Adult Learning Center, to introduce Mr. Cansery Goguette, one of her students who was recently named the 2017 Outstanding Student of the Year by the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education. Cansery was honored at an event last Friday in Marlboro.

Mr. Goguette spoke briefly, he said he came from Haiti with his two sons after the earthquake of 2010 with no English at all. He thanked his teachers, the Brockton School Committee, and the state for the support and assistance he has received. Mr. Goguette accepted a certificate of recognition from the school committee.

**BHS Engineering Club
Park Design**

The Superintendent invited instructor Mark Brady and several of the BHS Engineering Club members to present their park design via a power point presentation. She said she was very impressed when she saw the presentation at the Mayor's Youth Summit held earlier this month. The group designed a modern, city park to be all-inclusive, multi-purpose, self-sustaining and eco-friendly. Students responded to questions from school committee.

**Superintendent's
Report**

The Superintendent's report included the following updates and announcements:

Advocacy meetings continued, on May 4th she met with Senate Ways and Means Vice-chair Sal DiDomenico, together with Senator Brady and Aldo Petronio where they talked about getting 100% charter reimbursement; the Mayor met with Governor Baker on May 11th to continue to have discussions about our budget; the advocacy campaign for the Save Our Schools-Brockton Kids Count (SOSBKC) will kick off on Tuesday, May 30th in the red and yellow cafeterias at Brockton High School from 6 – 8 p.m.

Summer Campership Fundraiser – The Superintendent congratulated Guidance Department Head John Snelgrove and Communications Officer Michele Bolton on a very successful fundraiser to support camp scholarships for Brockton students. The fundraiser was held at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, and included raffle items of gift baskets donated by schools and departments across the district. The fundraiser netted roughly \$10,000. On a sad note, the Superintendent extended condolences to Mr. Snelgrove on the loss of his mother.

Angella Henry, co-founder of the DJ Dream Fund, recently notified the Superintendent that Good Sports, an organization that donates athletic equipment to children in need, is interested in meeting with her and other staff with respecting to a donation for Brockton schools.

SPRINT 1MILLION – The Superintendent was notified on Monday that the Brockton school district has been accepted into Sprint's 1Million Project; she reminded the committee that Brockton was accepted into the pilot program last year, Sprint will provide 400 additional lines for next year.

The Arnone School, with district administrators and a representative from school committee, will meet with DESE on Monday as part of the application process to secure a \$300,000 grant to support a turnaround plan for the school. The Superintendent thanked Principal Proudler, the district support team and all who have been part of the monitoring site visit process that has been going on since January.

On May 5th Jonathan Shapiro and Alison Ramsey attended the Urban Superintendent's meeting with the Superintendent where revisions to ELA, Math and science and technology standards were discussed.

Notification about the additional half-days at the end of the school year was sent to all Brockton Public Schools families through a connect-ed call, reminders will continue to go out.

Communications Officer Michele Bolton will post budget/finance information on the BPS website, including barometers, minutes and other important documents as we go through the budget process.

Congratulations to the staff and students who were a part of the very successful production of Sister Act.

Congratulations to Lt. Colonel Richard Clark and the JROTC program for a successful Dining Out event, which highlighted how integral the program is in the Brockton Public Schools.

Vote on School Choice

Mr. Minichiello gave the following report on the School Choice Public Hearing: Earlier this evening, at 6:45 p.m., school committee held a public hearing as required each year by law. At that hearing the public is given the opportunity to talk about school choice, seeing no one was there to speak, the hearing was closed. School Committee members discussed the pros and cons of participating in school choice, the item was placed on the agenda for a vote tonight.

Mr. Sullivan moved to accept the report of the Public Hearing on School Choice; the motion was properly seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sullivan moved to continue to participate in the School Choice program for 2017-2018 as in the past; the motion was properly seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Items to Refer To Subcommittee

No items were referred for subcommittee.

New Business

Mr. Gormley congratulated the outdoor track teams at the conclusion of their season, he reported the men's team was undefeated and the women's team had only 1 loss.

Seeing no further business, Ms. Sullivan moved to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Smith, JD
Superintendent/ Secretary

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Handouts: Park Design Power Point