

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theatre in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock.

Present: Mr. Daley, Vice-Chair; Mr. Hancock; Mr. Belcher; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Foley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary

Absent: Mayor Harrington

These minutes contain a summary for the meeting and list items that were under discussion.

Mr. Daley called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Elizabeth Mency spoke on the Belmont Street School and discussed the impact a move would have on the students.

Superintendent Nembirkow said that he had received a call from the Under Secretary of Education in Washington D. C. who will be in Brockton on June 14, 2007, for a meeting with Brockton High School, Massasoit Community College and Stonehill College regarding plans and costs for higher education. The Under Secretary will be given a tour of Brockton High School.

The Superintendent also announced the upcoming Northeast Superintendents Leadership Council's annual meeting this Thursday in Rhode Island. Seventy-five superintendents from the northeast states and New York will attend the meeting, and Brockton High School, represented by Dr. Susan Szachowicz, will have a featured presentation on the topic of closing the gap between the minority and majority students. A number of keynote speakers from the various Universities will address the group, as well.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on March 20, 2007.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Approval of Funding/
Nat'l History Day

With great pleasure, the Superintendent introduced the student winners of the Massachusetts National History Day State Competition: Ketiana Bastia, Michelle Dang, Brianna Mederios and Debbie Nguyen. Mr. Nembirkow said that the students, under the direction of their teacher/advisor William Szachowicz, would now represent Massachusetts at the nationwide finals at the University of Maryland from Sunday, June 10, to Thursday, June 14, 2007.

The trip will cost a total of \$2,125.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the above trip for William Szachowicz and the abovementioned students, from June 10 through 14, 2007, which will be funded by the Brockton School Committee.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Dr. Szachowicz then announced that the students would perform at this time-- a ten minute presentation on the role of women during World War II.

Superintendent Nembirkow thanked Mr. Szachowicz and the students for their performance and representation and gave his best wishes for success at the finals.

BHS Credit
Recovery Program

Superintendent Nembirkow introduced Dr. Susan Szachowicz to begin the presentation on the Brockton High School Credit Recovery Program. Dr. Szachowicz said that there is a concern, nationwide, about the success of ninth graders. She introduced Sharon Wolder, Housemaster, and Michael Thomas, Assistant Housemaster, both members of the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) training, who will discuss the goals of the Credit Recovery Program at Brockton High School.

Ms. Wolder and Mr. Thomas distributed a report that included information on the program description, goals, requirements, selection criteria and a student-parent permission slip, requiring both the parent and student signatures. They said that they have met with every freshman in the high school. Both administrators discussed in detail Credit Recovery English and Math. The Budget for Credit Recovery is \$8,474.90.

Mr. Thomas discussed the Credit Recovery goals for next year and thanked both Laurie Silva, Coordinator for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and James Hayden, Executive Director for Communications, Community Schools and Development, for their valuable assistance and support.

School Committee members thanked Ms. Wolder and Mr. Thomas for their report, and a lengthy discussion took place.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the above Report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Authorization to
Submit Proposal

The Massachusetts Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (MA DOE 21ST CCLC) issued an RFP for a competitive grant opportunity. The purpose of this grant is to provide students with academic enrichment opportunities in an after school setting that are designed to complement student's regular school day academic programs. The grant award would be approximately \$250,000.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the above proposal and, if successful, the spending of the funds.

On the motion, Mr. Foley inquired about the status of the grant, and Laurie Silva, Coordinator of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, explained that the grant was new.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

CSAB Minutes

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the March 14, 2007 Minutes of the Community School Advisory Board.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Approval of
Out-of-State
Trips

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Out-of-State Trips:

- a. Angelo School, Grade 6, to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH, on May 31, 2007
- b. East JHS, Grades 7 and 8, to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH, on May 31, 2007

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Notification
Personnel Appts.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Notification
Personnel Action

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #8:

Leaves of Absence (Teachers):

Kelly Acosta	BHS	6 Week Maternity, Eff. 11/03/07
Marya Baldwin	East	Extending Maternity for remainder of 2006-07, Eff. 4/10/07
John Barry	BHS	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Jody Beaulieu	Downey	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Meagan Dussault	BHS	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Natalie Eick	East	12 Week Maternity, Eff. 10/09/07
Rachel Fotiadis	BHS	Unpaid Family Medical, Eff. 4/12-30/07
Renae Fulkerson-Keszycski	Angelo	12 Maternity, Eff. 5/21/07
Laurie Gregory	Brookfield	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Anala Guertin	Brookfield	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08

Mary Kate Kennedy	Ashfield	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Cristina Lobato	East	12 Week Maternity, Eff. 5/8/07
Heather Mierzwinski	Hancock	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Jennifer Sears	Franklin	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Jessica Serino	Davis	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08
Elizabeth Zack	Gilmore	Alternative Career, School Yr. 2007-08

(Paraprofessionals):

Christina Efremidis	Hancock	12 Week Maternity, Eff. 4/9/07
Linda O'Connell	Arnone	12 Week Unpaid Family Medical Eff. 4/13/07
Kerry Pasquarose	BHS	12 Week Unpaid Family Medical Eff. 3/2/07

Resignations (Teachers):

Erin Botelho	BHS	Eff. 6/18/07
Emily Dempsey	Huntington	Eff. 3/1/07
Anton Dormer	BHS	Eff. 6/30/07
Victoria Graham	Plouffe	Eff. 3/10/07
Elizabeth Grant	Kennedy	Eff. 3/8/07
Noah Ives	BHS	Eff. 6/26/07
Marybeth Toomey	Angelo	Eff. 3/7/07
Holly Wisniewski	Davis	Eff. 3/2/07

Monitor Teacher Assistants:

Steven Capone	BHS	Eff. 4/5/07
Melissa Chesley	Downey	Eff. 4/6/07

Paraprofessionals:

Ana Coghi	Angelo	Eff. 4/10/07
Rhonda Curtis	Whitman	Eff. 4/23/07
Maria Monteiro	East	Eff. 4/12/07

Retirements- To participate in the 12% Final Step Increase Plan:

Robert Hunt, Custodian	BHS	To retire 7/12/2010
Anne Marie Juliano	Central	To retire 7/5/2011

Mrs. Beyer inquired about the number of *Leaves of Absence*, and the Superintendent responded.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Finance
Subcommittee
Reports

Mr. Daley and Mr. Nembirkow read the Reports of the Finance Subcommittee Meetings on April 11 and 24, 2007.

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the above Reports with the following amendment to the April 24th Report, Page two, Chapter five, as follows: *"... After a discussion, Mr. Dobrowski made the motion to close the Whitman School for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Foley seconded the motion, and the vote was two (2) in favor (Dobrowski; Hancock) and five (5) opposed. The motion failed...."*

Voted: to adopt recommendation, as amended, unanimously

New Business

Mrs. Beyer inquired about the funding and courses of the Gateway to College Program, and Superintendent Nembirkow responded.

Mr. Daley then announced that the Day on the Hill Conference was held at the State House today and mentioned that the National School Board Association's annual convention was held in San Francisco in mid April. Mr. Daley asked members who attended the events to share their experiences. Messrs. Hancock, Dobrowski, Foley and Belcher responded.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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