

A Public Hearing on the FY2008 Budget was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the George M. Romm Little Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at six-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

NOTE: These minutes contain a summary of the hearing and list items that were under discussion.

Mr. Daley, Vice-Chair, called the Public Hearing on Budget to order at 6:30 p.m. on the Preliminary FY2008 School Department Budget followed by a salute to the flag.

Mr. Daley announced that Mayor Harrington was not present this evening.

Mr. Daley said that, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 38N, the hearing was opened for members of the public to discuss the proposed FY2008 Brockton Public Schools Budget. He explained that the role of the School Committee is to listen to comments and concerns. Members of the School Committee will not respond to any statements or questions during the course of the hearing. In consideration of all speakers, Mr. Daley asked that each individual complete their remarks within three (3) minutes.

Mr. Daley stated that a copy of the Superintendent's recommend FY2008 School Department Budget has been on file at the Main Branch of the Brockton Public Library, 304 Main Street, Brockton, MA, since May 1, 2007.

The following people spoke on behalf of keeping the Belmont Street School open: Karen F. Callahan, Elizabeth Mency, Lindsay Hughes, Katelynne Hudson, Kimberly McGrath, Destiny Easler, Devante Pinto, Brad Hemeon (assisted by his son), Aminah Fernandes Pilgrim, Benjamin Offley, Susan Russo, Erick Monteiro, Derrick Monteiro, Jasmine Slade, Tyron Slade, Maria DaSilva, Timothy F. Spencer, Martine Gomes, Berthe Gomes, Elisabeth Semedo and Attorney Susan Love.

Speaking on behalf of the Champion Charter Public School (CCPS) was Virginia Warn, Principal, Tina Glidden, Chair of the CCPS Board, Elizabeth Russell, Tenisha Laporte and Heather Rowlings.

Lorraine Albert (accompanied by a student named Katie), Danina Rodrigues and Renee Callahan-Strong addressed the School Committee regarding the MY TURN Program.

Jeanne McGrath and her daughter Molly spoke on keeping the Whitman School open, and Richard Bath discussed a number of suggestions on how to manage the FY2008 budget.

The proposed FY2008 School Department Budget is \$137,414,451 for the operation of Brockton Public Schools. This represents 104,495,014 in Personal Services, \$23,806,932 in Ordinary Maintenance, \$39,500 in Out-of-State Travel and \$9,073,005 in Non-Net School Spending.

At 8:06 p.m., the Hearing of Visitors portion of the hearing concluded.

Mr. Daley announced that a final decision would be made on May 15, 2007, when the School Committee votes on the budget. He then closed the Public Hearing on Budget at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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