

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

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

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at seven thirty-o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

**Hearing of
Visitors**

Michael Merriam spoke on behalf of his mother Marybeth "Bella" Merriam who was on the agenda as a recipient of the Albert N. Baroncelli Award. He read a statement on his mother's qualities.

**Approval of
Records**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Public Hearing on School Choice Minutes of May 15, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Financial
Statement**

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement dated May 31, 2007, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Chief Supervisor
of Attendance
Report**

Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Report of the Chief Supervisor of Attendance for the month of May as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Recognition of
Louis F. Angelo
Award**

The Louis F. Angelo Community Service Award was established in 1997 in memory of "Louie" Angelo. Louie served as a teacher, community school coordinator, mentor, city councilor and state representative, and he always put the needs of his fellow Brocktonians first. Each year the Brockton Public Schools honors a local resident who has made lasting contributions to the Brockton Public Schools through volunteer efforts. This year Janet Trask has been selected for her dedication and commitment to bettering our schools and community. She works with the Diversity Commission, BHS Bandboosters, Friends of the Drama Club, NAACP and other organizations. Janet was presented with a Plaque by Mayor Harrington, Superintendent Nembirkow, and Joseph Angelo, brother of Louie. The following members of the Angelo family were also present for the picture: Mrs. Kathleen Snelgrove and Mr. John Snelgrove.

**Albert N.
Baroncelli**

Each year the Community School Advisory Board honors volunteers in the schools by presenting these individuals with the Albert N. Baroncelli Award. Albert Baroncelli

Award was one of the founders of the Community School Program. Mrs. Kathleen Smith was present to give a brief history of the establishment of the award. This year's recipients were Mary Milligan of the Franklin School, Marybeth "Bella" Merriam of the Brookfield School and Marybeth Biggins of the Hancock School. All recipients were presented with Certificates of Recognition by Mayor Harrington and Superintendent Nembirkow.

Sexual Harassment Officers Annually the Sexual Harassment Officers for Staff and Students are appointed. Mr. Hancock moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following appointments:

1. Ms. Kathleen Sirois, Executive Director of Human Resources, to serve as the Sexual Harassment Officer for Staff
2. Dr. Salvatore Terrasi, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services, to serve as the Sexual Harassment Officer for Students

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

McKinney-Vento Proposal Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive proposal for the 2007-2008 school year, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The proposal would be in the amount of \$25,000. This federally-funded grant supports programs to expand or improve services provided through the school's general academic program, but cannot replace that program, and to the extent practicable, activities and services are to integrate homeless and non-homeless students.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Accreditation Proposal Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in response to Accreditation Grant Renewal Application, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The application was developed by the Brockton Community Partnerships for Children (CPC). The amount of the request would be approximately \$97,312 to support this project from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Professional Development Proposal Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in response to the Transitional Professional Development Grant Application, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The proposal would be in the amount of \$8,758 to support this six-month project.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Community Partnerships Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in response to the Renewal Application for the Community Partnerships for Children: Preschool Direct Services Grant and Local Planning and Coordination Grant, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The amount requested is approximately \$1,641,153

to support this project from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. After several questions, the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Full-Day
Kindergarten
Proposal**

Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Education in response to the FY2008 Quality Full-Day Kindergarten Grant, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The proposal would be in the amount of \$700,000. After several questions, the vote was taken.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**HP Technology
Award**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize acceptance of the HP Technology For Teaching Award as well as authorization to receive the equipment and expend the funds. HP Philanthropy and Education awarded its HP "Technology for Teaching" grant to a team of five grade 3, 4, and 5 teachers at the Huntington School to support their "Exploring Earth & Our Solar System" project. The following teachers were involved: Michele Zachary, grade 4, (Team Leader); MaryBeth O'Brien, grade 4; Danielle Kay, grade 5 Math; Christine Pugliese, Title I Reading; and Kelli Andres, grade 3.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Federal
Entitlement
Grants**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of proposals to the Massachusetts Department of Education in response to the FY2008 Request for Proposals for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Federal Entitlement Grants as listed on Enclosure #13, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Transfer of Funds

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the FY2007 Ordinary Maintenance account to the FY2007 Personal Services account. This transfer is due to the payment of this year's lump sum payment, this year's severance distribution in excess of \$1 million, and the remaining payrolls to be distributed during Summer 2007.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Student-Parent
Handbooks**

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the updated Student-Parent Handbooks at all levels (PreK-Kindergarten & Elementary, JHS, BHS and BB Russell Alternative Program) for the 2007-2008 school year and send them to the printer.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel
Appointments**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the notification of the personnel appointments listed on Enclosure #16.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Personnel
Action**

Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the notification of the following personnel action:

1. Leaves of Absence
 - Jamie Estee – North JHS (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 10/22/07)
 - Kimberly Gibson – Davis (12 wk. Maternity – Eff. 8/22/07)
 - Eileen Kerr – Kennedy (12 wk. Maternity - Eff. 9/7/07)
 - Jessica Murphy – Belmont St. (12 wk. Maternity - Eff. 9/7/07)
2. Resignations
 - Lauren Bolger – Gilmore (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Mark Earley – BHS (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Andrew Gentile – East JHS (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Brian Irr – BHS (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Jeremy Lynch – Champion Charter (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - St. Alusha McKetty – BHS (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Kimberly Phelan – Arnone (Eff. 6/30/07)
 - Mary Rondeau Osofsky – Downey (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Evelyn Thompson – Gilmore (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Ketzia Carter – East JHS Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 6/15/07)
 - Katherine Gadapee – Raymond Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 5/3/07)
 - Jeanine Robbins – BHS Monitor/Teacher Assistant (Eff. 6/18/07)
 - Lynn Casano – Champion Charter Paraprofessional (Eff. 6/14/07)
 - Patricia Compere – Ashfield (Eff. 6/18/07)
3. Retirements
 - Clara Freedman – Kennedy (Eff. 10/30/07)
 - Joan Cashman – BHS Paraprofessional (Eff. 9/5/07)
4. Early Retirement (to participate in the 12% Final Step Increase Plan
 - Deana Porter – Secretary (to retire (6/28/10)
5. Change in Retirement Date
 - Frances Johnson – BHS Nurse (from 11/1/2007 to 11/1/2008)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Policy
Subcommittee**

Mr. Daley, chair, proceeded to read the Policy Subcommittee Meeting Report of June 18, 2007. The following was voted:

- a. Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

- b. Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to recommend to the Brockton School Committee the acceptance of School Committee Policy KBBA on Non-Custodial Parental Rights as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

- c. Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept School Committee Policy JFBB on Interdistrict School Choice as amended in sections 4 and 7.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

- d. Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept School Committee Policy IKEB on Promotion and Retention of Junior High/Middle School Students as amended for 8th grade students.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

- e. Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to delete School Committee Policy JJIBE on the Cheerleaders selection from the handbook.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

- f. Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent's recommendation to amend the School Committee Policy JJIC to reflect middle schools whenever junior high school is mentioned.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Curriculum
Subcommittee**

Mr. Daley, chair, proceeded to read the Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Report of June 18, 2007. The meeting dealt with Middle Schools. Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented. Mr. Belcher indicated for the record that he was present at the meeting. Mr. Belcher was listed on the report, but his name was not read as being in attendance.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Accounts
Review**

Mrs. Beyer, chair, proceeded to read the Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting Report of June 19, 2007. The accounts reviewed were for the period of May 16, 2007, to June 13, 2007. Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Bid Review
Subcommittee**

Mr. Hancock, chair, proceeded to read the Bid Review Subcommittee Meeting Report of June 19, 2007. Mr. Foley moved to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report as presented. Mr. Belcher would like the minutes to reflect that he was present at the meeting.

Voted: to accept the report as amended, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the FY2008 Carpentry/Maintenance/Facilities bids as discussed.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the FY2008 School Bids/Athletic Supplies/Technology as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the bid for the Davis School Gymnasium Floor Replacement.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Business

Mr. Belcher asked the Superintendent for an update on the Belmont Street School move. Superintendent Nembirkow stated that everything is going smoothly. He indicated that there is an issue with the portables at the school which he informed the School Committee of previously. He stated that students are in the process of being placed, and all of the teachers have been placed. He also indicated that the Champion Charter School is moving to the Goddard School. Both moves are going smoothly.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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