

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the Auditorium of the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock for the Student Recognitions segment of the meeting, only.

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

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

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

Superintendent Nembirkow opened the meeting with the Posting of Colors by the Brockton High School JROTC and Recognition of Students.

Following the Posting of Colors, the student winners were presented with Certificates of Recognition by Superintendent Nembirkow and Mayor Harrington in the following order:

John Hopkins Talent Search, announced by Linda Santry, Coordinator of Math and Science, K-8; *New England Math League*, announced by Linda Santry; *Junior High School Science Fair*, announced by Linda Santry; *National History Day*, announced by William Szachowicz, teacher/coach, of the BHS Social Science Department; *2007 National Latin Exam Medals*, announced by Jane Rizzitano, Foreign Language Department Head, 7-12; *Medusa Mythology Examination*, announced by Jane Rizzitano; *Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards*, announced by Carrie Copp, Coordinator of Art K-12; *All-State Music, Chorus and Orchestra*, announced by Penny Knight, Director of the BHS Chorus; *Brockton High School JROTC*, announced by Colonel Robert E. Tripp; *Student Athletes*, announced by Director of Athletics John Boutin.

Superintendent Nembirkow and the Brockton School Committee congratulated and thanked the students, parents and staff for their participation and dedication.

The Recognitions portion of this evening's meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Harrington called for a brief recess and the meeting was moved to the George M. Romm Little Theatre for the remaining agenda.

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

- Hearing of Visitors Doryce Smith, Education Chair for the NAACP, addressed the School Committee this evening on the importance of diversity of staff in the Brockton Public Schools.
- Christopher Lynch, BHS graduate and Student Advisory Council Representative to the School Committee, announced that this meeting is his last and took the opportunity to thank Superintendent Nembirkow, Mayor Harrington and the School Committee members for his good experiences and his active role at School Committee meetings.
- Approval of Records Mr. Daley made the motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on May 1, 2007.
- Voted: to accept motion, unanimously
- Mrs. Joyce made the motion to accept the Minutes of the Public Hearing on Budget on May 8, 2007.
- Voted: to accept motion, unanimously
- Communication Mr. John McGarry, Executive Director of Elections Commission, has requested the use of schools as polling locations for the 2007 election cycle. The dates are Tuesday, September 18, and Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The buildings need to be opened by 6:30 a.m. and must remain open until 8 p.m. The requested schools are: Ashfield, Brookfield, Davis, Downey, Gilmore, Hancock, Huntington, Kennedy and Raymond Elementary Schools, as well as the East, West and North Junior High Schools and South Middle School.
- Mr. Hancock made the motion to approve the above request.
- Voted: to accept motion, unanimously
- Recognition of SAC Reps Superintendent Nembirkow presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Student Advisory Council Representatives to the School Committee for their service during the past year: Christopher Lynch, Representative and Zachary Connolly, Alternate Representative (not present).
- The School Committee thanked the Representatives for their service, and Mayor Harrington said that he hired Christopher Lynch to work at City Hall this summer.
- 2007 Administrative Interns The Administrative Internship Program is designed to improve the Brockton Schools and its programs through the professional development of potential administrators. The Brockton School System recognizes that among the teaching staff there are many well-qualified potential candidates for future positions in the various areas of educational administration. It is believed that these candidates should be given the opportunity to observe, gain experience and benefit from the participation in this comprehensive program.

Superintendent Nembirkow said that he hopes, with successful grant funding, that there will be four *full-year* internships next year.

Interns follow a daily administrative routine and area assigned to a supervising administrator. The interns attend weekly seminars on current educational topics, system-wide administrative issues and the roles and responsibilities of district administrators. This year's interns are: Vincent Cerce, Angelo SAC, assigned to Dr. Salvatore Terrasi, Pupil Personnel Services, Mary Collins, BHS Social Studies, assigned to Dr. Susan Szachowicz; Andrew Gentile, East JHS Social Studies, assigned to David Kimball and John Jerome, Central Services; Juliana Kennard, East JHS IRS, assigned to John Jerome, Central Services; Michelle Lanner, SPED Team Facilitator, assigned to Kay Seale, SPED Director; Karen McCarthy, Huntington RRS, assigned to Catherine Brine, Central Services; Eileen McQuaid, BHS English, assigned to Jean Chani, Central Services and Alison Ramsay-Gillen, North JHS, assigned to James Hayden, Central Services.

The Superintendent thanked the Interns for their hard work and efforts.

FY2008 Proposed
School Dept Budget
Approval

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Proposed FY2008 School Department Budget in the amount of \$134,972,185 which amounts to \$104,602,837 in Personal Services, \$22,579,848 in Ordinary Maintenance, \$39,500 in Out-of-State Travel and \$7,750,000 in Non-Net School Spending and forward it to the Mayor to include in his budget to be presented to the Brockton City Council.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

2006-07 School
Closing

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the last day of school as Monday, June 18, 2007, provided there is no further need to cancel classes.

Superintendent Nembirkow lightheartedly informed the School Committee that Kathleen Sirois, Senior Director for Human Resources, has replaced Anthony Luizzi, former Deputy Superintendent, in overseeing the cancellation of school.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Approval of
Overnight Trips

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following BHS Overnight Trips:

- a. Science Club to Horseneck Beach in Westport, MA, June 15-16, 2007
- b. Nantucket, MA, as part of the Grace Grossman Youth Collaborative on June 20 23, 2007
- c. JROTC to Devens Reserve Forces Training area near Ayer, MA, June 25 – 29, 2007

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Authorization to
Submit Proposal

The U. S. Department of Labor has issued a *Solicitation for Grant Applications* designed to assist smaller cities address their dropout challenges by developing what the DOL refers to as a “multiple educational pathways system.” Eligible cities may apply for up to \$300,000. The funding would be used by the Brockton Public Schools to lead the development of a collaborative planning process among community partner, including the Blue Print Coalition, the Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board, the Brockton Police Department, Massasoit Community College and numerous state agencies that serve our students and their families. The ultimate goal of the grant is to help communities create and sustain a system that prevents youth from dropping out of school, and reengages those who have, with a variety of strategies, including academically rigorous and innovative learning environments for such youth.

Mr. Belcher moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve submission of the above proposal and, if successful, the spending of the funds.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Notification of
Personnel Appts.

At this time, Superintendent Nembirkow announced that David Kimball, Executive Director, will be retiring as of September 3, 2007. The Superintendent said that his recommendation for the position of Financial Services Executive Director is Mr. Aldo Petronio. Mr. Nembirkow discussed Mr. Petronio’s qualifications and experience.

Executive Director
Financial Services

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent’s recommendation of Mr. Aldo Petronio as Executive Director of Finance for the Brockton Public Schools due to the retirement of David Kimball.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Superintendent Nembirkow then notified the School Committee that Darcy Fernandes, assistant principal, will be acting principal at West JHS during the 2007-2008 school year, and the assistant principal position will be advertised. The current principal, Michael Smith, who has experienced health problems this year, will be appointed a principal on special assignment during the 2007-08 school year.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #10, as well as the added West JHS information.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Notification of
Personnel Action

Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #11:

Leaves of Absence (Teachers):

Julia Baker, BHS

12 Week Maternity, Eff. 7/12/07

Lauren Bolger, Gilmore	Unpaid Medical through 6/18/07, Eff. 4/24/07
Jessica Murphy, Belmont	12 Week unpaid FMLA and Medical through 6/18/07, Eff. 2/12/07
Beth Sinclair, Plouffe	8 Week Maternity, Eff. 8/13/07
Susan Bagge, BHS	Alternative Career, Eff. School Year 2007-08
Patricia Epstein, North	Alternative Career, Eff. School Year 2007-08
Rachel Fodtiadis, BHS	Alternative Career, Eff. School Year 2007-08
Kathleen O'Brien, Angelo	Alternative Career, Eff. School Year 2007-08
Tara Shea Blake, Angelo	12 Week Maternity, Eff. 9/4/07

Resignations (Teachers):

Seth Adams, East JHS	Eff. 6/18/07
Stephen Eddy, South Middle	Eff. 6/18/07
Melissa Odom, Raymond	Eff. 6/18/07
Melissa Shea, Plouffe	Eff. 6/18/07

Retirement:

John Thompson, teacher, West JHS Eff. 6/30/07

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Finance Subcommittee
Report

Mr. Daley read the report of the Finance Subcommittee meeting on May 22, 2007 regarding the FY2008 School Department Budget.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report of the Subcommittee, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Superintendent Nembirkow announced that the School Department will make its annual presentation on the proposed budget at the City Council meeting on June 11, 2007, at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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