

Brockton, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting

July 10, 2007

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-thirty o'clock.

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 7:30 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

#### Hearing of Visitors

Ms. Joanne Joyce, community member and secretary at the Whitman School, presented to the School Committee 1912 – 1913 school registers for their perusal. Ms. Joyce said that there are hundreds of school registers stored at the Whitman School, some dating back to 1891. She suggested that these records, which are part of Brockton's history, be given to the Brockton Historical Society.

Superintendent Nembirkow said that he would review old school records, system wide, and look into having a future presentation of Brockton Schools Historical Records.

Mr. Hancock moved to send the matter to the Policy Subcommittee for further discussion.

Voted: to accept the motion, unanimously

#### Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on June 5, 2007.

Voted: to accept the motion, unanimously

#### Recognition of Harbor One, Brockton Rox & Chartwells

On June 13, 2007, all students in grades 4 – 6, including grade 3 students from the Belmont Street School, were invited to attend a Brockton Rox baseball game. This event was sponsored by the Harbor One Credit Union and the Brockton Rox Organization. The Chartwells School Dining Service donated food and enlisted additional staff for the day to assist in the stands. Those to be recognized at this evening's meeting are Leo McNeil of Harbor One, Allison Gemelli on behalf of the Brockton Rox and Mary Civetti and Pete Szafir from Chartwells.

The Superintendent presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the organizations listed above.

#### 2007 MASC/MASS Annual Fall Meeting

A delegate and alternate should be elected by the School Committee to be its Delegate and Alternate representatives at the Wednesday, November 14, 2007, Annual Business Meeting. (Past practice indicates the Vice-Chair serves as delegate and appoints the alternate.)

Mrs. Beyer nominated Mr. Daley as the 2007 delegate to the MASC Annual Business meeting. There being no further nominations, the vote was taken.

Voted: to accept the nomination, unanimously

Mr. Hancock nominated Mrs. Joyce as the 2007 alternate delegate to the MASC Annual Business meeting. There being no further nominations, the vote was taken.

Voted: to accept the nomination, unanimously

September SC Meetings The current School Policy states that the first meeting of the School Committee in September will be on the evening of the first day of school. The first day of school this year is Wednesday, September 5, 2007.

The second School Committee meeting date in September is September 18, 2007: election day. The School Committee should consider the second meeting date.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule the second September meeting on September 19, 2007.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the vote, Mr. Daley moved to have the first November School Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, after the elections.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

2007-2008 School Calendar Supplement The School Calendar Supplement indicates information on school hours, release time/in-service and parent-teacher conferences.

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Brockton Public Schools 2007-2008 Calendar Supplement, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the motion, Mrs. Joyce made the suggestion to hold all middle school and junior high school parent-teacher conferences on the same date. A brief discussion then ensued involving K – 8 consideration. Superintendent Nembirkow stated that events will continually be reviewed during the transitional period in order to establish dates and procedures in the future. Mayor Harrington said that the Superintendent duly noted Mrs. Joyce's suggestion.

After School/Out-of-School Time Quality Grant

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to authorize the submission of the proposal After School/Out-of-School Time Quality Grant, which will be coordinated with other existing after school programs. The grant will allow the Brockton Public Schools to increase the number of students who will be engaged in academic, enrichment and homework assistance activities, and would amount to approximately \$75,000.

On the motion, Mrs. Joyce asked about student numbers, and Mr. Hayden, Executive Director of Operations and Administration, responded.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

FY 08 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grant

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to authorize the submission of the proposal FY 2008 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grant. The purpose of the grant is to continue to support community learning centers that operate during after school hours and provide students with academic enrichment opportunities to complement students’ regular academic programs. The grant award would amount to approximately \$824,500.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Notification of Personnel Appts.

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #8.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Notification of Personnel Action

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #9:

**Leaves of Absence (Teachers):**

Ferrante, di Ruffano, Cathleen                      8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 11/30/07  
Palmer, Leah    Unpd. Medical LOA, Eff: 5/29/07

Corr, Lisa, Paraprofessional                              Add’l. Unpd. Medical LOA, Eff. 6/8/07

**Resignations (Teachers):**

Batakis, Richard, Davis                                      Eff: 6/18/07  
Liu, Ying, BHS    Eff: 6/18/07  
Palmer, Leah, Angelo    Eff: 6/18/07  
Raubach, Thomas, North JHS                                      Eff: 6/22/07  
Smith, Robert, South Middle                                      Eff: 7/1/07

**Retirements:**

Albert, Mary Ann, Paraprofessional                              Eff: 9/28/07

Crowley, Judith, Paraprofessional      Eff: 9/28/07  
Falconeiri, Mary, Paraprofessional      Eff: 6/18/07  
Harrington, Jane, Paraprofessional      Eff: 9/5/07

**To participate in the 12% Final Step Increase Plan:**

Benson, William, Custodian      To retire: 11/1/2010

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Accounts Review  
Report

Mrs. Beyer, chair, read the Report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee meeting held on July 10, 2007.

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

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Bid Review Report

Mr. Hancock, chair, read the Report of the Bid Review Subcommittee meeting held on July 10, 2007, which discussed the FY2008 School Bids/RFP's and to make recommendations in the best interests of the Brockton Public Schools.

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Report, as presented

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the FY2008 Medicaid Maximization Initiative and Data Management System to Public Consulting Group, Inc. of Boston, MA.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

New Business

Superintendent Nembirkow discussed his College Board-sponsored trip to China taken from June 24 to July 5, 2007. He talked about his experiences and observations of the Chinese educational system, the future hiring of Chinese teachers in the Brockton Public Schools, the addition of critical languages in the schools and the development of a sister-school in China.

Mr. Dobrowski expressed criticisms toward the federal government regarding the No Child Left Behind staff reporting system. He said that a congratulatory statement has appeared on the Department of Education Web site for the development, collection and generating of data through the creation of the EPIMS data base by the Brockton Public Schools. Mr. Dobrowski congratulated both Maureen Lovett, Database Administrator, and the administration for their efforts.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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