

Brockton, Massachusetts School Committee Retreat August 26, 2010

A Retreat of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the Community Room of the Manthala George, Jr. School at six o'clock.

Present: Mayor Balzotti; Mr. Minichiello; Mrs. Beyer; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Daley; Mr. Sullivan; Dr. Malone

Also

Present: Mr. Jerome

Absent: Mr. Bath

Note: These minutes contain a summary of the meeting and list items that were under discussion. A copy of the agenda is attached.

Mayor Balzotti called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2010-2011 SC Goals

At Dr. Malone's request, School Committee members brought with them this evening goals that he/she thought were important to establish for the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Malone stated that the R³ is the voice of the system for Learning and Teaching. After a lengthy period of gathering information from each School Committee member, the list was narrowed down to the following 17, 2010-2011 goals:

- Implement a Counseling Intervention Center
 1. Develop student discipline and reduce suspension rates (in R³)
- Measure and expand the impact of RTI
- Communication
 1. Board-Superintendent
 2. School System-Parent
- Implement a timeline for the R³ Plan
- Maintain the focus on Learning & Teaching in spite of funding
- Continue to develop Early Education
- School Committee progress in monitoring underperforming schools
- Graduation rate
- Grade configuration transition
- Capital Plan
- Better partnerships for Special Education students
- RTTT: develop, implement and monitor the specific funding areas:
 1. Turnaround
 2. Alternative Education
 3. Wraparound Services
 4. Counseling
 5. Accountability
- Budget Management

- Informational Technology
 1. Wi-Fi
- Permanent Funding Source: Development Officer
- Continue to model, share and provide opportunities to examine Best Practices in the classroom
- Begin working on achieving a full-day seat for all four-year olds

Dr. Malone said that he would like to have the 2010-2011 School Committee goals ratified at the September 2, 2010 regular meeting, and he will begin creating a progress map.

Recovery School

The status of the School Department's efforts regarding a Recovery School was given by Dr. Malone. Mr. Carpenter added that he is organizing a visit to the Recovery School in Boston sometime between September 20 – 24. School Committee members are invited to attend.

Dr. Malone invited questions from the School Committee regarding the R³. He said that he will be meeting regularly this year with principals (once per month), and systemwide administrators (every other month), as well as a professional development group that will include the BEA president.

Supt's Recommended Reorganization

The Superintendent then called attention to the recommended reorganization structure. Dr. Malone said that he wanted to keep the discussion of the reorganization going. The suggestion of changing the title of Chief Learning Officer to fit M.G.L. 71, Sec. 59 was discussed, as well as key positions that are needed in the system.

Jobs Fund Program

Dr. Malone said that the School Department is receiving \$780,000 in new Education Jobs Funding, with a two year span, and discussed his thoughts for a spending timeline. The money would be used as follows:

- Kindergarten paraprofessionals (14)
- Nurse paraprofessionals (2-4)
- One MTA per building (26)
- Elementary teachers (4)

The Superintendent said that Messrs. Jerome and Petronio will create a spread sheet of Jobs Funding money that will articulate the cost of all positions.

RTTT Funding

Dr. Malone said that the School Department is receiving \$2.8 million dollars in RTTT funding over four (4) years. In developing an RTTT Initiative Plan, he will look at the following areas:

- Day and Evening School
- Recovery School
- MET School
- International Baccalaureate (9th;10th grades)
- Application to become a Wraparound District

Dr. Malone said that he has 90 days to write a plan, and will bring it to the School Committee. Once done, he said, the School Department will become involved in collective bargaining.

Mr. Carpenter inquired about using the funding for the Gateway to College Program offered at Massasoit, and Mr. Daley mentioned the expansion of the Two-Way Program.

**Facilities Usage &
Planning
Subcommittee**

Mr. Carpenter discussed adding masonry and roofing needs of the system to the next Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee meeting agenda. The scheduling of the next meeting will be discussed at a later time.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Matthew H. Malone, Ph. D.
Secretary

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