

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 7:37 p.m followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Ms. Jocelyn DeGrace presented Superintendent Nembirkow a Certificate of Appreciation from the Hispanic Festival Committee in thanks for the School Department's time, efforts and contributions to the success of the 2007 Festival.

Tim Sullivan, B.E.A. President, addressed the School Committee this evening regarding his visits to the Arnone, Brookfield, Davis, Champion Charter and South Middle Schools today. He was happy to report that students were on task and school environments were welcoming. Mr. Sullivan acknowledged the 1,400 members of the B.E.A. in preparing for the 2007 opening. He also expressed to the Committee his hope in working together on the upcoming contract negotiations, specifically mentioning extended learning time and the impact of the Sabis International Charter School on the Brockton Public Schools budget.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee on July 10, 2007.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Report on School Opening

Superintendent Nembirkow thanked Mr. Sullivan for his good words regarding the opening of school. He then discussed his impressions and findings of this year's opening from his numerous visits to the schools. He called upon Dr. Szachowicz, B.H.S. Principal; Catherine Brine, Executive Director for Teaching & Learning, PreK-5 and John Jerome, Executive Director for Teaching & Learning, 6-8, to discuss the opening of school for all three levels. All administrators reported on what she/he qualified as the best opening of the Brockton Schools and praising the behavior of the students.

Mr. Nembirkow thanked Holmes-McDuffy Florist for floral arrangements that were sent to the schools, celebrating the new year. The Superintendent also acknowledged the custodial staff and Chartwells for their contributions to a successful opening of school and a special thanks to Kathleen Sirois, Executive Director for Human Resources, and her staff for their outstanding work; the schools, he said, did not start the year with substitutes.

The Superintendent discussed student enrollment and told the School Committee that he would send them an enrollment report in the next Informational Bulletin. He also discussed the Pearson Scott Foresman K-6 Reading adoption, stating a positive reaction by teachers. The Superintendent called on Mrs. Brine to discuss the adoption. The old reading program was kept in the buildings due to the lateness in the delivery of Grades 5 and 6 materials which have been given to the School Department gratis.

Summer Programs Update

Superintendent Nembirkow introduced James Hayden, Executive Director of Operations and Administration, to give an Update on Summer Programs involving 2,612 student participants. Mr. Hayden, assisted by Kathleen Smith, Director of Community Schools and Laurie Silva, 21st Century Coordinator, gave a detailed Power Point presentation on the 2007 Summer Programs: *Get Ready, Act One – Scene One, Mini Day Fun Camp, Aquatics, Raise Up Basketball Camp, Boxer Camp, Preschool Elementary Program, Summer School, Diploma Summer Grant, Driver Education, Summer Success Angelo & Plouffe, Middle School MALL Program, High School Academic Support Program, SWL, Jump Start and Smart Start Extended Day Program*. Mr. Hayden highlighted the special education summer programs involving 400 student participants, praising the dedication of the special education teachers who are interested in following the students year round.

Mayor Harrington thanked the Brockton Public Schools staff for their help with the Brockton After Dark Program, and Messrs. Hancock and Hayden acknowledged the 15 Champion Charter students who worked for Mr. Bezreh this summer, and gained valuable insight into the trade. The Superintendent also mentioned the two students from the A+ Program who worked with Dan Vigeant, Director of Technology, this summer at the School Department.

Superintendent Nembirkow spoke of his meetings with John Holiver, President of Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center and Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College, in planning a new educational picture.

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

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Emergency Response Training/Procedures

Mr. Hayden gave the report on the Emergency Response Training and Procedures and distributed the Classroom Emergency Procedures Guides, which were designed in a flip chart format, to the School Committee. Mr. Hayden brought a large number of key Brockton Public Schools staff together on August 27, 2007, to discuss emergency procedures.

Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Joyce congratulated the School Department for keeping these procedures in the forefront and commented on a job well done. Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Personnel Appointments

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #5.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Personnel Action

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #7:

Leaves of Absence (Teachers):

Donovan, Jennifer	Brookfield	12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/15/07
Farley, Peter	Hancock	Military LOA, Eff. 9/6/07; 10/1/07
Martin, Kimberly	Raymond	12 Wk. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 9/5/07
Noone, Virginia	Lincoln	12 Wk. FMLA, Eff. 9/10/07
Pomfret, Julianne	Brookfield	12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/29/07

Resignations (Teachers):

Bahl, Sanjeev	BHS	Eff. 8/13/07
Burke, Kathleen	BHS	Eff. 8/3/07
Fay, Krystala	Sped Facilitator	Eff. 9/4/07
Gibbons, Jeffrey	North	Eff. 8/20/07
Heenan, Kenneth	BHS	Eff. 8/20/07
Johnson, Jeffrey	Charter School	Eff. 7/31/07
Kelley, Kathleen	Keith	Eff. 8/14/07
Kenney, Kristopher	Plouffe	Eff. 9/3/07
Lestrade, Sylvaine	Ashfield	Eff. 8/7/07
Marochino, Andrea	Hancock	Eff. 9/2/07
McCormick, JoAnne	North	Eff. 8/5/07
Murray, John	BHS	Eff. 8/3/07
Pasquini-Torchia, Jill	Gilmore	Eff. 8/8/07

Pincolini, Nicole	Huntington	Eff. 7/26/07
Vieira, Martin	Angelo	Eff. 8/15/07
Zajac, Matthew	BHS	Eff. 8/14/07

Williams, Jennifer, MTA	Franklin	Eff. 8/24/07
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(Paraprofessionals):

Austin, Cheryl,	Keith	Eff. 8/20/07
Laguerre, Nirva,	Kennedy	Eff. 8/21/07
Mordan, Johanne,	Raymond	Eff. 8/22/07
Ribeiro, Maria	Huntington	Eff. 7/30/07
Wetterholm, Judy	Downey	Eff. 8/16/07

Sprague, Darci, Food Service	Kennedy	Eff. 8/23/07
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Retirements:

Nerney, Gloria, Teacher	BHS	Eff. 8/31/07
Foye, Noelle, Nurse	Huntington	Eff. 9/1/07
Charleston, Marie, Para.	Keith	Eff. 9/5/07
Ferris, Frances, Food Service	BHS	Eff. 9/4/07

On the motion, Mr. Foley inquired about the high number of resignations occurring at this time (in the summer), and Superintendent Nembirkow responded.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

New Business

Due to the retirement function scheduled on September 19, 2007, being held in honor of Commissioner David Driscoll, Mr. Hancock moved to have the next Regular Meeting of the School Committee held on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. and a Special Meeting of the Committee on the same date at 6:30 p.m.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Mr. Foley, expressing concern for facility safety, referenced the recent news report regarding a tragic incident involving a Methuen student. He noted that the location of the incident in Methuen closely resembled one of the new Brockton schools. Superintendent Nembirkow duly noted the School Committee's concern.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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