

**Brockton, Massachusetts**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 6, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theatre in the Fine Arts Building at Brockton High School at seven-thirty o'clock.

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

**NOTE:** These minutes contain a summary of 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**

Patricia O'Connor, parent, addressed the School Committee regarding the new school lunch program. She conveyed her daughter's comments regarding the school lunch which were very favorable. Mrs. O'Connor praised the program and thanked the School Committee.

Timothy Sullivan, BEA President, congratulated the teachers and administrators on a successful opening of school, and said he looks forward to a most productive school year.

**Approval of Records**

Mrs. Beyer made the motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brockton School Committee on July 27, 2006.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

**Opening of School Report**

Mr. Nembirkow said that he visited nine schools today, and each building was ready for its opening. The Superintendent discussed the number of student registrations and projected enrollment. In particular, he discussed the Gilmore, Davis, Kennedy and Belmont Street schools.

Mr. Nembirkow said that 125 staff members were hired to open this year, and a successful orientation program was held. He thanked the Human Resources staff for their hard work, especially during the summer months. In addition, Mr. Nembirkow said that the custodial and facilities staff worked extremely hard to ready the schools for the opening.

The Superintendent stated that two small bus incidents took place, but were quickly remedied. He emphasized that a smooth opening does not happen by accident, and he thanked everyone their careful planning. Teaching and learning were happening on the

first day.

Mr. Nembirkow read the report on the unveiling of the new food service program and asked parents to return lunch forms by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Following a brief discussion involving student enrollment and transportation regarding Pre-Kindergarten students, Mr. Dobrowski moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Report on the Opening of School.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

#### **CSAB REP**

In compliance with the Bylaws of the Community School Advisory Board, Ms. Karen Watkins-Watts, Grants Administrator, has been appointed by Kathleen Smith, Director of Community Schools, as the CSAB Representative which is brought about by the retirement of Mary Beth McManus.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the above appointment.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

#### **School Police MOA**

The members of the Brockton School Police Association, IBPO, Local 566, meeting on August 10, 2006, voted to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement signed by union and School Committee officials on August 18, 2006.

Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the above Memorandum of Agreement for a three-year period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Following the vote, Mr. Hancock thanked the members of the Subcommittee, Mr. Belcher, Chair, and the members of the School Police for bringing the matter to a close.

#### **Reading First Continuation Proposal**

The Massachusetts Department of Education issued the FY2007 Massachusetts Reading First Continuation Proposal. The purpose of the funds is to support the Davis and Downy Schools in implementing proven methods of reading instruction in K-3 classrooms in order to prevent reading difficulties. The fourth year grant funds are to be used to purchase core text, supplementary and intervention materials and provide high quality professional development. The grant proposal will be approximately \$298,000.

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

On the motion, Mr. Daley requested to have Jean Chani answer questions regarding the length of the grant and its dollar amount, as well as number of students serviced and their success rate. Ms. Chani responded.

**After and Out-of-School Time Quality Proposal** The Massachusetts Department of Education (MA DOE) in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care issued an RFP for an After School and Out-of-School Time Quality Grant. The purpose of this grant is to coordinate this new program with other existing After-school programs in Brockton. We strive to meet the ever-changing needs of our students with programming that meets their academic, cultural and athletic needs. This grant will allow the Brockton Public Schools to increase the number of students who will be engaged in academic, enrichment and homework assistance activities. The grant award would amount to approximately \$40,000.

Mrs. Beyer 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** Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the Personnel Appointments listed on Enclosure #7.

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Notification of Personnel Action** Mr. Hancock moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept notification of the following Personnel Action listed on Enclosure #8:

**Leaves of Absence:**  
**Teachers**

Oriza Andrade Vicente	Davis	8 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 12/14/06
Kellie Beals	Plouffe	10 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/10/06
Claudia Gallagher	BHS	12 Wk. MAT LOA Eff. 9/22/06

**Paraprofessionals**

Suzanne Galante	BHS	3 Mnth. Unpd. FMLA, Eff. 9/6/06
Pla Spezzano	Kennedy	12 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 10/10/06
Carmen Valentin	East JHS	3 Wk. MAT LOA, Eff. 9/6/06

**Custodian**

Christopher Junkins		1 Mnth. Extension Unpd. MED LOA Eff. 8/9/06
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**Resignations:**

Kevin Atkinson, Teacher	East JHS	Eff. 8/21/06
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Stacie Charron, Teacher	Arnone	Eff. 8/11/06
Andrew Childs, Teacher	North JHS	Eff. 8/7/06
Colleen Donahue, Teacher	Gilmore	Eff. 8/3/06
Sara Dustin, Teacher	Downey	Eff. 8/15/06
Mary Hurley, Teacher	Davis	Eff. 8/21/06
David Hurwitz, Teacher	BHS	Eff. 8/7/06
Sara Legere, Teacher	Raymond	Eff. 8/18/06
Michelle McGlone, Teacher	BHS	Eff. 8/15/06
Mary Morrison, Teacher	CSS	Eff. 8/17/06
Megan Nelson, Teacher	BPS	Eff. 8/24/06
Benjamin St. John, Teacher	Gilmore	Eff. 8/18/06
Leon Silva, Teacher	East JHS	Eff. 8/28/06
Auna Lundin, MTA	Downey	Eff. 8/1/06
Jennifer Mallett, MTA	Keith	Eff. 8/1/06
Mary Nnoli, MTA	Plouffe	Eff. 8/22/06
Julie Young, MTA	East JHS	Eff. 8/23/06
Julie Bilodeau-Gonzalez, Para.	Brookfield	Eff. 8/8/06
Laurie Healy, Para.	Downey	Eff. 8/21/06
Nicole Palermo, Vision Specialist/Braille Transcription		Eff. 9/5/06
Kathryn Redden, Para.	Raymond	Eff. 8/16/06

**Retirement:**

Elizabeth Jones, Para.	Ashfield	Eff. 9/1/06
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Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow  
Secretary

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