

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
20 IRVING STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

AGENDA #5

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, February 17, 2011
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Roosevelt Hughes
John Street Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-4 - Clerk
(February 4, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Monday, January 31, 2011.

aor #1-5 - Clerk
(February 9, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 3, 2011.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #1-34.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(February 4, 2011)

To recognize and congratulate the students who were selected and honored as the 2011 scholars of the Worcester County Superintendents' Association:

Henry Ca, North High School
Jana Dankova, South High Community School
Emily Ellis, Doherty Memorial High School
Alexandra Gicas, South High Community School
Mylynn Lam, South High Community School
Samantha MacNeal, Burncoat High School
David Marcano, University Park Campus School
Enejda Senko, Claremont Academy
Amber Ustinovitch, Worcester Technical High School
Phoebe Walsh-Costello, Doherty Memorial High School

gb #1-43.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 4, 2011)

To recognize Dennis Ferrante, former Director of Adult, Continuing and Community Education, for his 33 years of service in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-50.1 - Administration/Administration
(February 4, 2011)

To recognize Mark Brophy, Staffing/Mentor Coordinator, for being elected as the President of the American Association for Employment in Education (AAEE) which provides the highest standards in educator preparation, recruitment, hiring and retention.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-2.1 - Administration/Administration
(February 8, 2011)

FY12 BUDGET UPDATE BASED ON THE GOVERNOR'S
PROPOSED BUDGET

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

ACTION

c&p #1-1 - Clerk
(February 9, 2011)

To consider a communication from the EAW to discuss school conditions and other pertinent issues with regard to the union.

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 5:56 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEETS MAY BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-273.2 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien
(February 8, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to meet with representatives of Youth Villages, Inc. to discuss ways that the Worcester Public Schools can collaborate with their Intercept and Transitional Living programs that provide intensive community based services for high risk children.

gb #1-17.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(February 9, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to prepare a report regarding in-state and out-of-state travel for the period from July – December 2010 to encompass any and all funding mechanisms to include conferences, professional development and other travel.

gb #1-54 - Mrs. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(January 28, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide evidence of phone coverage at our schools at dismissal time.

gb #1-55 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo
(January 31, 2011)

To consider allowing high school students to fulfill the requirement for physical education, in whole or in part, through participating as team members in their school's interscholastic sports programs.

gb #1-56 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(February 7, 2011)

Request that the Administration notify the elementary school principals encouraging them to participate in the NEA's Read Across America program on March 2, 2011.

gb #1-57 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor O'Brien/
Miss Biancheria
(February 7, 2011)

To set a date to recognize Bank of America for its donation of \$50,000 to the Main South Promise Neighborhood Program.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-58 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2011)

Request that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education postpone the 2011 MCAS testing dates due to the unusually high number of snow days in 2011.

gb #1-59 - Administration
(February 7, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$407.12 made payable to Doherty Memorial High School.

gb #1-60 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(February 9, 2011)

Request that the Administration review with principals the current parking procedures for staff members and visitor parking at each school site.

gb #1-61 - Administration
(February 9, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 made payable to Doherty Memorial High School.

gb #1-62 - Administration
(February 9, 2011)

Request that the School Committee make a retroactive payment in the amount of \$4,466.00 to a WTHS department head who was compensated on the comprehensive department head stipend rather than on the vocational department head stipend for the period of August 25, 2008 – June 22, 2010.

gb #1-63 - Administration
(February 9, 2011)

The review the City of Worcester's Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, Compliance and Federal Award Programs for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010, prepared by Sullivan, Rogers & Company, LLC.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-64 - Administration
(February 11, 2011)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee