

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

AGENDA #17

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, June 21, 2012
at: 4:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing
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 - Pastor Steven Barrett
Christ the Rock Fellowship

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-14 - Clerk
(June 14, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 7, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #2-187.1 - Administration/Administration
(June 12, 2012)

To recognize Jeffrey J. Mulqueen, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer, for his dedication to the students, teachers and staff of the Worcester Public Schools and to wish him well in his new position as Superintendent of the Pentucket Regional School District.

IMMEDIATE ACTION (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-203 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria
(June 6, 2012)

To recognize those principals who retired this year for their many years of leadership to the school system.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Joint Meeting of the City Council's Education Subcommittee and the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

IX. PERSONNEL

2-22 The Superintendent has PROVISIONALLY appointed the persons named below to the position of Junior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$14.12 (minimum) to \$18.82 (maximum), per hour, effective as follows:

Djangmah, Abraham 5/7/12

2-23 The Superintendent has APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Word Processor, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$16.39 hourly (minimum) to \$19.68 (maximum) per hour, effective 6/11/2012:

Novia, Annette
Parker, Leigh
Ruiz, Ada
Bartley, Shannon
Keller, Cheryl
D'Auteuil, Kirsten

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-51.3 - Administration/Ms. Novick
(June 14, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on how the \$1 per child allocation for each elementary school was expended to support school needs for recess equipment.

gb #2-129.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Colorio
(June 14, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to review the current balance of the revolving accounts of the Worcester Public Schools, including, but not limited to, the School Choice Revolving Account.

gb #2-130.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Colorio
(June 14, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to review the current balance of the Local Education Fund Account.

gb #2-142.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty
(June 14, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide an update on North High School's Construction in reference to:

- Phase 3 - Demolition and Abatement of the old North High and
- Phase 4 - Play Fields and Parking Lot

with estimated completion dates and any other building issues that have not been resolved with adjustments.

gb #2-167.2 - Administration/Administration
(June 14, 2012)

To consider the proposed FY13 Budget and the responses to the following motions:

- A. Request that the Administration provide evidence that the principals actually review the school budgets with their site councils.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-167.2 (continued)

- B. Request that the Administration provide an actual breakdown of the numbers as to how the city calculates net school spending and include it in all future budgets.
- C. Request that the Administration provide a report which compares the breakdown of the different cost centers in the Budget on page 14 as to the way in which this information is reflected in the Foundation Budget.
- D. Request that the Administration provide a report, prior to the next meeting, as to whether or not space was available at the secondary level for school choice students during this academic year.
- E. Request that the Administration provide a report as to the increase in Teachers and Instructional Assistants for the delivery of services to special needs students and indicate whether this is due to compliance issues or for other reasons.
- F. Request that the Administration provide the salary for the additional administrator included on page 99 of the Budget.
- G. Request that the Administration provide a detailed breakdown report on exactly how the funds generated from the APIP grant in the Miscellaneous Salaries and Personal Service Accounts are being utilized as reflected in two different sections of the Budget.
- H. Request that the Administration provide a report on the cost to provide additional substitute special education bus services, as mentioned on page 135 of the Budget.
- I. Request that the Administration provide a breakdown on Account 500138-92000 In-State Travel prior to the next School Committee meeting.

gb #2-181.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(June 14, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to encourage elementary principals to consider a book swap day with the books the children have received either from "Worcester: the City that Reads" or from other sources in the Fall 2012.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-186.1 - Administration/Administration
(June 11, 2012)

To evaluate Dr. Melinda J. Boone, Superintendent of Schools, based on her Goals and Objectives for the 2011-12 school year.

gb #2-195 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(June 3, 2012)

Request that the Administration prepare a report breaking down the costs of reopening as elementary schools any of our buildings currently used for other purposes.

gb #2-196 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(June 6, 2012)

To forward a letter of recognition to the Worcester Arts Magnet Special Chorus for its gold medals in musicianship/singing and in dance/choreography at the June 1, 2012 Performing Arts Consultants Music Festival.

gb #2-197 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(June 6, 2012)

To coordinate with the City Council and the City Manager as to the schedule for the budget hearings for the 2014 fiscal year, so that the School Committee will address its budget before the City Council conducts its own hearing regarding the budget.

gb #2-198 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(June 6, 2012)

To tour the current St. Peter Marian Junior High School building, with representatives of St. Peter Marian, of the City Manager and of the City Council, to explore options for lease/acquisition of the structure, for use by the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-199 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(June 13, 2012)

Request that the Administration post the public portions of the Friday Letter online.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-200 - Administration
(June 13, 2012)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$715.00 for athletic officials.

gb #2-201 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(June 14, 2012)

To set a date to recognize Quinsigamond Community College for its year round programs that support the students in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-202 - Administration
(June 14, 2012)

To consider all items filed by the School Committee that have budgetary implications in light of the FY13 Budget.

gb #2-204 - Administration
(June 14, 2012)

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