

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

AGENDA #4

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, February 28, 2013  
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 Gary Shahinian  
Park Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #3-4 - Clerk  
(February 13, 2013)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 7, 2013.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #3-3 - Clerk  
(February 20, 2013)

To consider a communication from the City Clerk regarding repairing the railings on the gym bleachers at South High Community School.

VII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 3:07 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEET CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNEL

3-7 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Lawler, Margaret Terrio, Systemwide, Special Education, effective February 15, 2013  
Naponen, Kathleen, Sullivan Middle School, Guidance, effective January 31, 2013  
Pellegrini, Anthony, Systemwide, School Adjustment, effective February 1, 2013

3-8 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

Brown, Jennifer, Burncoat Middle, Special Education, effective February 1, 2013  
Peters, Mary Hill, Systemwide, Special Education, effective February 17, 2013

3-9 The Superintendent has APPOINTED the person named below to the position of Cafeteria Helper, permanent/intermittent at a salary of \$12.19 per hour, from Civil Service List #312-043, effective as shown:

Mangiulli, Diane

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X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-184.1 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien  
(February 12, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to work with the EAW to develop new training programs for Instructional Assistants that are relevant to their instructional area.

gb #1-226.1 - Administration/Mr. Foley  
(February 13, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to work with the School Nutrition staff to explore ways of providing healthy food to high school athletes prior to practice.

gb #1-289.1 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien  
(February 12, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide parents who are filling out CORI forms with information in English and Spanish that outlines the reason for completion of such a form and people with whom they can speak regarding the process and/or appeals process. It was further requested that information regarding the appeals process be provided to those who fail the CORI.

gb #2-147.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria  
(February 12, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the principal appointments over the last three years and indicate those that had stakeholders involved in the process.

gb #2-167.3 - Administration/Miss Biancheria  
(February 4, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to change the title of Account 500-91118 Miscellaneous Salaries.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-190.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(February 13, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to inform parents of all scheduled student screenings by nurses at the beginning of the school year.

gb #2-259.2 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell  
(February 13, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the following motions to:

- provide a report indicating innovative ways to introduce the study of the Constitution to students on Constitution Day itself during the week that it is celebrated and
- provide the results of the mock election that took place at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #2-296.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/  
Ms. Colorio  
(February 4, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to prepare a list of facilities of the Worcester Public Schools which are equipped to host evening meetings of the standing committees while providing full public access to them throughout the meetings, in compliance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

gb #2-301.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 20, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to notify teachers and PTOs of the recent decision of the State Ethics Commission which allows staff members to accept "class gifts" valued at up to \$150 if students and/or parents pool their contributions toward the gift.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-335.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/  
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria  
(February 13, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to report on how donations of instruments (such as those collected by WICN) are distributed to the schools.

gb #2-336.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/  
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria  
(February 13, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to report on the number of students receiving in-school, Worcester Public Schools funded, instrument lessons; the schools at which such lessons are taking place; the method used to determine those schools; and the amount of funding expended.

gb #2-338.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria  
(February 4, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to review the decision of the United States Department of Agriculture to eliminate daily and weekly limits on meats and grains in school lunches.

gb #3-27.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/  
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(February 20, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on Articulation Agreements including the school site and partners.

gb #3-28.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/  
Miss Biancheria  
(February 20, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to forward information to our schools about the annual NEA's Read Across America Day, taking place on March 1st as part of the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss and encourage our schools to engage in meaningful reading activities.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-49.1 - Administration/Administration  
(February 20, 2013)

To consider approval of the position of High School Graduation Improvement Specialist at North High School.

gb #3-53 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty  
(February 11, 2013)

To develop with the City Manager, and with the new owners of 230 Park Avenue, appropriate plans and procedures to maintain the integrity and safety of the cross-country course of Doherty Memorial High School, which passes in front of the building.

gb #3-54 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 11, 2013)

To request a waiver from the provisions of the Regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education mandating the minimum number of school days for the 2012-13 academic year, in light of the federal state of emergency applicable to Massachusetts twice during the year.

gb #3-55 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/  
Mayor Petty  
(February 11, 2013)

To forward letters of congratulations to the students of the Worcester Public Schools who received awards at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Breakfast Celebration.

gb #3-56 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty  
(February 11, 2013)

To forward letters of congratulations to the students of the Worcester Public Schools who received awards from the Worcester Historical Museum for their entries in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual "Be Our Valentine" contest.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-57 - Mr. O’Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 12, 2013)

To review the activities and progress of the Summer Learning Collaborative, and to determine whether, and how, the Worcester Public Schools can expand the reach and impact of the Collaborative in its schools.

gb #3-58 - Mr. O’Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(February 13, 2013)

To celebrate September 2 in the Worcester Public Schools as “World War II Commemoration Day, in honor of those who served in that war” and to recommend “that church bells be rung at 9:04 a.m. on that day in recognition of the final surrender of Japan and the formal conclusion of the conflict,” both as detailed in Chapter 6, Section 15YYYY of the Massachusetts General Laws (added by Chapter 390 of the Acts of 2004).

gb #3-59 - Mr. O’Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(February 13, 2013)

To establish debate teams at any high school which has sufficient student-demonstrated interest in formal debate competition.

gb #3-60 - Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 13, 2013)

To consider naming the gym at Columbus Park Preparatory Academy as the “Sergeant William Benjamin Soutra, Jr. Gymnasium.”

gb #3-61 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O’Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 13, 2013)

To establish a Mock Trial at any high school which has sufficient student-demonstrated interest.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-62 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 13, 2013)

To review the January 25, 2013 guidance letter of the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education regarding participation of students with disabilities in extracurricular activities, and to determine whether any actions should be taken by the Worcester Public Schools in response to it.

gb #3-63 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/  
Mayor Petty  
(February 13, 2013)

To set a date to recognize Patricia Ryan and Kevin Chviruk on their selection, by the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, as recipients of the Thomas S. Green Public Service Awards, "for their outstanding public service."

gb #3-64 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/  
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty  
(February 14, 2013)

To consider the report regarding Title IX, particularly with regard to allocations within the FY14 budget.

gb #3-65 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 14, 2013)

To review the IDEA Part B final regulations, published in the February 14, 2013 Federal Register, that change the requirements in 34 CFR300.154(d) related to parental consent to access public benefits or insurance (e.g., Medicaid).

gb #3-66 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty/Ms. Novick  
(February 14, 2013)

Request that the School Committee forward a congratulatory letter to the Worcester Historical Museum for their opening of the George I. Alden Family Gallery and to encourage our schools to visit this historical hands-on gallery.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-67 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria  
(February 15 2013)

To consider implementing an after-school program of clubs and intramural sports in the middle schools of Worcester.

gb #3-68 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio  
(February 19, 2013)

To review the proposed Local Educational Agency Governance, Flexibility, and Efficiency Act of 2013.

gb #3-69 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(February 19, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the Principal Mentorship Program to include the sites, the issues to be handled and the hours and cost per mentor.

gb #3-70 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick  
(February 19, 2013)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to the South High Community School's bowling team for its first place finish for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in the Worcester High School Bowling Championship title sponsored by the Worcester Bowling Association.

gb #3-71 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria  
(February 19, 2013)

To consider the development and implementation of an Entrepreneur Academy for entrepreneurial training in one of the high schools.

gb #3-72 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick  
(February 19, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide notification to the School Committee of any letters and/or intentions of resignations of administrative positions to assist in preparation of the FY14 Budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-73 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. O'Connell  
(February 19, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the allocation of the increase of the supply budget in the FY13 Budget.

gb #3-74 - Administration  
(February 22, 2013)

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