

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

The School Committee will hold an in-person meeting with a virtual option*:

on: **Thursday, June 6, 2024**
 at: 4:00 p.m. Budget Deliberation Session
 6:00 p.m. Executive Session
 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
 in: Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall
 Virtual:

<https://worcesterschools.zoom.us/j/82746440670?pwd=dmp4TnIxYThBdnhkZWQ1bm1hMjFFZz09>

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**This meeting/hearing of the Worcester School Committee will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and /or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Teamsters Local Union 170 for and on behalf of the Worcester Public Schools Transportation Mechanics.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – American Arbitration Association No. 01-23-002-6196, Coordinator of School Nurses/Director of Nursing and Health Services and Worcester Public Schools.

B. Call to Order

C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

The National Anthem will be sung by Angelo Gray, a grade 5 student from Nelson Place School.

D. Roll Call

E. Consent Agenda

- i. Approval of Minutes
To consider approval of minutes from the School Committee meeting of May 16, 2024.

[To consider approval of minutes from the School Committee meeting of May 20, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider the approval of a donation in the amount of \$6,100.00 from Cornerstone Bank for Chandler Magnet School for the Stars Residency after school program.

[To consider approval of a donation in the amount of \\$54,330 from the Department of Education to Gateway cities to boost FASFA Completion.](#)

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

iv. Initial filing of Recognitions

To send a letter to Jacqueline Bellos, a crossing guard from Midland Street Elementary School, in recognition of being one of three "2024 Crossing Guard Champions" recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program.

v. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public

F. Item for Reconsideration

[Please click here to see the reasoning for the reconsideration filing.](#)

The following items are considered together (Policy JICJ):

3-212 O'Connell Novick
(August 30, 2023)

To create a reasonable, future ready district cell phone policy
[Click here to see the proposed cell phone policy.](#)

3-93 McCullough
(March 19, 2023)

To consider adding AirPods usage to the Policy Handbook and utilizing administrator, educator, and student feedback during the development of the policy.
[Click to view the prior action on these items.](#)

G. Held Items

H. Recognitions

McCullough
(April 4, 2024)

[To recognize the Forest Grove Middle School Girls Basketball team for winning the City-Wide Basketball league championship and an undefeated season.](#)

McCullough
(April 4, 2024)

[To recognize the South High Lady Colonels on their historic appearance at the](#)

[Division 2 State Championship game and congratulate them on an incredible season as the Division 2 runner ups.](#)

McCullough

(April 4, 2024)

[To recognize the North High Boys basketball team on their 2024 State basketball championship win. To congratulate them on their back to back wins, an undefeated season and a 45 game win streak.](#)

I. Public Comment

J. Public Petition

c&p 4-7 (Khrystian King)

(June 6, 2024)

To consider action of dedication, with the naming of the new basketball court at Doherty High School in honor of Enmanuel "Manny" Familia who personified "team first" in life and in deeds. "Manny Familia Court" or such a name approved by the Familia family, School Administration and School Committee Members would serve notice to all students at Doherty High School and at Worcester Public Schools that life lessons learned in youth sports indeed carries over into one's personal and professional life. Enmanuel "Manny" Familia made the ultimate sacrifice in life by giving himself up for others. Consequently, he is Worcester's forever teammate. Manny loved the game of basketball, and was very much a part of Worcester's Basketball Community; as such this would be a befitting act.

Recommendation: Refer to FOG

K. Report of the Superintendent

FY25 Budget Hearing - No report of the Superintendent

L. Reports of the Standing Committees

[To consider the approval of minutes from the Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance meeting held on May 20, 2024.](#)

[To consider the approval of minutes from the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success meeting held on May 22, 2024.](#)

M. Student Advisory Committee Items

N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items

[To consider approval of a grant from Next Generation Learning Challenges in the amount of \\$13,500.](#)

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Holyoke Tire in the amount of \$7,113.60.

O. General Business

sa 4-2 (Superintendent's Student Advisory Council)

(February 15, 2024)

Response from Administration

to consider a variety of strategies that will improve communication amongst students and teachers, which can include a suggestion box or mandatory meeting that will provide a sense of comfort and understanding in a classroom setting. Bring item to Superintendent's Student Advisory and then bring a report back.

Recommendation: File

gb 4-23 (Binienda)

(February 15, 2024)

Response from Administration

Request a report including ten (10) years of data on the amount of funding per school for credit buyback.

Recommendation: File

gb 4-46 (Biancheria)

(April 4, 2024)

Response from Administration

To request Administration provide an update report in reference to the budgeting and financing for Worcester East middle school, including projects, and timelines on completion.

Recommendation: File

4-43 Johnson

(April 4, 2024)

Response from Administration

To request an update on any grants that are being requested to supplement any programs that may be impacted by the budget. Please list if applicable what programs.

Recommendation of Maker: File

ros 4-6 (Mailman)

(April 4, 2024)

Response from Administration

To receive a report on how WPS special education data compares with the rest of the state

Recommendation of Maker: File

ros 4-7 (Biancheria)

(April 25, 2024)

Response from Administration

Receive feasibility report/updates on allowing remote classes via Zoom

Recommendation: File

ros 4-7 (Biancheria)

(April 25, 2024)

Response from Administration

Provide report family supports for students with attendance issues

Recommendation: File

The following items (ros 4-7 and gb 4-44) will be taken together:**ros 4-7 (Binienda)**

(April 25, 2024)

Provide a report/list of incidents that preceded the suspension of students as noted in the ros 4-7

gb 4-44 (Biancheria)

(April 25, 2024)

Request administration provides a communication (email/text/phone call) when altercations occur in our schools providing a location of school sites and summary of altercation. After discussion, this item was amended to request a list of incidents occurring at school sites.

Response from Administration**Recommendation: File****ros 4-7 (Mailman)**

(April 25, 2024)

Response from Administration

Provide an out-of-school suspension risk ratio report for the past 7 years (similar to the one provided in the ros 4-7, pg. 15)

Recommendation: File**4-43A Biancheria**

(April 25, 2024)

Response from Administration

Request that the administration provide the number of employees on paid administrative leave this school year, as well as the title and dollar amount.

Recommendation: File**ros 4-8 (Biancheria)**

(May 2, 2024)

Response from Administration

To provide a list of all sports teams in WPS, with corresponding schools.

Recommendation: File**4-50 Mailman**

(May 2, 2024)

Response from Administration

To provide demographic data by high school, by grade, for early college participation, including English language learners, special education students, and low income students. Additionally, provide QCC and Worcester State enrollment information including how many hours of education are provided by each college on campus versus at high school as well as completion data.

Recommendation: File

4-51 Binienda

(May 2, 2024)

Response from Administration

To provide the funding and programming report for the summer credit recovery programs.

Recommendation: File

gb 4-52 (Alvarez)

(May 16, 2024)

Response from Administration

To provide current data on how many scholars with disabilities are placed in non-sub-separate classrooms in each district and how many inclusive teachers are assigned/work in each district.

Recommendation: File

gb 4-53 (Alvarez)

(May 16, 2024)

Response from Administration

To provide a report on what system does special education currently have in place to monitor compensatory services?

Recommendation: File

gb 4-58 (Biancheria)

(May 16, 2024)

Response from Administration

Request the administration provide the School Committee all MOU's signed by the Superintendent and the present Chief of Police.

Recommendation: File

gb 4-60 Administration

(June 6, 2024)

To consider approval of the Worcester Public Schools FY25 budget.

gb 4-61 (Petty)

(June 6, 2024)

To dedicate the basketball court at Chandler Elementary in memory of Antonio Rossi.

Recommendation: Refer to FOG

P. Announcements**Meeting Dates:**

School Committee Meetings:

- June 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- June 13, 2022, 4:45 p.m. Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- June 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m. Budget Session, 6:00 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00

p.m. Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.

Q. Adjournment

Kristi Turgeon,
Clerk of the School Committee

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