

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

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

on: **Thursday, June 20, 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
 – Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A/B – Vocational Appendix Subcommittee.

B. Call to Order

C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

The National Anthem will be sung by Christine Ferguson, a rising 10th grader from South High Community School.

D. Roll Call

E. Consent Agenda

i. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of minutes from the School Committee Budget Hearing of June 6, 2024.](#)

[To consider approval of minutes from the School Committee meeting of June 6, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider the approval of \$10,000 (gift cards) from Stop n Shop to Worcester East Middle School to stock its food pantry and to support families in need of assistance.

To consider accepting, as a donation, an extension for the use of warehouse space for the 2024-25 school year at 220 Barber Ave by Chacharone Properties at no cost to the district.

[To consider approval of donations from various parties, totalling \\$450.00 for the Transitions Program.](#)

To consider approval of a donation in the amount of \$8,500 from Project Bread for the Nutrition Department's Summer Eats Program.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

[New Hires](#)

[Resignations and Retirements](#)

iv. Initial filing of Recognitions

To Send a letter to recognize WPS grad Alijandro Ian Mendoza from WTHS as Worcester's first US Presidential Scholar in 2023, He was awarded for both Academic Excellence with a 4.7 gpa and Vocational Excellence in his field Biotech. He is now attending Columbia University on a full QuestBridge scholarship as an AstroPhysics major.

v. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public**F. Item for Reconsideration****G. Held Items-To be considered collectively**

gb 4-60 Administration

(June 6, 2024)

[To consider approval of the Worcester Public Schools FY25 budget.](#)

[Click here to see responses from Administration to Committee motions regarding the FY2025 budget.](#)

gb 4-11 (McCullough)

(January 18, 2024)

To review budgetary needs and community partners for wraparound coordinators.

gb 4-26 (Biancheria)

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report on the schools offering Jr ROTC to include the budget and promotion of offering this program.

Gb 4-41 (Binienda)

(April 25, 2024)

To discuss the possible impact on FY25 cuts in reference to the current House Budget.

gb 4-44 (Binienda)

(April 25, 2024)

To provide a report from Administration to DESE that shows the number and kind of incidents that occur in WPS.gb 4-60A (Biancheria)

(June 6, 2024)

To receive a report on middle school athletics availability; to explain the reduction in the MS athletics budget.

Gb 4-60B (Biancheria)

(June 6, 2024)

To receive a detailed report on all costs related to in-house transportation including the depot, buses, fuel station, buildings, mechanics, drivers, etc.

Recommendation of Maker: Approve and file**H. Recognitions**

- I. Public Comment**-Any member of the public may address the Committee regarding any item before them for two (2) minutes. Those speaking will state their name, their residence, and the item on which they wish to speak for the record. Those speaking may do so in person or via remote participation. Those wishing to address the Committee in a language other than English are asked to notify the Clerk of the Committee in advance, so the Committee may be provided with an interpreter. Members of the Committee may not respond to the comments of the public at the meeting.

J. Public Petitionc&p 4-8 Greater Worcester Research Bureau

(June 20, 2024)

To consider the Greater Worcester Research Bureau report "*Building the Future; Investing in Worcester Public Schools*"**Recommendation: Refer to FOG****K. Report of the Superintendent****L. Reports of the Standing Committees**To consider the approval of minutes from the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success meeting held on June 12, 2024.To consider the approval of minutes from the Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance meeting held on June 13, 2024.**M. Student Advisory Committee Items****N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**To consider approval of a grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the FY24 MA Skills Capital Grant Round 1, to benefit the North High School Early Childhood Education and Biotechnology Programs.

O. General Business**qb 4-62 (Administration)**

(June 20, 2024)

To request that the Superintendent be granted the annual authorization to make the final year-end transfers necessary to balance surplus and deficit accounts for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024.

Recommendation: Approve

qb 4-63 (Administration)

(June 20, 2024)

To set a date and approve the process for the Superintendent Evaluation.

[Click here to view the proposed timeline](#)

Recommendation: Set a date and approve timeline/process

qb 4-64 (Administration)

(June 20, 2024)

To review the annual audit (year ending June 30, 2023) and agreed-upon procedures report on compliance and internal controls for the City of Worcester, including the Worcester Public Schools, which includes the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) A-133 Reports and the Management Letter.

Recommendation: Refer to FOG

qb 4-65 (Administration)

(June 20, 2024)

To review the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education End of Year 2023 Financial Report.

Recommendation: Refer to FOG

P. Announcements**Meeting Dates:**

School Committee Meetings:

- July 18, 2024, 5:30p.m. Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- August 15, 2024, 5:30 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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