

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, July 18, 2024**  
 at: 4:00 p.m. Regular Session  
 in: Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall  
 Virtual:

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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

**A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session**

**B. Call to Order**

**C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem**

**D. Roll Call**

**E. Consent Agenda**

i. Approval of Minutes

To consider approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Budget Deliberation Session

To consider approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2024 School Committee meeting.

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider approval of a donation in the amount of \$36,113 from UMass Chan Medical School for teachers and staff in North Quadrant Schools.

To consider approval of three donations from the Patriots Foundation (Kraft Sports and Entertainment) totaling \$25,000.00 for Chandler Elementary School.

To consider approval of an in-kind donation from ServPro to Chandler Elementary School.

- iii. Notification of Personnel Records
- iv. Initial filing of Recognitions
- v. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public

**F. Item for Reconsideration**

Member Mailman reconsider vote from FOG minutes on 6/20:

Member Mailman made a motion to remove the following items from the minutes and bring them back to FOG for further community discussion in School Site Councils:

gb 4-61 (Petty)

(June 6, 2024)

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

[Click here to view the prior action for this item](#)

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.

[Click here to view the prior action for this item](#)

**G. Held Items**

**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 Petition**

**K. Report of the Superintendent**ros 4-10 Administration

(July 18, 2024)

[Report of Superintendent: Self-Reflection and Achievement of Goals School Year 2023-2024](#)**L. Reports of the Standing Committees****M. Student Advisory Committee Items****N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**

To consider a prior year payment in the amount of \$599.00 to Flowlab.

**O. General Business**gb 4-66 McCullough

(July 18, 2024)

To review the facilities naming and dedication policy and provide clarity around the process.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**gb 4-67 Administration

(July 18, 2024)

[To approve a change in Policy EFD – School Nutrition Program Charge Policy to align with the approved student handbook and DESE requirements.](#)**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**gb 4-68 Administration

(July 18, 2024)

Request that Innovation School Annual Evaluation Reports are approved and filed.

[Click to view the response from Administration](#)[Innovation School Annual Evaluation Report - University Park Campus School](#)[Innovation School Annual Evaluation Report - Claremont Academy](#)[Innovation School Annual Evaluation Report - Worcester Technical High School](#)[Innovation School Annual Evaluation Report - Goddard Scholars Academy at Sullivan Middle School](#)**Recommendation of Maker: Approve and File**gb 4-69 (Mailman)

(July 18, 2024)

To request information related to the new turf field for Doherty High School. In the response please indicate answers to the following questions: 1. Has the turf been bought yet? 2. Certainly cost was a factor in the field that was chosen. What are the differences in specifications based on cost? 3. What and when are the next turf fields replacements scheduled for WPS ? 4. The NFL is rejecting turf fields for safety reasons- are there alternatives? 5. As our city goal is to build green - do we have concerns about petrochemical fields? 6. Has the Mass Association of School Superintendents (MASS) weighed in on turf fields?

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**

gb 4-70 (Binienda)  
(July 18, 2024)

To provide a report that shows the total number of teachers, administrators, and support personnel who have resigned their positions at WPS from May 2024 to the present?

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

gb 4-71 (Binienda)  
(July 18, 2024)

To provide a report that outlines the plan for the supervision and operation of the Transition Program due to the departure of the Department Head.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

gb 4-72 (Binienda)  
(July 18, 2024)

To provide a report explaining the external job list that is posted on schoolspring and how these positions are being funded.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration****P. Announcements****Meeting Dates:****School Committee Meetings:**

- 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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