

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, August 15, 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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*\*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**

**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 July 18, 2024 School Committee meeting.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

[To consider approval of a donation of school supplies from AbbVie Foundation's Heart Of America Initiative.](#)

To consider donation of new furniture from La Familia/Chandler Magnet PTO, valued at \$8,300.00, to the school library space at La Familia at Chandler Magnet.

To consider donation of books from La Familia/Chandler Magnet PTO, valued at \$5,986.00, to the school library space at La Familia at Chandler Magnet.

To consider approval of a donation of 2,500 reusable water bottles for students from Cornerstone Bank.

To consider approval of 5,550 backpacks from Cradles to Crayons to students in the Worcester Public Schools.

To consider approval of a donation of hygiene kits from AbbVie for high school students.

To consider approval of a donation of a truck to the South High School Diesel Program from IPG Photonics Corporation.

To consider approval of a donation of 300 backpacks filled with school supplies from the 200 Foundation.

To consider approval of a goods donation of school supplies to fill 200 backpacks from the People for Urban and Rural Education.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

iv. Initial filing of Recognitions  
McCullough

To recognize WPS students from Jesse Burkett Little League who made it to 2024 12U Little League Softball New England Region Tournament Semi Finals. Jocelyn Baumann, Leah Becker, Jailyn Buccico, Sophia Carrero, Amaiya Feebles, Annie Friend and Sofia Rogers.

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

#### **F. Item for Reconsideration**

#### **G. Held Items-To be considered collectively**

[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 Petition**c & p 4-9 Gordon Davis

(August 15, 2024)

Whereas they are not now required factors in the determination of the Master Plan for School buildings, I petition the School Committee to make social-economic demographics required factors in development of the Master Plan.

**Recommendation: Refer to FOG**c & p 4-10 Gordon Davis

(August 15, 2024)

Whereas Chandler St. school building has been overcrowded and inadequate for decades. I petition the School Committee to replace the Chandler St. building with a new building.

**Recommendation: Refer to FOG****K. Report of the Superintendent**

No report due to the Superintendent Evaluation

**L. Reports of the Standing Committees****M. Student Advisory Committee Items****N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**

To consider approval of Transportation year end PTO payout in the amount of \$43,711.87.

To consider approval for the FY25 STEM Equipment and Professional Development Grant MA Life Science Center in the amount of \$337,671.

To consider approval of FC0422: Perkins Program Improvement and Equipment Grant in the amount of \$131,043.

To consider approval of FC126 Computer Science (CS) Engage Grant in the amount of \$54,474.

To consider approval of 59 prior year payments totalling \$151,658.44 as outlined on the attached document.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to a teacher for canceled absences in the amount of \$955.94.

To consider approval of a longevity payment to a Parent Liaison in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**O. General Business**

gb 4-73 Administration)

(August 15, 2024)

To review the status of the FY25 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**

gb 4-74 Administration

(August 15, 2024)

To declare the following items from the old Doherty Memorial High School as surplus for the purpose of conducting an auction for the funds to benefit the school.

**Recommendation of Maker: Approve**

gb 4-75 Clerk

(August 15, 2024)

To approve the School Committee Meeting Schedule for the 2025 calendar year.

**Recommendation of Maker: Approve**

gb 4-76 Administration

(August 15, 2024)

To approve the Report of the Superintendent Schedule for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Recommendation of Maker: Approve**

gb 4-77 Administration

(August 15, 2024)

To consider revisions to the FY25 Building Rental Rates.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**

qb 4-78 Administration  
(August 15, 2024)

To approve the second meal breakfast, lunch, snack, and adult meal prices for the 2024-25 school year.

Recommendation of Maker: Approve

qb 4-79 Administration  
(August 15, 2024)

To authorize the Administration to enter an eight-year contract for the purchase of electronic textbooks for World Language Curriculum with Wayside Publishing following the district pilot program.

Recommendation of Maker: Approve

qb 4-80 Petty  
(August 15, 2024)

To conduct an evaluation of the Superintendent for the 2023-24 school year.

Recommendation of Maker: Approve and File

**P. Announcements**

Meeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- September 5, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- September 19, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.

**Q. Adjournment**

Kristi Turgeon,  
Clerk of the School Committee