

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, September 19, 2024**

at: 5:30 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-None

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 School Committee meeting on September 5, 2024.](#)

[To consider approval of minutes from the Joint Meeting of the City Council Committee on Education and the School Committee Finance, Operations and Governance Standing Committee on September 11, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider approval of a \$50,000.00 donation from Worcester Educational Development Foundation to support the AVID Program.

To consider approval of a donation of winter clothing and jackets from Cradles to Crayons to the Worcester Public Schools for students in need.

To consider approval of a \$1,500 donation from the College of the Holy Cross to support the bilingual library at Chandler Magnet/La Familia School.

To consider the approval of a goods donation of 50 backpacks from Axis Communications.

To consider approval of a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a South High teacher to participate in the PACE-TWO professional learning and design workshops.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

iv. Initial filing of Recognition

To congratulate the North High boy's volleyball team on receiving the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Team Sportsmanship Award.

Recommendation of Maker: Send Letters

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

F. Item for Reconsideration-None

G. Held Items

gb 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 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-None

K. Report of the Superintendent

ros 4-11 Administration

(September 19, 2024)

From Here, Anywhere... Together: Superintendent Goal Setting 2024-2025

Rachel H. Monárrez, PhD

WPS Strategic Plan

DESE Superintendent Evaluation Rubric

Recommendation of Maker: Approve

L. Reports of the Standing Committees**Joint FOG and City Council Committee on Education**c&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 of Maker: File**gb 2-56.5 McCullough/Clancey/Johnson/Kamara/Mailman/O'Connell Novick

(February 7, 2022)

[Request that the Administration provide an update on library programs and the use of librarians throughout the district.](#)**Recommendation of Maker: Hold this item with the motion made by Member Biancheria to explore relationships between WPS and local colleges to grant students library access.****M. Student Advisory Committee Items-None****N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**[To consider approval of Grant-Massachusetts 21st Century Community Learning Centers \(CCLC\) — Supporting Additional Learning Time Grant \(SALT\) from DESE in the amount of \\$210,000.](#)[To consider approval of FC589 Civics Teaching & Learning Grant from DESE in the amount of \\$56,000.](#)[To consider approval for a prior year payment for elementary class size stipends totalling \\$3,150.](#)[To consider approval for a prior year payment for vocational salary adjustments totalling \\$74,568.66.](#)[To consider approval for prior year payments from multiple vendors totalling \\$1,063.84.](#)

To consider approval for a prior year payment for an employee totalling \$348.47.

To consider approval for a prior year payment for an employee totalling \$1,020.00.

To consider approval for a prior year payment for an employee totalling \$456.60.

O. General Businessgb 3-156.4 Clancey

(June 1, 2023)

[To consider renaming St. Casimir's to The Dr. Michael O'Neil Program at the Alternative School.](#)**Recommendation of Maker: FOG**

gb 4-86 (McCullough)

(September 19, 2024)

To hold joint meetings between FOG and the City Council Standing Committee of education on topics of mutual interest.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG

gb 4-87 (Mailman)

(September 19, 2024)

To pick a delegate to represent the Worcester School Committee at the MASC resolution meeting at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference in November.

[Click here to see memo from MASC regarding delegates and resolutions](#)

[Click here to see MASC 2024 Resolutions](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Approve and file

gb 4-88 (Mailman)

(September 19, 2024)

To consider a time limit of five minutes to speak on items, with an additional five minutes if granted by the chair.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG

gb 4-89 Administration

(September 19, 2024)

[To consider the addition of new Chapter 74 state-approved Vocational Technical Education\(VTE\) programs at Burncoat High School.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to TLSS

gb 4-90 Administration

(September 19, 2024)

To review the Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Student Activity Fund testing for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG

P. AnnouncementsMeeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- September 23, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street
- September 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street

Q. Adjournment

Kristi Turgeon,
Clerk of the School Committee