

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, October 24, 2024**  
at: 4:00 p.m. Executive Session; 4:15 p.m. Open 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 litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – *Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination/Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge, MCAD Docket No. 24WEMxxxxx and EEOC Charge No. 16C-2024-xxxxx*, Former Employee.

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.

**B. Call to Order**

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

**D. Roll Call**

**M. Student Advisory Committee Items**

sa 4-7 (Student Advisory Committee)

(October 24, 2024)

To create a Student Wellness form mandatory for all schools to provide so any student in need or in crisis is able to inform their teachers in a discrete manner - allowing for teachers/staff to help any student going through problems within school or outside of school through a program, which would allow for said students not to fall behind on their academics and continue their learning regardless of their circumstances.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

sa 4-8 (student Advisory Committee)  
(October 24, 2024)

To hold more community events providing a network between grade levels, teachers, parents, and school staff, which would allow for a stronger community in Worcester Public Schools and would create a positive mentorship between younger and older students, who would serve as role models and lay the path for students to come.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

## **E. Consent Agenda**

### i. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of the minutes from the School Committee meeting on October 10, 2024](#)

### ii. Approval of Donations

To consider approval of a gently used whiteboard (estimated value \$800.00) from National Grid for WTHS Special Education Department.

To consider approval of a \$2,000 donation from the Eos Foundation to recognize the WPS as a Healthy Start Award recipient.

### iii. Notification of Personnel Records

[New Hires-Instructional Positions](#)  
[New Hires-Non-Instructional Positions](#)  
[Resignations/Retirements/Non-Renewals](#)

### iv. Initial filing of Recognition

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

## **F. Item for Reconsideration**

## **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. [Click to view Policy BEDH-Public Comment](#)

## **J. Public Petition**

**K. Report of the Superintendent**ros 4-13 Administration

(October 24, 2024)

[From Here, Anywhere... Together: Student Academic Achievement Part II](#)[Rachel H. Monárrez, PhD](#)**Recommendation of Maker: Approve****L. Reports of the Standing Committees****N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**[To consider approval of the After School and Out of School Time 2024-2025 School Year from the United Way of Central Massachusetts in the amount of \\$40,000.](#)

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Hopedale Public Schools in the amount of \$28,646.47.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to a teacher in the amount of \$1,400.94.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to an employee for the purpose of mentorship in the amount of \$2,428.00.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to a bus driver for PTO payout in the amount of \$186.30.

**O. General Business**ros 4-10 (Administration)

(September 5, 2024)

**Response from Administration**

To receive a report with in depth BIPOC and hiring/rehiring data (Motion from Member Mailman.

**Recommendation of Maker: File**gb 4-100 (McCullough)

October 24, 2024

To get an update on the Versatrans MyStop App and its functionality.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**gb 4-101 (McCullough)

(October 24, 2024)

To begin discussions around the potential impact on the inflation rate for next year's budget.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**gb 4-102 (McCullough)

(October 24, 2024)

To review the school choice policy around out of district student eligibility into Chapter 74 programs.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**gb 4-103 (Guardiola)

(October 24, 2024)

Request a report from the administration on what if any training has occurred for Worcester Public School administrators regarding labor/management roles, boundaries and contractual obligations.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**gb 4-104 (Guardiola)

(October 24, 2024)

Request administration to provide a list of names and total number of bargaining units within Worcester Public Schools and the number of current existing labor contracts.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**gb 4-105 (Biancheria)

(October 24, 2024)

To request the roadway at North High School be named in honor of Robert F. Pezzella, a former student, cofounder of the North High School Alumni Association, and steadfast activist to many successful local initiatives and programs throughout his years that have contributed to our city's civic and public schools success.

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

## School Committee Meetings:

- October 28, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- November 14, 2024 School Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Executive Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- November 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- November 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- November 21, 2024 School Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Executive Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall, 455 Main Street.

**Q. Adjournment**

Kristi Turgeon,  
Clerk of the School Committee