

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, November 21, 2024**  
 at: 5:00 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**

**B. Call to Order**

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

Nayeli Roman, Doherty Memorial High School

**D. Roll Call**

**M. Student Advisory Committee Items**

**E. Consent Agenda**

i. Approval of Minutes

ii. Approval of Donations

To accept a donation from the George I. Alden Trust in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the reconstruction of the Veterinary Tech Clinic at Worcester Technical High School.

To accept a donation from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in the amount of \$500,000 for the reconstruction of the Veterinary Tech Clinic at Worcester Technical High School

Veterinary Tech Clinic donations presentation

To consider approval of a \$220.29 donation from CEC Entertainment, LLC for Woodland Academy.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

iv. Initial filing of Recognition  
McCullough

(November 21, 2024)

To send letters to the Burncoat Dance team and coaches for 2nd in Jazz and 3rd in Hip Hop at the State Championship.

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

**F. Item for Reconsideration**

**G. Held Items**

gb 4-110 (Roy)

(November 14, 2024)

To request administration to give information on the alternative drug and intervention program(s) provided to our students (grades 7 -12) in lieu of the Turn It Around Drug Program that was reduced due to budget cuts by the administration.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

**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 4-15 Administration

(November 21, 2024)

[From Here, Anywhere... Together: Sense of Belonging: Climate, Culture, & Safety - Rachel H. Monárrez, PhD](#)

[Policy JIC - Student Discipline Policy](#)

**Recommendation of Maker: Approve**

**L. Reports of the Standing Committees**

**N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**

**O. General Business**

gb 4-111 (Administration)

(November 21, 2024)

[To consider possible revisions to school boundary assignments and school quadrant assignments to become effective for the 2026-2027 school year.](#)

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to FOG**

gb 4-112 (Guardiola)

(November 21, 2024)

Request the number of employees currently on paid medical leave and average length of time of said paid leave.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

gb 4-113 (Guardiola)

(November 21, 2024)

Request the number of employees currently on unpaid leave and average length of time of said unpaid leave.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

gb 4-114 (Guardiola)

(November 21, 2024)

Request the number of employees that maxed sick leave in both the 2022 and 2023 years.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration**

gb 4-115 (McCullough)

(November 21, 2024)

To support the MIAA proposal that would make flag football a girls' varsity sport in 25-26. Additionally, if the proposal passes to work to add as an offering in the WPS.

**Recommendation of Maker: Refer to TLSS**

**P. Announcements**Meeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- December 5, 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.
- December 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- December 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- December 19, 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