

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
20 IRVING STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

AGENDA #14

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, May 5, 2011
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Kathryn Keene
First Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #1-110.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo
(April 14, 2011)

To recognize the Burncoat High School Select Chorus, also known as the “Quadrivium” for having received the Voices of Liberty trophy and Outstanding Performance rating at the Disney Invitational Honors Festival at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida on March 24, 2011.

IMMEDIATE ACTION (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-115.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(April 29, 2011)

To recognize Dorothy Hargrove, Jill Pellegrini and Dr. Denise O'Connell for their decade of dedication to the Worcester Public Schools through the federal "Meeting the Challenge Grant," by which they trained and assisted one hundred prospective teachers to obtain their licenses in special education instruction, thus strengthening and enhancing the education of special needs children in Worcester.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

VI. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-1.1 - Administration/Administration
(April 28, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report as to its plans for allocation and expenditure of the grant funding received by the Worcester Public Schools from the Race to the Top, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

ros #1-6 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

UPDATE ON THE SIX PRONG COMMUNICATION PLAN

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEET MAY BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-51.2 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mayor O'Brien
(April 29, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to consider approval of the Proposed Amended Draft Policy Statement and the Procedural Guidelines for Recess.

gb #1-127.1 - Administration/Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To accept a competitive grant in the amount of \$800.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) STARS Residencies grant program for a school residency with the Worcester Art Museum at Heard Street School.

gb #1-132.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(April 29, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report regarding the Alternative and Fanning Building Programs to include the organizational charts.

gb #1-136 - Mr. Monfredo
(April 26, 2011)

To consider approval of the Wellness Policy.

gb #1-137 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 26, 2011)

To set a date to recognize, and to congratulate, Amber Ustinovich, a student at Worcester Technical High School, on her selection as an Outstanding Vocational Technical Student by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-138 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 26, 2011)

To develop a revised Incident Report which provides more background information, and more detail, as to occurrences of assault, or fighting, or possession of weapons or contraband in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-139 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(April 26, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the student participation per high school in the WPS Work Plus Program for 2010.

gb #1-140 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor O'Brien
(April 28, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the outcome in reference to the District Wraparound Zone Team interview with DESE, including the participating organizations, their representatives and contact information.

gb #1-141 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor O'Brien
(April 28, 2011)

Request that the Administration, in collaboration with the City Manager, establish a timeline for painting the crosswalks that have been removed due to construction work throughout the City and consider repainting the existing crosswalks.

gb #1-142 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for Chandler Magnet School.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-143 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for the Goddard Scholars Academy.

gb #1-144 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

gb #1-145 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for University Park Campus School.

gb #1-146 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for Woodland Academy.

gb #1-147 - Administration
(April 29, 2011)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee