

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

AGENDA #16

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, October 3, 2013
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Roosevelt Hughes
John Street Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #3-14 - Clerk
(September 25, 2013)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 19, 2013.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #3-235.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/
Mayor Petty
(September 24, 2013)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the donation of \$25,000 by the Hanover Insurance Group Foundation toward the purchase and installation of an "eco-friendly recreational space" playground at Wawecus Road School, and the time and assistance of the Worcester Department of Public Works, of Hanover employees, and of the parents, staff and friends of the school in installing the playground itself.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-241.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mayor Petty
(September 24, 2013)

To recognize Dr. Sheila Harrity on her selection as the MetLife/NASSP
2014 National High School Principal of the Year.

gb #3-249.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(September 24, 2013)

To recognize Garrett Levesque, a student at Burncoat High School, for
being selected to participate in the All-National Honor Ensemble which
represents the top performing school musicians in the United States at
the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee.

gb #3-262 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(September 24, 2013)

To recognize the staff of Worcester Technical High School on its selection
as the 2013 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States
Department of Education.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #3-7 - Administration
(September 25, 2013)

PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION TO PARCC

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

ACTION

3-40 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below to the position of Teacher effective as noted below:

Coz, Patricia, Worcester East Middle, Reading, MA+30, Step 4, \$58,980, effective September 23, 2013. Licensed: Reading all levels.

3-41 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the following positions effective as noted below:

Gaudette, Patricia, Acting Principal, City View, \$86,123, effective September 11, 2013. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Principal K-8

Ganem Jr., Albert, Manager of Staff Development, MA+30, \$129,000, effective September 16, 2013. Licensed: Principal/ Assistant Principal Prek-12.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #3-252 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio
(September 13, 2013)

To set a date to recognize the service of Roberta Schaefer, Ph.D. to the Worcester community, as Executive Director of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau.

gb #3-253 - Administration
(September 17, 2013)

To approve prior year expenses in the amount of \$965.59 for special education parent transportation reimbursement.

gb #3-254 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(September 17, 2013)

Request that the Administration review the new bill signed into law by Governor Patrick, "An Act Relative to Student Access to Educational Services and Exclusions from School" and report on changes that will occur in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #3-255 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Mayor Petty/Mr. Monfredo
(September 18, 2013)

To consider available options to expand the music instrumental lesson program of the Worcester Public Schools to the schools not currently selected to offer the program.

gb #3-256 - Mr. Monfredo
(September 19, 2013)

To set a date to recognize Maureen Binienda, Principal of South High Community School, for receiving the Lois B. Green Leadership Award.

gb #3-257 - Administration
(September 23, 2013)

To accept a donation of a Domitek Camera Surveillance System valued in the amount of \$3,250 from Mr. and Mrs. Libis Bueno.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #3-258 - Administration
(September 23, 2013)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$125.

gb #3-259 - Administration
(September 23, 2013)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$498.

gb #3-260 - Administration
(September 23, 2013)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$368.80.

gb #3-261 - Administration
(September 24, 2013)

To set a date to recognize the Quinsigamond Land Task Force for its generosity to Vernon Hill School by donating \$25,000 to cover the cost of cafeteria tables for the school.

gb #3-263 - Administration
(September 27, 2013)

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