

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

AGENDA #6

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, February 27, 2014
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in the: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Pastor Debra Cottis
Hadwen Park Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #4-4 - Clerk
(February 19, 2014)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 6, 2014.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #4-8.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/
Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(February 18, 2014)

To recognize and congratulate Maureen Binienda, Principal of South High Community School, on her selection by Go Local Worcester as its 2013 Woman of the Year in Central Massachusetts.

gb #4-9.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mayor Petty
(February 18, 2014)

To recognize representatives from South High Community School for providing space at the school for "Andy's Attic," a store which is providing clothing for students in need.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #4-2 - Clerk
(February 19, 2014)

To consider a communication from the EAW relative to a request to enter into negotiations on the District Determined Measures.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

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

IX. PERSONNEL

ACTION

4-07 The Superintendent ACCEPTED the RETIREMENT of the person named below:

Barouk, Ivette, School Adjustment Counselor, Gerald Creamer Center, effective January 31, 2014

4-08 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of Teacher effective as noted below:

Bradley, Nicole, Special Education, Gates Lane, MA, Step 1, \$48,993 effective January 27, 2014. Licensed: Moderate Disabilities Prek-8

Lambrecht, Richard, Vocational, Worcester Technical, Doc, Step 8, \$80,068 effective January 15, 2014. Licensed: Biotechnology 9-14.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #4-37 - Miss Biancheria
(January 30, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide information in reference to the Family Academy such as its:

- purpose
- partners and
- plan

gb #4-38 - Ms. Novick
(January 30, 2014)

To set a date to recognize Garrett Levesque, Brielle Marie Stovall, Paris Jensen, Danilo DaSilva and Nabeel Tokatli for being accepted to participate in the All State Honors Music Festival.

gb #4-39 - Mr. O'Connell
(February 4, 2014)

To review and consider the report which sets forth "The Gateway Cities Vision for Dynamic Community-Wide Learning Systems."

gb #4-40 - Mr. O'Connell
(February 6, 2014)

To congratulate Superintendent Melinda Boone on her selection as recipient of the Community Leadership Award of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekah Assembly.

gb #4-41 - Mr. Monfredo
(February 10, 2014)

Request that the Administration set a date to meet with the Local Delegation to discuss the FY15 Budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-42 - Miss Biancheria
(February 10, 2014)

To set a date to recognize the students of the Worcester Public Schools who received awards from the Worcester Historical Museum for their entries in the 36th Annual "Be Our Valentine" Contest.

gb #4-43 - Ms. Biancheria
(February 10, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide the following information on the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) Program:

- classroom accommodations
- enrollment
- actual spaces available
- age of students serviced
- waiting list and
- the process of enrollment

gb #4-44 - Miss Biancheria
(February 11, 2014)

To set a date to congratulate Paula Harrity and Sandra Borbone on their selection as recipients of the 2014 Thomas S. Green Public Service Awards.

gb #4-45 - Administration
(February 12, 2014)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$53.00 from a parent at Norrback Avenue School to purchase library supplies at the school.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-46 - Miss Biancheria
(February 12, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a middle and high school report, per school site, regarding the teacher:pupil ratio per classroom indicating the number of teachers who are above the contracted 125 students.

gb #4-47 - Miss Biancheria
(February 13, 2014)

To set a date to recognize Michael Lyons for being selected as the recipient of the Monsignor Edmond T. Tinsley Quiet Man Award from the Emerald Club of Worcester.

gb #4-48 - Mayor Petty
(February 13, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the feasibility of including private, catholic, and charter schools on ConnectEd messages for emergency situations that all school children and families should be contacted.

gb #4-49 - Mr. Monfredo
(February 18, 2014)

Request that the Administration consider a review of the Providence Reads literature to be included as part of the Worcester Reads Program and collaborate with the Worcester Education Collaborative and the City Council to implement it.

gb #4-50 - Administration
(February 18, 2014)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Education to support Alternative Education Programs.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-51 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To consider approval of prior fiscal year payments in the total amount of \$12,676.99 for two teachers.

gb #4-52 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To amend the Rules of the School Committee by changing the July meeting from the third to the fourth Thursday each year.

gb #4-53 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 made payable to Worcester Technical High School from Mercury Media & Entertainment.

gb #4-54 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To accept a donation of \$75,000 from the Worcester County Food Bank for the purchase of a second summer food meals truck for the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #4-55 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$120,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Innovation Schools Enhancement and Sustainability Grant.

gb #4-56 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Staples Foundation to develop students' writing/communication skills at Worcester Arts Magnet School.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-57 - Administration
(February 19, 2014)

To discuss collective bargaining for the Parent Liaisons, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss collective bargaining for the Occupational Therapy Assistants and Physical Therapy Assistants, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the Nurses, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To conduct the disciplinary hearing of Student #13/14-11 and to do so in Executive Session to protect the statutory privacy rights of the student under Chapter 30, Section 21, paragraph 7 and Chapter 214, Section 1B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

To conduct the disciplinary hearing of Student #13/14-12 and to do so in Executive Session to protect the statutory privacy rights of the student under Chapter 30, Section 21, paragraph 7 and Chapter 214, Section 1B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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