

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

AGENDA #11

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, April 7, 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 - Pastor Caroline Wiggin
Quinsigamond United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-8 - Clerk
(March 18, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Friday, March 11, 2011.

aor #1-9 - Clerk
(March 23, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 17, 2011.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #1-75.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria
(March 18, 2011)

To recognize Paige Allen, of Burncoat High School, and Patricia Feraud, of South High Community School, on their recognition by the City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women through its 12th Annual Young Women of Consequence Award.

gb #1-82.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(March 21, 2011)

To recognize Louise Clarke, Grant Development Specialist, for being selected for the prestigious Thomas Green Award by the board of directors of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-5 - Administration
(March 29, 2011)

INNOVATION SCHOOL PLANS:

- Chandler Magnet School
- Goddard Scholars Academy
- Goddard School of Science and Technology
- University Park Campus School
- Woodland Academy

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #1-3 - Clerk
(March 30, 2011)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding a program entitled, "Challenge Day" which would address issues of bullying.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 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

ACTION

IX. PERSONNELACTION

- 1-13 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of Teacher:

Erickson, Kenneth, HVAC, Worcester Technical, VL3 Step 6, \$58,213, Licensed: Heat-Air Cond-Vent-Ref (9-14) effective February 23, 2011.

vanderSpek, Johanna, Biotechnology, Worcester Technical, Doc Step 8, \$74,959, Licensed: Biotechnology (9-14), effective February 16, 2011.

- 1-14 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the following positions:

Ball, Gail, Department Head, English Language Learners, Systemwide, stipend of \$2,758 effective March 11, 2011

Bangert, Keefe, Department Head, Vision, Systemwide, stipend of \$1,591, effective March 9, 2011

Earley, Gayle, Department Head, English Language Learners, Systemwide, stipend of \$2,758 effective March 11, 2011

Leland-Sullivan, Theresa, Department Head, Worcester Technical High, \$74,007, effective March 1, 2011

Martinelli, Kathleen, Department Head, Learning Disabilities, Systemwide, stipend of \$2,758, effective March 9, 2011

McNamara, Jane, Head Guidance Counselor, Burncoat Middle, stipend of \$2,652 effective March 1, 2011

Melendez, Carmen, Head Guidance Counselor, South High, stipend of \$2,652, effective March 1, 2011

Murphy, Margaret, Department Head, Emotional/Behavioral, Systemwide, stipend of \$2,758, effective March 9, 2011

O'Connell, Jason, Department Head, Social Studies, Forest Grove Middle, stipend of \$1,591, effective March 1, 2011

Oliveras-Gualdarrama, Esperanza, Department Head, English Language Learners, Systemwide, stipend of \$2,758 effective March 11, 2011

Scarrell, Robin, Department Head, Science, Forest Grove Middle, stipend of \$1,591 effective March 1, 2011

Soto, Roberto, Department Head, English Language Learners, Systemwide, stipend of \$2,758 effective March 11, 2011

Starkin, Paul, Department Head, Home + Hospital, Systemwide, stipend of \$1,591 effective March 9, 2011

PERSONNEL (continued)ACTION

- 1-15 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below to the position of Testing and Evaluation Specialist:

Kavanaugh, Maureen, Durkin Administration Building, \$85,649.00, effective 3/23/11

- 1-16 The Superintendent has provisionally appointed the person named below to the position of Principal Account Clerk, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$19.32/hr (minimum) to \$22.96/hr (maximum), effective as follows:

Forleo, Shirley 3/24/11

- 1-17 The Superintendent has appointed the persons named below to the position of Cafeteria Helper, permanent/intermittent at a salary of \$10.88 per hour, from Civil Service List #311-007, effective as follows:

Agurimah, Elijah	3/23/11
Brindisi, Demetrio	3/23/11
Bultron, Ivette	3/23/11
Daviau, Leah	3/23/11
Dwumak, Kwame	3/23/11
Fobi, Abena	3/23/11
Johnson, Vanessa	3/23/11
Ruiz, Maria	3/23/11
Santana, Jesus	3/23/11
Tawiah, Thomas	3/23/11

Bagley, Florence	3/25/11
Cooper, Christine	3/25/11
Deignan, Cindy	3/25/11
Perez Nieves, Yanira	3/25/11
Villalonga, Maria	3/25/11

Ayoub, Yolla	3/28/11
Boateng, Alice	3/28/11
Petkus, John	3/28/11
Rocca, Marvin	3/28/11
Williams, Nicole	3/28/11

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-94 - Mayor O'Brien
(March 11, 2011)

Request that the Clerk of the School Committee forward a letter to the State Delegation in support of "An Act Providing Housing and Support Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth," (House Docket #2361, filed by Representative O'Day.)

gb #1-95 - Mayor O'Brien
(March 14, 2011)

Request that the Administration meet with officials from the African Language Institute regarding a possible collaboration to teach African languages in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-96 - Administration
(March 14, 2011)

To authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Quinsigamond Community College to develop a partnership for an automotive technology program.

gb #1-97 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Novick
(March 21, 2011)

Request that the School Committee forward an e-mail expressing appreciation to the teachers and, through them, to the students in the Worcester Public Schools' Performing Arts Program involved in the "Celebration of American Folk Music" which took place on March 20th and to also forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mechanics Hall for hosting this event.

gb #1-98 - Mr. O'Connell
(March 23, 2011)

To nominate a candidate for the Past President's Scholarship of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-99 - Mr. O'Connell
(March 23, 2011)

To review the curriculum entitled "Peacemaking: Building a Culture of Nonviolence," with a view to its possible use in appropriate Worcester public schools.

gb #1-100 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(March 23, 2011)

To prepare a statement of requested modifications to the cable service contract between the City of Worcester and Charter Communications, for consideration by the City Council and its Subcommittee on Public Service and Transportation.

gb #1-101 - Administration
(March 24, 2011)

To consider approval of the following courses:

- Show Choir – Burncoat High School
- Advanced Placement Spanish Literature – South High Community School
- Spanish II for the Health Professions – North High School
- Computer Technology for the Health Professions – North High School

gb #1-102 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(March 25, 2011)

To review the potential impact of Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296) on the school lunch program of the Worcester Public Schools in general, and on the price to be charged for a full price lunch in FY12, in particular.

gb #1-103 - Administration
(March 25, 2011)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the NEA Foundation.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-104 - Administration
(March 28, 2011)

To set the dates of the FY12 Budget Hearings.

gb #1-105 - Administration
(March 28, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 in memory of Kara Farber.

gb #1-106 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(March 30, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the partnership meeting that was held at the EcoTarium to include the names and address of the partners who attended the meeting and the number of new partnerships that resulted from this meeting.

gb #1-107 - Administration
(March 30, 2011)

To accept competitive Innovation School Planning Grant funds totaling \$67,100 for Chandler Magnet School, Goddard Scholars Academy at Sullivan Middle School, Goddard School of Science and Technology, University Park Campus School and Woodland Academy.

gb #1-108 - Administration
(March 30, 2011)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$33,778 from the College of the Holy Cross to support an At-Risk Youth Empowerment Initiative from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

gb #1-109 - Administration
(March 30, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$1,400 from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-110 - Administration
(March 30, 2011)

To set a date to recognize the Burncoat High School Select Chorus, also known as "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.

gb #1-111 - Administration
(March 30, 2011)

To approve prior fiscal year payments in the amount of \$1,095.00.

gb #1-112 - Administration
(April 1, 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