

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

AGENDA #3

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, February 7, 2013
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 James B. O'Shea
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #3-2 - Clerk
(January 29, 2013)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 17, 2013.

aor #3-3 - Clerk
(January 30, 2013)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Friday, January 25, 2013.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #3-16.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio
(January 24, 2013)

To recognize former School Committee Member Ogretta V. McNeil on her recognition by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees with its Distinguished Service Award.

gb #3-17.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio
(January 24, 2013)

To recognize Constance Ouellette and her first grade students at Midland Street School, who won the contest of the Worcester Historical Museum by naming Museum Molly and Historian Harry as its new mascots.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #3-2 - Administration
(January 25, 2013)

UPDATE ON THE TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION
SERVICES UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS NCLB WAIVER

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:40 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

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

IX. PERSONNEL

- 3-5 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of Teacher:

Barrett, Marissa, Sullivan Middle School, Guidance, MA+30 Step 6 \$63,616, effective January 7, 2013.

Bulant, Anna, Systemwide, School Adjustment Counselor, MA Step 8 \$68,107, effective January 28, 2013. Licensed: School Adjustment Counselor all levels.

Convery, Katherine, Norrback Avenue School, Elementary, BA Step 1, \$42,461, effective January 22, 2013. Licensed: Early Childhood Prek-2.

- 3-6 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Drake, Barbara, North High School, Health, effective January 18, 2013

Engdahl, Lucia, Heard Street School, Elementary, effective January 7, 2013

Garcia, Jose, Doherty Memorial High School, Health, effective January 18, 2013

Reynolds, James, Systemwide, Physical Education, effective January 25, 2013

Riccio, John, Norrback Avenue School, Assistant Principal, effective January 21, 2013

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-332.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio
(January 28, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a list of the titles of all vendor contracts to include budget and expiration dates and a list of all bids that are currently in process.

gb #3-3.1 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(January 25, 2013)

To ask that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establish and fund a grant program to enable school systems to hire unemployed veterans and to utilize their services to enhance security in the public schools.

gb #3-25.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo
(January 31, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to ensure compliance with the rest period requirements for full-day preschool (45 minutes for programs of more than 4 hours, per the Massachusetts Early Childhood Program Standards).

gb #3-26.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(January 31, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the Work Plus Program 2012 to include:

- the number of students who participated indicating the school name and
- the number of credits earned

gb #3-34 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria
(January 17, 2013)

Request that the Administration review the system's policy on out of school suspensions and to determine what changes need to be made.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #3-35 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Miss Biancheria
(January 17, 2013)

To request that the Worcester Public Schools be kept informed, and involved, in discussion of any development plans which will impact the current location, convenience, and access of off-street parking for the Worcester Public Library.

gb #3-36 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(January 18, 2013)

To forward congratulatory letters to the recipients of the 2013 Mini-Grants, awarded by the Worcester Educational Development Foundation.

gb #3-37 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(January 28, 2013)

Request administration review the non-school related administrative charges captured as municipal contribution with the City Manager and make appropriate revisions to reflect the actual level of city administrative support to the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #3-38 - Administration
(January 28, 2013)

To consider approval of prior fiscal year payments in the total amount of \$4,448.84.

gb #3-39 - Ms. Novick
(January 29, 2013)

Request that the Administration prepare recommendations for the City of Worcester's Park and Recreation Plan.

gb #3-40 - Mayor Petty
(January 29, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide materials, training and up-to-date information for the staff in the Worcester Public Schools' Athletic Department on the dangers of prescription opiate abuse among student athletes.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-41 - Administration
(January 29, 2013)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$64,995 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to support the purchase of equipment and supplies at North High School.

gb #3-42 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(January 30, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a detailed calendar of events for February and March in reference to all STEM events throughout our City, to include participating schools, dates, times and locations.

gb #3-43 - Mr. Monfredo
(January 30, 2013)

Request that the School Committee urge the U.S. Congress, at the request of the MASC, to adopt legislation to ban the sale and the possession of military-style assault weapons, ban the sale and possession of high capacity magazines and require every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check.

gb #3-44 - Administration
(January 30, 2013)

To consider the report of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of an Exam School and/or an International Baccalaureate Program from the meeting of January 31, 2013.

gb #3-45 - Administration
(January 30, 2013)

To approve prior year invoices in the amount of \$13,000.21.

gb #3-46 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(January 30, 2013)

Request that the Administration review the consistent issues relative to bus routes in elevated areas throughout our City.

gb #3-47 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(January 30, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a report per site regarding the services provided to students and families by the Wraparound Coordinators.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-48 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(January 30, 2013)

Request that the Administration review the report available on line entitled, "An Analysis of the Charter School Facility Landscape in Massachusetts," which details the status of charter school facilities in our state.

gb #3-49 - Administration
(January 30, 2013)

To consider an additional appropriation for the FY13 Budget.

gb #3-50 - Administration
(January 30, 2013)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to Clark Street School.

gb #3-51 - Administration
(January 30, 2013)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for a Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant.

gb #3-52 - Administration
(February 1, 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