

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

AGENDA #9

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, April 6, 2017
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

INVOCATION – Pastor Robert Ochoa
Lake View Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM – Nissy Lebron
South High Community School

II. ROLL CALL

**Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty**

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #7-8 - Clerk
(March 28, 2017)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting
of Thursday, March 16, 2017.

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #7-102 - Administration
(March 20, 2017)

To consider input from the School Committee's student
representatives.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – NONE

Convened in Open
Session at 6:04 p.m.
See notes

Approved

Filed

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #7-6 - Administration
(March 21, 2017)

UPDATE ON THE AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION) SYSTEM IN THE WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION

Referred to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports
See notes

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

Approved as amended
See notes

IX. PERSONNEL

7-11 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below, effective as shown:

Filed Personnel
Item 7-11

McCormack, Kerry, Teacher, City View, Art, CAGS/2MA, Step 8, \$77,399, effective February 27, 2017. Licensed: Visual Arts K-9.

Salmi, Shah, Teacher, Rice Square, Music, .8FTE, BA, Step 8, \$66,369 (prorated), effective March 14, 2017. Licensed: Music/Vocal and Instrumental All Levels.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #6-359.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 23, 2017)

Filed due to the fact that these issues were discussed under ROS #7-2

Response of the Administration to the requests to:

- provide a report regarding window replacements and other repairs completed within the schools during the past year
- provide a complete report on all completed projects and future ones and also indicate the way in which the system will handle the PCBs at both Burncoat and Doherty Memorial High schools

gb #7-97.1 - Administration/Administration
(March 20, 2017)

On a roll call of 7-0, the item was approved

To consider approval of the amendments to the Agreement of the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative to include a change in the title to the Central Massachusetts Collaborative, along with other amendments as noted in Annex A of the backup.

gb #7-103 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 10, 2017)

Referred to the Administration for a report back in June 2017

To address the varied defects and conditions affecting the wall separating the property of Tatnuck School from that occupied by the Tatnuck Square Center, 1097-1099 Pleasant Street, and the land in the vicinity of the wall, which include, and are not limited to:

- the deterioration of parking lot paving in the Center due to erosion from water flowing through the wall
- the location of the Tatnuck School dumpster adjacent to the land of the Center
- the exposed wires along the wall, and
- the deteriorating segments of the wall itself.

gb #7-104 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 10, 2017)

Referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations

To consider recommending that the City Manager and City Council initiate a bond issue to permit completion of facilities work on school buildings which does not qualify for Massachusetts School Building Authority funding, or which would be completed much more rapidly through bond proceeds, prioritizing work which is particularly beneficial to the health, welfare and well-being of staff and students.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-105 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 10, 2017)

To request the advice of schools affected or impacted by truck traffic along roadways leading to and from the CSX Transportation facility, to determine whether the intense use by tractor trailers of those roadways (including Grafton Street, Hamilton Street, Massasoit Road, Sunderland Road, and roadways leading to and from them) is jeopardizing the safety of Worcester school children walking along those roadways to and from schools and school bus stops.

gb #7-106 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 10, 2017)

To comment, if appropriate, on the Proposed Amendment to Regulations on Accountability and Assistance for School Districts and Schools, 603 CMR 2.04 (4), permitting an exemption from Levels 1-3 for 2017-18 for a school which "has a participation rate of at least 90 percent in the administration of the Spring 2017 MCAS tests and does not have a persistently low graduation rate."

gb #7-107 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo
(March 10, 2017)

To review, and to make recommendations as appropriate, as to the Federal FY18 Budget submitted by the President, as it relates to funding of the US Department of Education and its grants and programs.

gb #7-108 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 13, 2017)

To congratulate the Green Reapers (FIRST Team 1735) of Burncoat High School on winning the Engineering Inspiration Award at the WPI District Robotics Competition, for "outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's community."

gb #7-109 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 13, 2017)

To cooperate with the Men of Color Think Tank (MCTT) and the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition (MWCC) to hold an essay competition for one school at the 12th grade level.

ACTION

**Referred to the
Administration
See notes**

**Referred to the
Administration for it
to take further
action in connection
with notice to the
Board**

**Referred to the
Standing Committee
on Governance and
Employee Issues**

Forward letter

**Referred to the
Administration to
interact with the
Men of Color Think
Tank and the
Massachusetts
Women of Color
Coalition**

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-110 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(March 15, 2017)

Request that the School Committee approve participation in the Home Run Club, a reading incentive program, sponsored by the Worcester Bravehearts and Worcester: the City that Reads for students in K-6.

gb #7-111 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(March 16, 2017)

Request that the Administration forward an email to all secretaries and administrative assistants during the week of April 23rd in celebration of Administrative Professional Day.

gb #7-112 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 15, 2017)

To set a date to recognize SOFA (Support Our Fine Arts) for its award of \$4,910 in mini-grants to staff members of schools of the Burncoat quadrant, and to congratulate the staff members for receiving those awards.

gb #7-113 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 17, 2017)

To congratulate the following students of Worcester Technical High School on their success at the MASS State Career Development Conference, held in the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, in competition against 87 schools and 2,700 students:

- Chris Plucinski-Taylor, elected as a Massachusetts DECA 2017-18 State Officer
- Lindsey Allen - top ten finalist in Sports & Entertainment Marketing Research Event
- Loamy Trujillo Barreto, Alexis Garcia, Vanesa Burgos - top ten finalist in Finance Operations Research Event
- Russell Sanborn - top ten finalist in Professional Selling Event
- Rudy Ogando-Perez and Eslih Owusu - 3rd PLACE in Entrepreneurship Promotion Project
- Chris Plucinski-Taylor-4th PLACE in Personal Financial Literacy as well as student-elect officer candidate,

and to congratulate Worcester Technical High School on earning qualifying spots to the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) for Gold Level Recertification in the School Based Enterprise Event and in the National DECA Promotion Campaign.

ACTION

Approved participation in the Home Run Club
See notes

Forward e-mail

Set the date of Thursday, April 27, 2017 and forward letters to the mini-grant recipients

Forward letters

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-114 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 17, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration
See notes**

Request that the Administration provide a report indicating which high school sites are utilizing the Mass Work-Based Learning Plan.

gb #7-115 - Administration
(March 17, 2017)

**On a roll call of
6-0-1 (absent-Mr.
Foley), the item was
approved**

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Greater New York Insurance Company to Clark Street Developmental School which will encourage families to visit library branches throughout summer break.

gb #7-116 - Administration
(March 17, 2017)

**On a roll call of
6-0-1 (absent-Mr.
Foley), the item was
approved**

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the MA State Science & Engineering Fair, Inc. that was presented to Jocelyn Coughlin at Worcester Technical High School to fund the science fair (Tech Fair) and to purchase poster boards, trophies, awards and other supplies.

gb #7-117 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 20, 2017)

Forward letter

Request that the Administration forward a congratulatory letter to Caitlin McCarthy, an English Teacher at Worcester Technical High School, for having an article published in Forbes Magazine regarding her advocacy for Diethylstilbestrol (DES).

gb #7-118 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(March 20, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration to be
forwarded to the
teachers for
consideration**

Request that the Administration, in partnership with the Worcester Historical Museum and the Worcester Bravehearts, have all teachers read "Casey at the Bat" to their students during the week of May 29th as part of the 129th anniversary of the publication of the poem written by Ernest Thayer in Worcester on June 3, 1888.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-119 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell
(March 20, 2017)

Request that the School Committee forward letters to the Congressional Delegation in opposition to the President's Budget for Education and its impact on the school district and further request that the MASC consider organizing all districts in Massachusetts to oppose these cuts and voice opposition to the Massachusetts Delegation.

gb #7-120 - Administration
(March 20, 2017)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$700.00 from Target Corporation to Woodland Academy to help defer costs for the yearly field trip to the Boston Freedom Trail.

gb #7-121 - Administration
(March 20, 2017)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Fallon Health to help defray the costs of the SAT testing for seniors.

gb #7-122 - Administration
(March 20, 2017)

To review the reports on compliance and internal controls for the City of Worcester, including the Worcester Public Schools, from the Certified Public Accounting firm of CliftonLarsenAllen, LLP for the year ended June 30, 2016 which include the GAO and OMB A-133 Reports and the Management Letter and the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education End of Year Financial Report for fiscal year 2016, prepared by Robert C. Alario, CPA, P.C.

gb #7-123 - Administration
(March 21, 2017)

To accept the Secondary Transition Systemic Improvement Grant in the amount of \$37,000.00.

gb #7-124 - Administration
(March 21, 2017)

To accept the BioBuilder Grant in the amount of \$28,000.00.

ACTION

**Referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues
See notes**

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent-Mr. Foley), the item was approved

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See notes**

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-125 - Administration
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Standing Committee
on Governance and
Employee Issues**

To consider approval of the draft Policy and Procedures for Physical Restraints.

gb #7-126 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration**

Request that the Administration consider developing a partnership with the American Heart Association and encourage all staff members to participate in the Heart Walk on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

gb #7-127 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Standing Committee
on Teaching,
Learning and
Student Supports
See notes**

To consider establishing a literary magazine for the Worcester Public Schools, to publish the writings, paintings, drawings, and other creative work of WPS students, teachers and other staff members.

gb #7-128 - Administration
(March 21, 2017)

**On a roll call of
6-0-1 (absent-Mr.
Foley), the item was
approved**

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$2,066.40 made payable to a parent due to a Settlement Agreement between the Worcester Public Schools and the parent for transportation.

gb #7-129 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration**

Request that the Administration publicize the Worcester: the City that Reads twelfth annual book drive to support children pre-k to grade 8 in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #7-130 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration
See notes**

Request that the Administration consider establishing a task force, to include the Director of School Safety, School Committee members, teachers and community members, to investigate and seek solutions to drug and alcohol problems in the schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)ACTION

gb #7-131 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration**

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the Massachusetts Accountability Plan and indicate how it may apply to potential policy changes for the school district.

gb #7-132 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration
See notes**

Request that the Administration provide a report on the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Standards and indicate how these standards will impact both teaching and learning.

gb #7-133 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(March 21, 2017)

**Referred to the
Administration
See notes**

Request that the Administration update the School Committee on Federal Programs, Grants and policy changes which will include but not be limited to, a repeal of the Teacher Preparation Regulations.

gb #7-134 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 23, 2017)

**The School
Committee
congratulated
Superintendent
Binienda**

To congratulate Superintendent Maureen Binienda for receiving the Children's Friend award on April 4, 2017 at Mechanics Hall for her important work with children in Worcester.

gb #7-135 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 23, 2017)

**Set the date of
Thursday, April 27,
2017 to recognize
the Culinary Arts
and Hospitality staff**

Request that the School Committee recognize the staff and students at Worcester Technical High School for its successful partnership with French exchange students from a high school in France (Le Lycée Hôtelier Val de Loire, BLOIS, France) which will expose and teach these students about the highly successful Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs in the United States.

gb #7-136 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(March 23, 2017)

**Referred to the
Standing Committee
on Finance and
Operations**

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of establishing a Hotel and Restaurant within a vacant Worcester public school and authorize the electrical, plumbing and other appropriate divisions of Worcester Technical High School to rehabilitate the property and then realize the profit from this enterprise.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-137 - Administration
(March 23, 2017)

Approved

Request that the School Committee amend the Minutes of June 16, 2016 to include the following vote:

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to deny Grievance #15/16-31.

On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.

gb #7-138 - Administration
(March 24, 2017)

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent-Mr. Foley), the item was approved

To accept a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Digital Credit Union (DCU) to be used for scholarships to graduating seniors.

gb #7-139 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 27, 2017)

Forward letter

Request that the Administration forward a congratulatory letter to Burncoat High School's Green Reaper Robotic team for receiving the District Chairman's Award at the Southern New Hampshire District event.

gb #7-140 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 27, 2017)

**Referred to the Administration for a report in a Friday Letter
See notes**

Request that the Administration review the online program that will be made available to students at the Creamer Center subsumed under the same on-line program available for students at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #7-141 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 27, 2017)

Referred to the Administration

Request that the Administration provide a complete schedule of STEM events to include, but not be limited to, fairs, competitive events and expos such as the Career Construction Day.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-142 - Administration
(March 28, 2017)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Patterson Family Foundation & Scholastic Reading Club to benefit the students at Chandler Elementary School.

gb #7-143 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 29, 2017)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the fifth annual Bullying Prevention and Education Conference to include explanations regarding:

- the six rules in reference to the awareness of bullying and
- the activities and solutions that will be implemented during the 2017-18 school year

gb #7-144 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 29, 2017)

Request that the School Committee congratulate Robert Pezzella, Director of School Safety for conducting the highly successful Bullying Prevention and Education Conference that was held at North High School.

gb #7-145 - Administration
(March 29, 2017)

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

gb #7-146 - Administration
(March 29, 2017)

Finding that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigation position of the School Committee, the committee votes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation and strategy for collective bargaining for a denial of access.

ACTION

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent-Mr. Foley), the item was approved

**Referred to the Administration
See notes**

Set the date of Thursday, April 27, 2017

Held for the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017

Held from 6:05 p.m. to 6:57 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-146 (continued)

c&p #6-9

To consider a communication from a citizen relative to a request that the School Committee drop its Court Appeal and allow for testing for PCBs at Burncoat High and Doherty Memorial High schools.

gb #6-332

Request that the Administration drop the appeal and allow PCB testing at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School this school year and do what is necessary to correct the problem.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Teachers and Unit A/B, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To consider an International Union of Public Employees (I.U.P.E.) Grievance Complaint – HVAC Technician.

Finding that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, the committee votes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Grievance #15/16-38.

X. ADJOURNMENT

9:20 p.m.

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

N O T E S

It was moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following items:

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On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:05 p.m. to 6:57 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:24 p.m.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

Miss Biancheria chaired the meeting from 7:55 p.m. to 8:01 p.m. and from 8:35 p.m. to 8:38 p.m.

NOTES (continued)

Mayor Petty left the meeting from 7:55 p.m. to 8:01 p.m. and from 8:35 p.m. to 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Foley left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Standing Committee on Finance and Operation

The Action Sheet for the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations is hereto annexed as Annex A and was approved as amended.

gb #6-294 - Administration (August 22, 2016)

To review the status of the FY17 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

At the Standing Committee level, Mr. Allen provided an update on the FY17 Budget Second Quarter Report and requested that another meeting be set up within the next month in order to review the third quarter projections.

The Standing Committee members and the Administration went on record acknowledging the support by the City Manager, Mayor and School Committee for the FY17 Budget.

Mr. Allen announced that half of the funds needed for summer school programming became available in Title I, through SES.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations on the trends in Workers' Compensation cases and indicate what steps should be taken to address this issue.

Request that the Administration interact with the Brockton Public Schools and other districts that have pending legal action relative to the Foundation Budget Review Commission Report on the inequities in funding education and request that the Administration provide a report to the full Committee soon on the status of this legal action.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

NOTES (continued)

Standing Committee on Finance and Operation (continued)

gb #6-294 (continued)

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On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

It was moved to approve the following transfer of funds:

Amount	From Account	Account Title	To Account	Account Title
\$300,000	500-91119	Custodial Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime
\$50,000	540-91117	Transportation Salaries	540-97201	Transportation Overtime
\$308,000	500-92204	Instructional Materials	500-91115	Instructional Assistant Salaries

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent-Mayor Petty), the motion was approved.

NOTES (continued)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #7-6

Sharon Leary, Curriculum Liaison for the AVID Program and Janet Mathieu, Community Resource and AVID Specialist, provided an update on AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination Learning).

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports in order to share with the committee potential needs for the program as it continues to grow and succeed.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the names of colleges and/or universities and individuals that provide educational AVID services to students in the Worcester Public Schools and indicate ways in which to involve more colleges in this program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

gb #7-105

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the City Council forward the report regarding traffic to and from the CSX Transportation facility when it receives it.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #7-110

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee forward a letter of thanks to the Worcester Bravehearts for its partnership with the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-114

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the booklet and samples of the Mass Work based Learning Plan Tool and indicate whether or not this tool is utilized by students on internships.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #7-119

Mr. O'Connell stated that the item he filed that was referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues for recommendations as to the Federal FY18 Budget submitted by the President will be discussed in detail by line items cut in the Standing Committee meeting and will provide the level of specificity, as requested by Ms. Colorio, needed for the letter that will be sent to the Congressional delegation.

gb #7-124

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a final report on the successes of the BioBuilder Grant.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo requested that the Administration provide information in a Friday Letter as to how students are selected for the paid summer internships through the BioBuilder Grant.

gb #7-127

Mrs. Binienda informed the School Committee that there is currently a Literary Magazine, coordinated by the ELA liaison, that is published each Spring.

Mr. O'Connell requested that a copy of the literary magazines be provided as backup when the item is discussed at the Standing Committee level.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-130

Ms. Colorio made the following amendment to the item:

Request that the Administration consider establishing a Task Force, to include the Director of School Safety, School Committee members, teachers and community members, to investigate and seek solutions to drug and alcohol **issues** in the schools.

On a voice vote, the motion as amended was approved.

gb #7-132

Ms. Colorio requested that the Administration provide a report on the impact on the curriculum of the changes in standards.

gb #7-133

Ms. Colorio requested that the item be placed on the agenda when there is additional information regarding federal programs, grants and policy changes.

gb #7-140

Miss Biancheria asked the Administration to review the online program entitled, "Beginning to Work it Out" for the benefit of the students.

Superintendent Binienda stated that she and Dr. Rojas attended a MassMEP Conference and were given access by password to a free on-line program for review for vocational schools which would allow students to gain certification at the first two levels. She further indicated that all high schools could benefit from this program without going to the Worcester Technical High School. She suggested that the program could be paired with the frameworks for older NCC students in order to do competency based education to gain credits.

Miss Biancheria requested a copy of a description of the on-line program.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-143

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Director of School Safety provide a presentation regarding Bullying Prevention and Education.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

O T H E R

1. Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee suspend its rules to give a citizen an opportunity to share some information and insight in connection with the school budget and also the testing that will be taking place in May. They were not able to get the petitions to us in a timely manner for discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion to suspend the rules was approved.

Mr. Gordon Davis spoke in advance to the following two petitions that will appear on the agenda of April 27, 2017:

To consider a petition from a citizen regarding a request to hold public hearings in April regarding the FY18 Budget.

To consider a petition from a citizen regarding a request to hold public hearings on standardized testing in the Worcester Public Schools.

2. Mayor Petty read the following statement relative to PCBs:

The School Committee continues to discuss with the Education Association of Worcester the pending appeal as to PCB testing at Burncoat High and Doherty Memorial High schools. The Administration anticipates making a final decision as to the appeal when discussions conclude, but no later than its next meeting on April 27, 2017.

3. Miss Biancheria made following motion:

Request that that the Rules of the School Committee be suspended.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria stated that she had an item on the last agenda in reference to Summer School Programs (gb #7-95) and requested a response for the meeting of April 27, 2017.

Committee Members
John Foley, Chairman
Molly McCullough, Vice Chairman
Donna Colorio

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Ms. Colorio, Miss McCullough and Chairman Foley

Representing Administration were: Mr. Allen and Dr. Friel

Others in Attendance: S. Consalvo, S. O'Connell and J. Hennessey

gb #6-153.7 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell (January 24, 2017)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report regarding Charter School Tuition Assessment and then refer it to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations for further discussion.

Mr. Allen explained that the Administration, since FY12, recommended that funds be reserved annually in the amount of \$350,000 in a line item to adjust for the final state budget action on charter school tuition assessment and reimbursement. He then explained that the tables in the backup indicate the amounts for charter school tuition assessment and reimbursement that have been included in the annual budget, based on the amounts included in the House Ways and Means budget. Those figures were then compared to the final state budget.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration change the name of the (2000) E. Non-Recurring Textbook Purchases Account to reflect more accurately the use of the monies.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #6-294 - Administration (August 22, 2016)

To review the status of the FY17 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

Mr. Allen provided an update on the FY17 Budget Second Quarter Report and requested that another meeting be set up within the next month in order to review the third quarter projections.

The Standing Committee members and the Administration went on record acknowledging the support by the City Manager, Mayor and School Committee for the FY17 Budget.

Mr. Allen announced that half of the funds needed for summer school programming became available in Title I, through SES.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations on the trends in Workers' Compensation cases and indicate what steps should be taken to address this issue.

Request that the Administration interact with the Brockton Public Schools and other districts that have pending legal action relative to the Foundation Budget Review Commission Report on the inequities in funding education and request that the Administration provide a report to the full Committee soon on the status of this legal action.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #7-71 - Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty (February 13, 2017)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility and cost of implementing a bus tracking system similar to the one used by the Boston Public Schools.

gb #7-71 (continued)

Mr. Allen introduced Mr. Hennessey to speak to the item.

Mr. Hennessey announced the upcoming launch of a new software system that will allow parents to track the whereabouts and estimated arrival times of their children's buses. He indicated that the school routing program is expected to be installed, functional and available for pilot testing before the end of the current school year and it is anticipated to be rolled out fully for the next school year.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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