

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

AGENDA #7

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, February 15, 2018
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
7:00 p.m. - Regular Session
in: Levi Lincoln Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION - Reverend Richard Trainor
Blessed Sacrament Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM - Rice Square School's Chorus

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #8-5 - Clerk
(February 6, 2018)

Approved

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2018.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #8 49 - Administration
(February 2, 2018)

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

ACTION

Filed

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ROS #8-3 - Administration
(February 7, 2018)

ANNUAL EVALUATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT BINIENDA-
CYCLE 2: ANALYSIS, GOAL SETTING AND PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Approved and filed
(See notes)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 in Room 410 of the Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Room 410 of the Durkin Administration Building.

Approved as amended
(See notes)

Approved as stated

IX. PERSONNEL

ACTION

8-14 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

Filed Personnel
items
8-14 8-15

Parent, Lauren, Teacher, Elementary, Belmont, BA, Step 1, \$46,430*, effective January 16, 2018. License: Elementary 1-6.

Shepard, Kristen, Psychologist, Systemwide, CAGS/2M, Step 4, \$66,524*, effective January 22, 2018. License: Psychologist All Levels.

8-15 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

Fleming, Jennifer, Teacher, Biology, North, effective January 4, 2018.

Goguen, Joseph, Teacher, Music, Sullivan, effective February 9, 2018.

Hoffey, Shauna, Teacher, Special Ed, Systemwide, effective February 2, 2018.

**prorated*

X. GENERAL BUSINESSACTION

gb #7-288.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. O'Connell
(August 16, 2017)

Accepted and filed

Response of the Administration to the request to review the program and procedural methods that are utilized to advertise the many outstanding strengths of the Worcester Public Schools in order to continue to attract new families to the system.

gb #8-10.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria
(January 30, 2018)

Accepted and filed

Response of the Administration to the request to support the Worcester Historical Museum's 40th annual "Be Our Valentine Contest" by encouraging participation of the students in grades 3 to 6.

gb #8-21.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo
(January 24, 2018)

Accepted and filed

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a list of the Worcester Public Schools that currently accommodate the students from Puerto Rico and provide an update on the plan to accommodate these students.

gb #8-43 - Mayor Petty/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough
(January 24, 2018)

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

Request that the Superintendent create an updated Health and Wellness Curriculum for middle and high school students.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #8-50 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(January 26, 2018)

Forward letters

Request that the Administration forward letters of appreciation to the following staff members and their students who provided a fantastic repertoire in FAME (Fine Arts Magnet Education) to benefit SOFA (Save our Fine Arts):

Worcester Arts Magnet	Chrysanthe Manuel, Cathy Taylor, Michael Wong, Alana Juneau and Tina Pagliese-Savage
Burncoat Middle School	Jeremy Woloski, Aimee Kewley, Andrea Cook, and Israel Saldana
Burncoat High School	Kellie Shea, Ann Marie Keane, Alexandra Dyke, Sarah –K Clark, Dani Rimoni, David Twiss, and Meredith Lord

gb #8-51 - Administration
(January 31, 2018)

Set the date of Thursday, April 26, 2018

To set a date in April for a public hearing on School Choice.

gb #8-52 - Administration
(January 31, 2018)

On a roll call of 6-1 (absent Miss McCullough) the item was approved

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$450 to the Art Department at Doherty Memorial High School in memory of Jeffrey Gustafson.
- \$300 to the Special Education Department at Grafton Street School in memory of Elisha Inferrera.

gb #8-53 - Administration
(February 2, 2018)

On a roll call of 6-1 (absent Miss McCullough) the item was approved

Request that the Administration approve the McKinney-Vento Emergency Support Grant in the amount of \$5,000.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)ACTION

gb #8-54 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria
(February 2, 2018)

Referred to the
Standing Committee
on Accountability
and Student
Achievement and
forward information
to the PTOs

Request that the Administration provide a report on the
accountability changes made by the Department of Elementary and
Secondary Education.

gb #8-55 - Miss McCullough/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. Comparetto/Miss Biancheria
(February 3, 2018)

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

Request that the Administration provide a progress report on the
Hanover Academy at Burncoat Middle School.

gb #8-56 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough
(February 7, 2018)

On a roll call of 6-1
(absent Miss
McCullough) the
item was approved
(See notes)

To consider joining forces with the Brockton Public Schools as a
plaintiff in its School Funding Lawsuit.

gb #8-57 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2018)

Referred to the
Administration
(See notes)

Request that the Administration provide a report on changes in
principal leadership and its plans to hire new principals.

gb #8-58 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2018)

Referred to the
Administration
(See notes)

Request that the Administration provide a report on its efforts to
attract a diverse pool of teachers and administrators in the
Worcester Public Schools.

gb #8-59 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2018)

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

To consider a review of a publication entitled Teaching Hard
History: American Slavery from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #8-60 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria
(February 7, 2018)

Hold for the School
Committee meeting
to be held on
Thursday, March 1,
2018
(See notes)

To support Senate Bill No. S2306.-An Act to promote and enhance
civic engagement, a new bill filed on Beacon Hill by State Senator
Harriette Chandler.

gb #8-61 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. Comparetto
(February 9, 2018)

Referred to the
Administration for a
report back in April
2018

Request that the Administration provide an update on the ways in
which education is provided to staff and students, in light of the
opioid crisis, as a result of the passage of the recently enacted
Marijuana Law.

gb #8 -62 - Administration
(February 7, 2018)

Held from 6:05 p.m.
to 6:40 p.m.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker’s
Compensation case for a custodian, if an open meeting may have a
detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee
and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker’s
Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a
detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee
and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker’s
Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a
detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee
and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to
conduct collective bargaining regarding Grievance #16/17-38.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

9:52 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:

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation case for a custodian, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to conduct collective bargaining regarding Grievance #16/17-38.

On a roll call of 4-3, (absent Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough and Mr. O'Connell), the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria arrived at 6:16 p.m.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:05 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

Miss McCullough was absent

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following items out of order to allow individuals to speak on these items:

gb #8-56, gb #8-57, gb #8-58 and gb# 8-59

- Roger Nugent, President of the EAW, Nancy Caswell, 2nd Vice President of the EAW, Michael Crompton from Greater Worcester Our Resolutions (GWOR) and Etel Haxhijaj a parent all provided testimony regarding the joining of the proposed School Funding Lawsuit. (gb #8-56)

NOTES (continued)

- Atel Hazhiaj a parent, Michael Crompton from Greater Worcester Our Resolutions (GWOR), Betzabe Vasquez-Grande a student at South High Community School and Shirley Acero a student at South High Community School provided testimony regarding an effort to attract a diverse pool of teachers and administrators in the Worcester Public Schools. (gb #8-58)
- Michael Crompton from Greater Worcester Our Resolutions (GWOR), Cassandra Quinlan, Ohemaa Pipim and Shirley Acero, students at South High Community School provided testimony regarding the teaching of Hard History-American Slavery.(gb #8-59)

After the testimony by the public, the Mayor allowed the School Committee to speak to the following items under suspension:

gb #8-56

Mr. O'Connell suggested that the Administration interact closely with the Brockton Public Schools to determine its plans to initiate the School Funding Lawsuit.

Mr. O'Connell stated that there are some practical issues in connection with the lawsuit to include:

- the overall cost
- the way in which systems may join the lawsuit
- means of communication to involve other districts and
- methods of sharing costs between and among other districts

Mr. Monfredo suggested that the Administration forward a letter to the Gateway City districts requesting that they join forces and support the lawsuit.

Miss Biancheria stated that she wanted to know the Superintendent's position regarding the lawsuit.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration seek a legal opinion and provide a response in a month regarding:

- the facts of the potential lawsuit
- ramifications of it
- amount of legal bills
- ways in which it will proceed and
- any other pertinent information regarding the lawsuit.

On a voice vote the motion was approved.

NOTES (continued)

gb #8-56 (continued)

Mayor Petty made the following amendment to the item:

To consider joining forces with the Brockton Public Schools as a plaintiff in its School Funding Lawsuit **and determine whether or not Worcester will move forward as a plaintiff in the Funding Lawsuit.**

On a roll call of 6-1 (absent Miss McCullough) the amendment to the item was approved.

gb #8-57

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report as to:

- the openings for principal positions
- the timeline for filling them and
- the involvement of the community in the selection process

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria stated that the School Committee needs to be clear on its request because the law states that the full decision to hire new principals is totally at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the policy for hiring new principals to include the positions that are open at this time.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #8-58

Mr. O'Connell made the following amendment to Mr. Comparetto's item:

Request that the Administration provide a report on its efforts to attract a diverse pool of teachers and administrators in the Worcester Public Schools and **indicate the impact of Future Teachers Clubs and the effort to involve these students to pursue teaching careers.**

On a voice vote, the amendment was approved.

NOTES (continued)

gb #8-58 (continued)

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration work collaboratively with Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester State University and other colleges in Worcester to develop a pipeline of students interested in pursuing a teaching career in Worcester.

Request that the Administration provide a report as to recruitment initiatives outside of Worcester.

Request that the Administration interact with the teachers in the Education Department at Harvard University in an effort to interest students involved in their summer program, especially in the inner city schools, to teach in Worcester.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Superintendent Binienda stated that a job fair to recruit teachers and administrators will take place in Worcester and job streaming interviews will take place at that time.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the Administration seek information from other school districts to recruit new teachers.

gb #8-59

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that when the item is discussed at the Standing Committee level that it invite community members and the individuals that came to the full Committee to attend the meeting.

Request that when the item is discussed at the Standing Committee level that it provide copies or links to the reports from the Southern Poverty Law Center entitled: Teaching Hard History-American Slavery and the new Draft Curriculum of History and Social Science from the State Department.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

NOTES (continued)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ROS #8-3

Superintendent Binienda made an excellent PowerPoint presentation, which is contained in Annex A of the backup, on the benchmarks for her goals as part of her Annual Evaluation – Cycle 2: Analysis, Goal setting and Plan Development.

Mr. O’Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a copy of the proposed technology plan when it is available.

Request that the Administration provide a Report of the Superintendent on the proposed Citywide Health and Science Gifted Academy at Worcester East Middle School.

On a voice voted, the motions were approved.

Mr. Lorenzo Hernandez, the student representative, recommended that the Administration utilize Social Media or Twitter to advertise college courses available for high school students

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Finance and Operations

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

gb #7-342 - Administration (September 29, 2017)

To review the status of the FY18 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

At the Standing Committee level, Mr. Allen provided an update on the FY18 Budget Second Quarter Report.

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Mr. Foley suggested that the Administration interact with Jeffrey Turgeon, Executive Director for the Central MA Workforce Investment Board (CMWIB) to possibly provide help in developing a list of interested candidates for the position of Crossing Guard that could be accessed in time of need.

NOTES (continued)

Standing Committee on Finance and Operations (continued)

gb #7-342 (continued)

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

Amount	From Account	Account Title	To Account	Account Title
\$420,000	500123-96000	Health Insurance	500-91115	Instructional Assistant Salaries
\$22,750	500123-96000	Health Insurance	500-91134	Educational Support Salaries
\$50,000	500-92204	Instructional Materials	540-91118	Supplemental Program Salaries
\$100,000	500-91119	Custodial Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime Salaries
\$100,000	500-91120	Maintenance Service Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime Salaries

On a roll call of 3-0, the motion was approved.

At the School Committee level, it was moved to approve the following transfers:

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\$420,000	500123-96000	Health Insurance	500-91115	Instructional Assistant Salaries
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On a roll call of 6-1 (absent Miss McCullough), the motion was approved.

NOTES (continued)

Standing Committee on Finance and Operations (continued)

gb #8-15 - Administration (January 5, 2018)

To consider the recommendation of the Administration to declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes.

At the Standing Committee level, Mr. Ricci Hall, Principal of Claremont Academy and Ms. Patricia Padilla, Principal of Woodland Academy both indicated that the property at 6 Claremont Street would not serve the needs of either school.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes and refer the vote to the City Manager.

On a roll call of 3-0, the item motion was approved.

At the Standing Committee level, Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes and refer the vote to the City Manager.

On a roll call of 5-1-1 (nay Mr. O'Connell) (absent Miss McCullough), the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell suggested that the City Manager consider maintaining this parcel of land for greenspace for use by the neighborhood.

Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports

The Action Sheet for the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports is hereto annexed as Annex B and was approved as stated.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS

gb #8-60 -

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the local delegation to support Senate Bill No. S2306.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a copy of the Senate Bill No. S2306 to the School Committee.

On a voice voted, the motion was approved.

O T H E R

A moment of silence was offered in memory of those who lost their lives in the Douglas High School shooting in Florida.

gb #8-47 - Executive Session Item

Item 1

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$25,000 for a custodian.

On a roll call of 5-1-1 (abstain Mr. O'Connell) (absent Miss McCullough), the motion was approved.

It was moved to suspend the Rules of the School Committee to reconsider the motion in order to allow Mayor Petty to recuse himself from the vote to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$25,000 for a custodian due to a potential conflict of interest.

On a roll call of 6-1 (absent Miss McCullough), the motion to reconsider was approved.

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$25,000 for a custodian.

On a roll call of 4-1-1-1 (abstain Mr. O'Connell) (recuse Mayor Petty) (absent Miss McCullough), the motion was approved.

Item 2

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$36,000 for a teacher.

On a roll call of 5-1-1 (abstain Mr. O'Connell) (absent Miss McCullough), the motion was approved.

Item 3

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to sustain Grievance #16/17-38.

On a roll call of 6-1-1 (abstain Mr. O'Connell) (absent Miss McCullough), the motion was approved.

O T H E R (continued)

It was moved and voice voted to suspend the rules to allow Miss Biancheria to file an item.

Request that Superintendent Binienda, Director of School Safety Robert Pezzella and Chief of Police Steven Sargent provide an update on the implementation of the ALICE program at the School Committee meeting on March 1, 2018

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Committee Members
John Foley, Chairman
Molly McCullough, Vice Chairman
Dante Comparetto

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Mr. Comparetto, Miss McCullough and Chairman Foley

Representing Administration were: Mr. Allen and Dr. Friel

Others in Attendance: S. Consalvo, R. Hall and P. Padilla

gb #6-349 - Mr. O'Connell/ Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo (October 3, 2016)

To consider designing the next replacement schools to be built in Worcester so that their libraries can be utilized by the community as "satellite libraries" during non-school hours, wherever and whenever appropriate, in cooperation with the Worcester Public Library.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with the Friends of the Worcester Public Library and the Worcester Public Library Foundation to determine the feasibility of having a "satellite library" at Nelson Place and to consider discussing the same plan for a one at the proposed new South High Community School.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item at the Standing Committee level.

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

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.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #7-342 - Administration (September 29, 2017)

To review the status of the FY18 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

Mr. Allen provided an update on the FY18 Budget Second Quarter Report.

Mr. Foley suggested that the Administration interact with Jeffrey Turgeon, Executive Director for the Central MA Workforce Investment Board (CMWIB) to possibly provide help in developing a list of interested candidates for the position of Crossing Guard that could be accessed in time of need.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

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On a roll call of 3-0, the motion was approved.

gb #8-15 - Administration (January 5, 2018)

To consider the recommendation of the Administration to declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes.

Mr. Ricci Hall, Principal of Claremont Academy and Ms. Patricia Padilla, Principal of Woodland Academy both indicated that the property at 6 Claremont Street would not serve the needs of either school.

gb #8-15 (continued)

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes and refer the vote to the City Manager.

On a roll call of 3-0, the item motion was approved.

motion - (gb #7-148.2) - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley (June 15, 2017)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the individuals that are provided with cell phones.

Mr. Foley requested that the Administration verify that individuals that have either iPhones or Feature Phones need them for their daily work.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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

Committee Members

Brian A. O'Connell, Chairman
John F. Monfredo, Vice-Chairman
Molly McCullough

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:09 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building

There were present: Mr. Monfredo, Miss McCullough and Chairman O'Connell

Representing Administration were: Dr. Friel, Dr. O'Neil and Superintendent Binienda

ROS #4-12 - Administration (October 8, 2014)

DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration prepare a District Literacy Plan for Pre-K to 12 and report back to the full School Committee in September 2018.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item at the Standing Committee level.

gb #4-39 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty (February 4, 2014)

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #4-226 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (August 13, 2014)

To review the level of instruction in computer "coding" provided to students of the Worcester Public Schools who would like to explore coding as a potential career.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #5-14 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/Miss Biancheria
(January 7, 2015)

To invite a representative of Tenacity to meet with the Worcester Public Schools, to consider cooperative opportunities to expand the Tenacity Summer Tennis and Reading Program for the benefit of the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration distribute appropriate information from Tenacity to the Worcester Public Schools with background and dates and times for enrollment in the 2018 Tenacity program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #5-207 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (August 7, 2015)

Request that the Worcester Public Schools consider sharing information regarding the National Attendance Awareness Month movement sponsored by 40 national partners.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues to determine whether there are any current policy changes in attendance.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item from the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

gb #5-269 - Mr. Foley/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss
Biancheria (October 5, 2015)

Request that the Administration research the opportunities available to Worcester public school students through Unified Theater, an inclusive, student-led creative program that builds relationships and leadership.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #6-315 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria (September 7, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider establishing a learning committee to include service learning advocates at all the high schools and within the community whose mission would be to develop a plan at the secondary level and have all secondary schools engage in a service learning project during the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the service learning projects for the 2017-2018 school year to the School Committee.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #7-60 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/Miss McCullough (February 7, 2017)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of establishing competitive wrestling teams in the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #7-282 - Administration (August 2, 2017)

To approve the proposed 2018-19, 2019-20 and the 2020-21 School Calendars.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the following amendment to the 2018-19 calendar:

“August 30, 2018 is the first day of school for pre-K-kindergarten”

gb #7-282 (continued)

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration refer the 2019-20 and 2020-21 calendars to the CPPAC and school site councils for feedback and provide a report to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports in the Fall of 2019.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #8-29 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough (January 16, 2018)

To engage in a comprehensive plan in an effort to have children read on grade level by the end of grade three.

(gb #8-29 and gb #8-45 were considered together.)

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration establish a Reading Committee with focus on grades K-3 and incorporate issues of:

- school readiness
- school attendance
- summer learning
- family involvement
- high quality teachers

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to HOLD the item.

gb #8-45 - Administration (January 24, 2018)

To consider approval of the Read Side by Side reading program to be implemented in grades 3-6 and also for the Fountas & Pinnell Classroom to be implemented in grades K-2.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Read Side by Side reading program to be implemented in grades 3-6 and also the Fountas & Pinnell Classroom materials in grades K-2.

gb #8-45 (continued)

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year on the success of the reading programs based on the use of the new textbooks and materials.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

File at the Standing Committee level.

gb #8-39 - Administration (January 23, 2018)

To consider an amendment to the Innovation Plan for Worcester East Middle School which will eliminate the admission of 6th grade students commencing in the 2018-19 academic school year in order to prepare a proposed Citywide Health and Science Gifted Academy for 7th and 8th grade students for the 2019-20 academic school year.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee amend the Innovation Plan at Worcester East Middle School by eliminating the admission of 6th grade students commencing in the 2018-19 year.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Superintendent Binienda requested that the School Committee join in with any ideas for the Academy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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