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CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
 WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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## AGENDA #30

The School Committee will hold a virtual and/or in person meeting:

on: Thursday, December 1, 2022  
 at: 5:00 p.m. Executive Session  
 6:00 p.m. Regular Session  
 in: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session**

gb 2-300 –Administration  
 (November 22, 2022)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A/B.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares –Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Therapy Assistants Unit.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Educational Association of Worcester and Worcester School Committee, Grievance #21/22-47, Class Action Grievance –Extended Year Teachers of Students on the Spectrum.

**B. Call to Order****C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem****D. Roll Call****E. Consent Agenda**

i. Approval of Minutes

ii. Approval of Donations

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

iv. Initial filing of individual recognitions

v. Notices of interest to the district or to the public

**F. Items for Reconsideration****G. Held Items****H. Recognition**

To recognize Margaret "Peggy" Holloway from the Transportation Department for her quick thinking and action during an emergency situation on October 17, 2022.

**I. Public Comment**

Any member of the public may address the Committee regarding any item before them for two (2) minutes. Those speaking will state their name, their residence, and the item on which they wish to speak for the record. Those speaking may do so in person or via remote participation. Those wishing to address the Committee in a language other than English are asked to notify the Clerk of the Committee in advance, so the Committee may be provided with an interpreter. Members of the Committee may not respond to the comments of the public at the meeting.

**J. Public Petition**

To consider a proposal by a student at Forest Grove Middle School relative to health vending machines in schools and school nutrition feedback.

**K. Report of the Superintendent**

ROS 2-16 – Administration  
(November 16, 2022)

STUDENT WELLNESS AND BEHAVIOR STRATEGY

**Recommendation of Administration**

Accept and file.

**L. Reports of the Standing Committees**

**M. Student Advisory Committee Items**

**N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**

**O. General Business**

gb-2-301 - Novick  
(November 25, 2022)

Request that the incoming State Delegation file and work with fellow committees to advocate for passage of, a bill similar to H2426, providing for the use of school bus camera video to ticket those who fail to stop for the flashing red lights of a stopped school bus.

**Recommendation of Administration**

Communicate to the State Delegation and forward to School Committees via MASC.

gb-2-302 - Novick  
(November 25, 2022)

To investigate the use of agenda management software tools.

**Recommendation of Administration**

Refer to the Administration

gb 2-303 - Novick  
(November 25, 2022)

To submit public comment regarding the proposed "Worcester Cultural Academy Charter School" as designated under MGL Ch. 71, sec. 89 (h), which reads "Before final approval to establish a commonwealth charter school, the board shall hold a

public hearing on the application in the school district in which the proposed charter school is to be located and solicit and review comments on the application from the local school committee of each school district from which the charter school is expected to enroll students and any contiguous districts."

**Recommendation of Administration**

Organize and submit testimony for the December 9th hearing.

gb 2-304 – Kamara  
(November 23, 2022)

To review state funding under CH90 to rehab existing roadways as funding that can be used for sidewalks in critical areas where they are needed near Worcester Public Schools.

**Recommendation of Administration**

Refer to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

gb 2-305 – Kamara  
(November 23, 2022)

To consider offering courses in Latin and Greek in the Worcester public high schools.

**Recommendation of Administration**

Refer to the Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning.

gb 2-306 – Administration  
(November 23, 2022)

To accept the FY22 Mask Reimbursement through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Financial Management in the amount of \$69,713.16.

**Recommendation of Administration**

Approve on a roll call.

gb 2-307 – McCullough  
(November 19, 2022)

To explore expanding grading policies around failure to encompass conduct and effort grades.

**Recommendation of Administration**

Refer to the Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning.

**P. ANNOUNCEMENTS****Q. ADJOURNMENT**

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Clerk of the School Committee

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