

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

AGENDA #15

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, June 2, 2011
at: 4:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing
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 George A. Kohl
Belmont Street Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-15 - Clerk
(May 25, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 19, 2011.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #1-117.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Novick
(May 3, 2011)

To recognize Ellen Capstick, a nurse at Sullivan Middle School, for being selected as the Worcester Public Schools' Nurse of the Year.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-119.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Novick
(May 3, 2011)

To recognize Melissa Bonofilio and Julia Crowley, teachers at Sullivan Middle School and Heather Walles, a teacher at Burncoat Middle School as semi-finalists in the Teacher of the Year selection process and Siobhan Petrella, a teacher at Worcester Technical High School, as the 2011 Teacher of the Year for the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-137.2 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(May 24, 2011)

To recognize and congratulate Amber Ustinovich, a student at Worcester Technical High School, on her selection as an Outstanding Vocational Technical Student by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association.

gb #1-161.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria
(May 24, 2011)

To recognize Joseph Nystrom on his selection as one of 23 winners in the National Math and Science Initiative All American Teacher of the Year competition, sponsored by the National Math and Science Initiative and by Mass Insight Education.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-8 - Administration
(May 25, 2010)

SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - NONE

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ACTION

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 6:08 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

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

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-104.1 - Administration/Administration
(May 24, 2011)

To consider the proposed FY12 Budget.

gb #1-165 - Administration
(May 20, 2011)

To set a date to recognize Linda Forte, a teacher at Worcester Arts Magnet School, for having received a George Washington Teachers' Institute Award.

gb #1-166 - Administration
(May 23, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Worcester's Best Chef Competition for scholarships to be given to the Worcester Technical High School's Culinary Program students.

gb #1-167 - Administration
(May 23, 2011)

To consider the timeline and selection process to fill the position of Coordinator of School Nurses' vacancy.

gb #1-168 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(May 25, 2011)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations, on behalf of the School Committee, to Worcester Arts Magnet School for receiving the prestigious 2011 Arts/Learning "School of Distinction Award."

gb #1-169 - Mr. Monfredo
(May 25, 2011)

Request that the School Committee forward a congratulatory letter to South High Community School and University Park Campus School for being ranked 21 and 26 statewide by the Washington Post on the High School Challenge, a high school's commitment to preparing average students for college.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-170 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(May 25, 2011)

To request parent input as to the proposed rule of the US Department of Agriculture which would effectively eliminate all flavored milk from school lunches.

gb #1-171 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo
(May 25, 2011)

To review plans for implementation of Section 203 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 which requires that schools participating in the National School Lunch Program "make potable water available to children at no charge in the place where lunch meals are served during the meal service," as per the April 12, 2011 memorandum of the Child Nutrition Division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

gb #1-172 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(May 25, 2011)

Request that the Administration survey principals in the elementary and middle schools regarding the timeframe for student lunches and the lunchroom policies/ procedures.

gb #1-173 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell
(May 25, 2011)

Request that both the Administration and the School Committee members forward a congratulatory letter to Michael P. Lyons, a teacher at the Worcester Technical High School, for receiving the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction for excellence in teaching award sponsored by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS).

gb #1-174 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(May 25, 2011)

Request that the Administration work with the CPPAC to publicize their Parent Expo on June 11, 2011.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-175 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(May 25, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on additional funds for Innovation Schools, whether from local, state, or federal sources, and their proposed allocation and indicate its plans for allocation and expenditure of the funding.

gb #1-176 - Administration
(May 27, 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