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AGENDA #26

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, November 17, 2011
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Conference Room, Worcester Technical High School

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Pastor Robert Ochoa
Lake View Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-25 - Clerk
(November 9, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 3, 2011.

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IV. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

ACTION

c&p #1-9.1 - Mr. Monfredo/Clerk
(November 4, 2011)

To reconsider the following item:

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the Asian longhorned beetles.

gb #1-293 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(November 7, 2011)

To reconsider the vote to approve the amendment to the Superintendent's contract.

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #1-280.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(November 8, 2011)

To recognize the members of the Quinsigamond Village Advisory Committee for their tireless involvement in the building of the new state-of-the-art, multi-age, handicapped accessible playground at Quinsigamond School.

VI. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-9.1 - Ms. Novick/Administration
(November 8, 2011)

Response of the Administration to only the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a chart indicating the class size in each elementary classroom.

ros #1-13.1 - Administration/Administration
(November 8, 2011)

NEW TEACHER EDUCATOR EVALUATION REQUIREMENT

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

ACTION

c&p #1-11 - Clerk
(November 9, 2011)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the review process and performance of the Superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools.

c&p #1-12 - Clerk
(November 9, 2011)

To consider a communication from members of the Worcester Education Collaborative regarding the Superintendent's contract.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

1-56 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Carrillo, Godofredo, School Adjustment Counselor, Systemwide, effective November 3, 2011

Kneeland, Nancy, English As A Second Language, Systemwide, effective November 4, 2011

Gonynor, Charlene, Vocational, Worcester Technical, effective November 5, 2011

1-57 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below to the effective as follows:

Guitierrez, Jabian, Wraparound Coordinator, Sullivan Middle, BA Step 4 \$49,455, effective October 31, 2011. License: N/A

Lamon, Leah, Focused Instructional Coach, Quinsigamond, MA, Step 8, \$66,772, plus FIC stipend of \$2,841, effective November 8, 2011. Licensed: Early Childhood Prek-2.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-285.1 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien
(November 8, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the status of cheerleading at the high school level.

gb #1-288 - Miss Biancheria
(November 3, 2011)

Request that the School Committee discuss at the November 17 2011 meeting, the appropriate siting of School Committee meetings during the time that City Hall is not available.

gb #1-289 - Mayor O'Brien
(November 4, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide parents who are filling out CORI forms with information in English and Spanish that outlines the reason for completion of such a form and people with whom they can speak regarding the process and/or appeals process. It was further requested that information regarding the appeals process be provided to those who fail the CORI.

gb #1-290 - Mr. O'Connell
(November 4, 2011)

To review the "transparency report" as to the website of the Worcester Public Schools, prepared by the Sunshine Review of Alexandria, Virginia.

gb #1-291 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo
(November 4, 2011)

Request that the School Committee forward congratulatory letters to the "2011 Distinguished Alumni and Friends of the Worcester Public Schools" as selected by the Worcester Educational Development Foundation and to the members of the Foundation itself for establishing this recognition program.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-292 - Administration
(November 7, 2011)

To accept a competitive federal grant in the amount of \$407,175 to support the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program.

gb #1-294 - Miss Biancheria
(November 9, 2011)

To set a date to recognize District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. and his staff for their help in improving the facilities of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-295 - Miss Biancheria
(November 9, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the Challenge and Reach Program which is housed at the Fanning Building to include the number of students enrolled, their school of origin, class size and placement process.

gb #1-296 - Administration
(November 10, 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