

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

AGENDA #14

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, May 17, 2012
at: 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 - Pastor Robert Ochoa
Lake View Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-10 - Clerk
(May 7, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Monday, April 23, 2012.

aor #2-11 - Clerk
(May 7, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 26, 2012.

aor #2-12 - Clerk
(May 7, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #2-117.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty
(May 4, 2012)

To recognize the Doherty Memorial High School's PEACH (Promoting Exercise and Continuous Health) Club for its involvement in many beneficial community projects.

gb #2-145.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(May 4, 2012)

To recognize Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis and his staff for presenting the program "FACE 2 FACE" in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-160.1 - Administration/Administration
(May 4, 2012)

To recognize members of the Quinsigamond Task Force for their donation of computers to Vernon Hill School.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #2-10 - Administration
(May 9, 2012)

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #2-7 - Clerk
(May 9, 2012)

To consider a communication from Leonard Zalauskas, President of the EAW, relative to Innovation Schools, Claremont Academy and principal selections.

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ACTION

The joint meeting of the City Council's Subcommittee Education and the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 4:01 on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 in the Esther Howland South Chamber at City Hall

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 4:13 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-135.2 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick
(April 10, 2012)

To select a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

gb #2-136.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria
(May 3, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the issues and concerns of the recent MCAS testing as to adherence to current policies and procedures.

gb #2-143.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty
(May 8, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to forward a Connect-Ed message inviting students and family members of the Worcester Public Schools to attend the City of Worcester's - Worcester Police Department's 7th Annual Youth Summit to be held on May 18, 2012 from 6-9 p.m. at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #2-147.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(May 9, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a summary of the procedures used to include community input and involvement in the selection of school principals.

gb #2-149.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell
(May 4, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to make available to the School Committee a listing of the non-teaching/non-instructional positions in the Worcester Public Schools, (other than principals and assistant principals), regardless of funding source, including job descriptions or a summary of job duties as to each.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-159.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(April 26, 2012)

Request that the Administration forward a status report on the Superintendent's reorganization initiative for Claremont Academy.

gb #2-169.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(May 10, 2012)

To consider adoption of the National Resolution on High-Stakes Testing.

gb #2-176 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/
Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mayor Petty
(May 7, 2012)

To assist the Worcester public schools' crew team to restore or replace its damaged equipment, by funding, and by requesting the support of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation and Sports Alive, and other interested community foundations, groups, and agencies, in a comprehensive fundraising initiative earmarked for this purpose.

gb #2-177 - Administration
(May 7, 2012)

To consider approval of the following courses:

- Computer Game Programming and Design – North High School
- Science Technology Engineering and Math – Sullivan Middle School
- Math 4 Integrated
- Applied Learning Lab – Worcester East Middle School
- Music and Multimedia Technology – North High School
- Applied Musicianship I, II, III and IV – North High School
- Band – Sullivan Middle School
- Fitness Seminar I and II – Department of Health & Physical Education

gb #2-178 - Administration
(May 7, 2012)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$5,698.87 from the Worcester Technical High School Class of 2011 to the Worcester Technical High School.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-179 - Administration
(May 7, 2012)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$19,964.69 through the United Way to support high quality programming for at-risk preschool children and their families at the Mill Swan, Vernon Hill, Millbury Street and Greendale Head Start sites.

gb #2-180 - Administration
(May 8, 2012)

To consider appointment of a district representative to the Board of Directors to serve on the Central MA Special Education Collaborative.

gb #2-181 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(May 8, 2012)

Request that the Administration encourage elementary principals to consider a book swap day with the books the children have received either from "Worcester: the City that Reads" or from other sources in the Fall 2012.

gb #2-182 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(May 8, 2012)

Request that the Administration encourage schools to participate in the "Bay State Bike Week," during the week of May 14 – 18, by urging students, who can safely do so, to walk or bike to school.

gb #2-183 - Administration
(May 9, 2012)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to support the Math and Special Education Leadership program.

gb #2-184 - Administration
(May 9, 2012)

To accept a donation in the amount \$50.00 made payable to the Maxine Levy Scholarship Fund.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-185 - Administration
(May 11, 2012)

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