

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

AGENDA #22

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, October 4, 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 - Reverend Kevin Bean
All Saints Episcopal Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-18 - Clerk
(September 18, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 13, 2012.

aor #2-19 - Clerk
(September 26, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 20, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

ACTION

gb #2-247.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(September 18, 2012)

To recognize Libis Bueno who sponsored an essay contest entitled "Why I should get a Laptop," and to congratulate Simeon Matthews and Isaiah Marquez who won laptops and Hector Rivera, who won a gift card, for their winning essays.

gb #2-248.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria
(September 18, 2012)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the work of the Thorndyke Road School Parent-Teacher Group in revitalizing the playground at the school through donations, fundraising and volunteer work.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #2-14 - Administration
(September 25, 2012)

INNOVATION SCHOOL PLAN UPDATES – YEAR ONE

- Chandler Magnet School
- Goddard Scholars Academy
- Goddard School of Science and Technology
- University Park Campus School
- Woodland Academy

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #2-12 - Clerk
(September 28, 2012)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the new children's gallery at the Worcester Historical Museum.

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 3:08 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

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

IX. PERSONNEL

ACTION

2-43 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Driscoll, James, Special Education, Rice Square, effective September 14, 2012

Lalos, Carol, Special Education, North, effective September 21, 2012

Murray, Diane, Student Support, Worcester East, effective September 11, 2012

2-44 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

Robinson, Beth, Elementary, Belmont, effective September 11, 2012

2-45 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of Teacher:

Cummings, Donald, Coping, Worcester East, BA Step 8, \$62,535, effective September 24, 2012. Licensed: History 8-12.

Daigle, Jillian, Elementary, Belmont, BA+15 Step 1, \$44,624, effective September 17, 2012. Licensed: Early Childhood Prek-2.

Edmonson, Lisa, Special Education, Gates Lane, MA+15 Step 3, \$54,936 effective August 28, 2012. Licensed: Moderate Disabilities Prek-8.

LaCouture, Catherine, Special Education, Systemwide, .6FTE, MA Step 4, \$56,015, effective September 10, 2012. Licensed: Occupational Therapy.

Lloyd, Jocelyn, Elementary, Woodland, BA+15 Step 4, \$52,610 effective September 4, 2012. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

Melanson, Mary-Beth, Special Education, Worcester Technical, CAGS/2MA Step 7, \$67,796, effective September 17, 2012. Licensed: Moderate Disabilities 5-12.

Obomanu, Ibifuro, Special Education, Tatnuck, MA+15 Step 9, \$73,954, effective August 27, 2012. Licensed: Moderate Disabilities 5-12.

Petty, Kelley, Health, Systemwide, DOC, Step1, \$58,422 effective August 27, 2012. Licensed: Health All Levels.

Sherwood, Kristin, English as a Second Language, Woodland CAGS/2MA Step 7, \$67,796. Licensed: ESL Prek-6.

Silverman, Lorraine, Kindergarten, Tatnuck, MA Step 5, \$58,335 effective September 24, 2012. Licensed: Elementary K-8.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-258.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio
(September 25, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the JROTC programs to include the school, the branch of the military and number of students in each of the programs.

gb #2-262 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(September 17, 2012)

To review, with the Administration, the current class sizes and provisions for staffing at Union Hill School, in light of the school's present needs and its intensified obligations as a Level 4 school.

gb #2-263 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/
Miss Biancheria
(September 17, 2012)

To set a date to recognize Hanover Insurance on its 160th anniversary and to express appreciation for support of many programs for students in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-264 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(September 20, 2012)

To review with the Administration the plans of the Worcester Public Schools for participating, with the EcoTarium, in the National Science Foundation's Art of Science Learning Phase 2 grant entitled "Integrating Informal STEM and Arts-Based Learning to Foster Innovation."

gb #2-265 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio
(September 21, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a list of the school sites that had gardens in collaboration with the Regional Environmental Council and the number of students that participated in these endeavors.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-266 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(September 24, 2012)

Request that the Administration inform the schools and the CPPAC about the nationwide celebration of Food Day in Worcester during the week of October 20th.

gb #2-267 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley
(September 24, 2012)

Request that the School Committee inform the public and the media about Dr. Boone's State of the Schools Address which will take place on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. at North High School.

gb #2-268 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(September 24, 2012)

To inform the public about the annual "Coats for Kids" event taking place on October 11th at Coral Seafood from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and to advertise this event on the Worcester Public Schools' website.

gb #2-269 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria
(September 25, 2012)

To set a date to recognize Worcester Technical High School and Principal Harrity for her appearance on the NBC's Today Show highlighting WTHS as one of ten schools nationally featured as part of the NBC's Education Nation Series and air the segment of the interview at the School Committee meeting.

gb #2-270 - Administration
(September 26, 2012)

To consider the third report of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of an Exam School and/or an International Baccalaureate Program.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-271 - Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell
(September 26, 2012)

Request that the Administration review the CPR training for our secondary students and look for additional funding to continue with the CPR program.

gb #2-272 - Administration
(September 26, 2012)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$95,716 from the Massachusetts Early Education and Care for the Massachusetts Kindergarten Entry Assessment grant.

gb #2-273 - Administration
(September 26, 2012)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$421,715 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the ARRA School Redesign Grant for Burncoat Preparatory School.

gb #2-274 - Administration
(September 26, 2012)

To approve a prior year invoice in the amount of \$13,274.44.

gb #2-275 - Administration
(September 26, 2012)

To set a date to interview the finalists for the position of Manager of Special Education and Intervention Services.

gb #2-276 - Administration
(September 26, 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