

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

AGENDA #25

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, November 15, 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 Noel Williamson
Pleasant Street Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-22 - Clerk
(November 7, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 1, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #2-286.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(November 5, 2012)

To recognize Worcester Arts Magnet School for achieving the highest percentage of students in Massachusetts scoring in the proficient and advanced categories in grade three and one of the top schools in grade four in math.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #2-16 - Administration
(November 7, 2012)

REPORT OF THE JROTC PROGRAMS

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

2-57 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Pierce, Sandra, ESL, Systemwide, effective October 31, 2012

2-58 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of Teacher:

Baldasaro, Vincent, Vocational, Worcester Technical, VL4 Step 8 \$69,350, effective October 29, 2012. Licensed: HVAC-74 9-14.

Leduc, Julie, Elementary, Grafton Street, MA Step 5 \$58,335, effective October 9, 2012. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

Skinner, Michelle, Special Education, Canterbury Street, MA+30 Step 8 \$71,071, effective October 29, 2012. Licensed: Special Needs Prek-9.

Stanley, Ronald, Vocational, Worcester Technical, VL4 Step 8 \$69,350, effective October 4, 2012. Licensed: HVAC-74 9-14.

Swears, Richard, Vocational, Worcester Technical, VL4 Step 8 \$69,350 effective November 5, 2012. Licensed: Plumbing-74 9-14.

Watson, Katelynne, Elementary, May Street, BA Step 2, \$44,777 effective November 6, 2012. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

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X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-290.1 - Administration/Administration
(November 5, 2012)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$358.00.

gb #2-300 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(October 31, 2012)

To set a date to recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the work of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and its staff in painting the gymnasium and organizing the library systems of Chandler Elementary School.

gb #2-301 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(October 31, 2012)

To notify teachers and PTOs of the recent decision of the State Ethics Commission which allows staff members to accept "class gifts" valued at up to \$150 if students and/or parents pool their contributions toward the gift.

gb #2-302 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. O'Connell
(November 2, 2012)

To consider notifying the School Committee of outside guest speakers and events that take place in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-303 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(November 5, 2012)

Request that the Administration review the resolution, "Call to action to reduce absenteeism in our nation's schools" as outlined at the Nation's Mayor's Conference this summer and come up with a plan to combat chronic absenteeism in our system.

gb #2-304 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(November 5, 2012)

To revise the election of School Committee representatives in line with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 38M.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-305 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(November 6, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a copy of the contract for the Durham Bus Company to all School Committee members including the Mayor and review the policies and procedures of hiring drivers and substitute drivers.

gb #2-306 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(November 6, 2012)

Request that the Administration develop a Career & Technical Educator Questionnaire/Survey utilizing the ACTE Questionnaire as a sample for teachers and students enrolled in Chapter 74 courses and courses pertaining to Technical Education.

gb #2-307 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty
(November 7, 2012)

To set a date to recognize South High Community School for receiving the Bronze-Level Massachusetts School Achievement in Wellness Award from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for creating an exemplary whole-school approach to fostering wellness.

gb #2-308 - Administration
(November 7, 2012)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$64,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Literacy Partnership program.

gb #2-309 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(November 7, 2012)

To review the current locations of the 21st Century Learning Centers, and of their English Language Learner Supplemental Support Services, and to determine whether the locations as selected serve the needs of the English Language Learner students of the Worcester Public Schools in an optimal manner.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

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gb #2-310 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(November 7, 2012)

To publicize the 21st Century Learning Centers, and their English Language Learner Supplemental Support Services, in a manner which will advertise the Centers, and their services, to the English Language Learner students of the Worcester Public Schools and to their families, with the goal of making them available to all of the students who will benefit from them.

gb #2-311 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(November 7, 2012)

To determine the number of "mini grants" which will be available to the teachers of the Worcester Public Schools for the current fiscal year, and to develop a strategy, and funding process, designed to maximize the number of mini-grants which will be available for the present year and for next year.

gb #2-312 - Administration
(November 7, 2012)

To approve a prior year invoice in the amount of \$2,000.00.

gb #2-313 - Administration
(November 9, 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