

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

AGENDA #5

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, March 21, 2013
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 Susan Nachtigal
Trinity Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #3-5 - Clerk
(March 6, 2013)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 28, 2013.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #3-3 - Administration
(March 1, 2013)

WEDF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STRATEGIC FUNDRAISING GOALS

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #3-4 - Clerk
(March 4, 2013)

To consider a communication from NAGE regarding the reopening of the collective bargaining agreement for the purpose of negotiating a successor agreement for the NAGE Local, R1-16, Cafeteria Workers.

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013 in the All-Purpose Room at Nelson Place School.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013 in the All-Purpose Room at Nelson Place School.

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

IX. PERSONNEL

3-10 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below to the position of Teacher:

O'Malley, Julie, May Street School, Elementary, MA Step 9, \$72,354. Licensed: Elementary 1-6,

ACTION

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #3-25.2 - Administration/Ms. Novick
(March 4, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request regarding whether the system is adhering to the regulation for those students in attendance for a full-day preschool program not including Woodland Academy or Lincoln Street.

gb #3-75 - Administration
(February 25, 2013)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 made payable to Worcester Technical High School from the American Antiquarian Society.

gb #3-76 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the report of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of an Exam School and/or an International Baccalaureate Program from the meeting of February 25, 2013.

gb #3-77 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the School-Based Health Services Medicaid Claiming Review of the Worcester Public Schools prepared by the Public Consulting Group, Inc. at no cost to the system.

gb #3-78 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the quarterly update, dated December 31, 2012, prepared by the Central MA Special Education Collaborative.

gb #3-79 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the Central MA Special Education Collaborative's 2011-12 Annual Report.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-80 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the Central MA Special Education Collaborative's Financial Statements including the Independent Auditors Reports dated June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

gb #3-81 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider approval of the 2013-14 Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #3-82 - Administration
(February 28, 2013)

To approve prior fiscal year payments for athletic officials in the total amount of \$1,113.50.

gb #3-83 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a list of the apprenticeship agreements to include the sites and partners.

gb #3-84 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a sample of the data charts for tracking of the senior classes regarding graduation rates.

gb #3-85 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the Administration, in conjunction with the City of Worcester DPW, provide a report on the efforts of making certain that all crosswalks are cleared of snow and debris after snow storms.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-86 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the School Administration make a presentation at the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education regarding student transportation services and provide information on the impact of enrollment, routing, tier structure, and other variables that impact the transportation budget and recent increases. Further request that the City Auditor review transportation bills and contracts and report back with any recommendations regarding cost efficiencies.

gb #3-87 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the City Auditor provide a report to the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education that describes by function and level of funding the actual level of service provided by city administrative departments (Auditing, Purchasing, Information Technology, City Manager/Budget Office, City Treasurer) to the Worcester Public Schools and compare to the methodology used to charge these services towards net school spending purposes. Further, provide the analysis for the level of city administrative service in connection with grants management; and further, request that the City Auditor provide a report that details the level of services provided by the Worcester Public Schools that qualify for federal Medicaid reimbursement. These reports should also identify how each of these fees compare to other gateway cities.

gb #3-88 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the City Auditor work with School Department officials to review school administrative costs as reported to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and provide a report on how these fees compare on a percentage of budget basis with other gateway cities.

gb #3-89 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick
(March 4, 2013)

Request that the Administration forward the information relative to "Poem in your Pocket Day" to the principals for possible participation in it on April 11th and 12th.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-90 - Administration
(March 5, 2013)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 made payable to Chandler Magnet School from the employees at AbbVie Bioresearch.

gb #3-91 - Administration
(March 7, 2013)

To review the following documents:

- Management Letter that was done in conjunction with the city's audit of the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2012 by Sullivan, Rogers & Company, LLC.
- the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, Compliance and Federal Award Programs for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2012 that was prepared by Sullivan, Rogers & Company, LLC, and
- the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the End of Year Financial Report submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2012 as prepared by P.L. Jones and Associates, P.C.

gb #3-92 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(March 8, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the B.R.A.C.E. Project and other new bullying initiatives that are helping to decrease bullying in our schools and contribute to a positive school climate.

gb #3-93 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Foley/
Miss Biancheria
(March 11, 2013)

Request that the School Committee forward letters of congratulations to the robotic teams of Burncoat High, South High Community and Doherty Memorial High schools for their participation in the WPI Robotics Competition held on March 8 and 9, 2013.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-94 - Mr. Foley
(March 11, 2013)

To congratulate the Main South Cougars Girls Basketball Team, which represented both Claremont Academy and University Park Campus School, for winning the Division 3 Central Massachusetts District Basketball Championship.

gb #3-95 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(March 12, 2013)

Request that the School Committee forward letters of appreciation to the following groups who succeeded in making the statewide Bullying Prevention and Education Conference, which was held at South High Community School, a large success:

- DCU for Kids, the non-profit charitable foundation of Digital Federal Credit Union, which was the sponsor of the event
- organizers from the Worcester Public Schools
- Worcester Juvenile Court
- Worcester Police Department
- Office of the District Attorney
- Department of Probation
- YOU, Inc.

gb #3-96 - Administration
(March 12, 2013)

To set a date in April for a public hearing on school choice.

gb #3-97 - Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo
(March 13, 2013)

Request that the Administration include School Committee members in general emails that are sent to all teachers, administrators and staff informing them of events that are happening in the Worcester Public Schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-98 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 13, 2013)

To ask that the City Council, in addressing the Downtown Master Plan, preserve the current parking lot behind the Worcester Public Library, for the benefit and well-being of the citizens – and especially of the children of Worcester – who depend on the library.

gb #3-99 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(March 13, 2013)

Request that the Administration report on the process for evaluating principals.

gb #3-100 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria
(March 14, 2013)

Request that the School Committee forward letters of congratulations to the Science Fair winners in grades 5-12 and a letter of appreciation to the EcoTarium for hosting the event.

gb #3-101 - Administration
(March 14, 2013)

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