

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

AGENDA #26

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, December 18, 2014
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in the: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Pastor Steven Barrett
Christ the Rock Fellowship

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #4-21 - Clerk
(December 10, 2014)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 4, 2014.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #4-316.1 - Administration/Mr. O’Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(December 8, 2014)

To recognize and congratulate the following students of the Worcester Public Schools who received awards and commendations at the Central Massachusetts Senior Music Festival, in competition with more than 900 high school students from throughout Worcester County, and who will now participate in the Central District Music Festival Concert at Mechanics Hall on Saturday, January 17, 2015:

<p><u>Burncoat High School</u> Josiah Furcinitti (bass) Matthew Abraham (violin, All State audition recommendation) Gwendolyn Bui (violin) Christian Bacelis (cello)</p>
<p><u>Doherty Memorial High School</u> Lucas Arndt (bass, vocal) Ilana Pearl (soprano) Aubrey Leary (soprano) Kellin Ronquille (tenor) Kane Harper (tenor)</p>
<p><u>South High Community School</u> Paris Jensen (soprano, All State audition recommendation) Patrick Shea (clarinet, All-State audition recommendation) Brielle Stovall (soprano) Connor Woodbury (tuba)</p>

gb #4-323.1 - Administration/Mr. O’Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(December 8, 2014)

To congratulate Mary-Margaret Ladd Mara, a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Chandler Magnet School, upon her selection as a recipient of the Massachusetts State Universities Alumni Recognition Award for 2014.

gb #4-327 - Administration
(December 8, 2014)

To consider input from the School Committee’s student representatives.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ACTION

ros #4-14.1 - Administration/Administration
(December 10, 2014)

PROPOSAL FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR
ADVANCED LEARNERS

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

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

IX. PERSONNEL

4-46 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below:

Felicetti-Magsino, Jennifer, Teacher, Science, Challenge Academy, MA+30, Step 8, \$73,217 effective December 8, 2014. Licensed: General Science 5-8.

4-47 The Superintendent has APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Word Processor, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$20,446.94 (minimum) to \$24,870.01 (maximum), from Civil Service List #314-033, effective as follows:

Trotto, Maureen	10/29/14
Newkirk, Tara	12/08/14

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #4-328 - Administration
(November 28, 2014)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$14,811.73 for services provided for a special education student at the Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps for the month of March 2014.

gb #4-329 - Miss Biancheria
(December 4, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the filling of the position of principal for Worcester Technical High School.

gb #4-330 - Miss Biancheria
(December 4, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a listing by school of the recess equipment purchased by elementary principals.

gb #4-331 - Administration
(December 9, 2014)

To accept the Strategic Support Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education to enhance strategic support.

gb #4-332 - Mr. O'Connell
(December 9, 2014)

Pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of the School Committee, to schedule a public hearing "relative to the Minority Deisolation Plan ... At the hearing, the School Committee will review the results concerning the implementation of the plan and will make the necessary changes in an effort to maintain the correct minority/majority percent at each school."

gb #4-333 - Administration
(December 9, 2014)

To consider an adjustment to the FY15 Budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-334 - Administration
(December 10, 2014)

To approve an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.56 per mile to \$0.575 per mile, effective January 1, 2015, for all non-represented and represented personnel in accordance with the 2015 standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

gb #4-335 - Mr. O'Connell
(December 11, 2014)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the exemplary service of Edwin B. ("Ted") Coghlin, Jr. to the Worcester Public Schools, to the Worcester community, and to vocational technical education in general.

gb #4-336 - Administration
(December 11, 2014)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Educational Secretaries, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

Finding that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, the committee votes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Grievance #14/15-3.

To discuss strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel - Superintendent.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee