

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

AGENDA #11

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, April 27, 2017
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Reverend Dimitrios Moraitis
St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM – MetroGnomes
Worcester Arts Magnet School

II. ROLL CALL

Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell and Mayor Petty

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #7-9 - Clerk
(April 14, 2017)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Friday, March 17, 2017.

aor #7-10 - Clerk
(April 14, 2017)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Convened in Open Session at 6:09 p.m.
See notes

Approved

Approved

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #7-112.1 - Administration/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 11, 2017)

To recognize SOFA (Support Our Fine Arts) for its award of \$4,910 in mini-grants to staff members of schools of the Burncoat quadrant.

gb #7-135.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O’Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 11, 2017)

To recognize the staff and students at Worcester Technical High School for its successful partnership with French exchange students from a high school in France (Le Lycée Hôtelier Val de Loire, BLOIS, France) which will expose and teach these students about the highly successful Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #7-144.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. O’Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 11, 2017)

To recognize Robert Pezzella, Director of School Safety for conducting the highly successful Bullying Prevention and Education Conference that was held at North High School.

gb #7-147 - Administration
(April 11, 2017)

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

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ROS #7-7 - Administration
(April 11, 2017)

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORCESTER HEARS (HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS AND RESILIENCE IN SCHOOLS) PROJECT

ACTION

Certificate presented

Certificates presented

Held

Filed

Referred ros #7-7 to the Administration and filed gb #6-396
See notes

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

c&p #7-1 - Clerk
(April 6, 2017)

To consider a petition from a citizen regarding a request to hold public hearings in April regarding the FY18 Budget.

c&p #7-2 - Clerk
(April 6, 2017)

To consider a petition from a citizen regarding a request to hold public hearings on the impact of standardized testing on students in the Worcester Public Schools.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

ACTION

Referred to the
Standing Committee on
Governance and
Employee Issues
See notes

Referred to the
Standing Committee on
Governance and
Employee Issues
See notes

Approved as amended
See notes

X. GENERAL BUSINESSACTION

gb #7-95.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo
(April 11, 2017)

See notes

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the status of the 2017 Elementary Summer School Programs.

gb #7-145.1 - Administration/Administration
(April 11, 2017)

See notes

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

gb #7-148 - Administration
(April 11, 2017)

Set the dates of
Thursday, June 1, 2017
and Thursday, June 15,
2017 at 4:00 p.m.

To set the dates for the FY18 Budget Hearings.

gb #7-149 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria
(March 19, 2017)

Referred to the
Administration
See notes

Request that the Special Education parents receive a listing of summer school opportunities available from the list compiled by Anne Bureau of the Worcester Community Connection Coalition.

gb #7-150 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(March 30, 2017)

Set the date of
Thursday, May 18,
2017

To set a date to congratulate Brian Cummings, an advanced manufacturing instructor at Worcester Technical High School, on his selection as a recipient of the Thomas S. Green Award by the Worcester Regional Research Bureau.

gb #7-151 - Administration
(April 5, 2017)

Set the date of
Thursday, May 4, 2017

To set a date to recognize Brian Allen for having received for the 4th time, the Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in preparation and issuance of its budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 from the Association of the School Business Officials International (ASBO).

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)ACTION

gb #7-152 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 5, 2017)

Filed

To request funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education to enable low-income students to take, free of charge, advanced placement examinations in biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, calculus, statistics and environmental science, through the STEM Pipeline Fund, pursuant to the March 31, 2017 press release issued by the Executive Office.

gb #7-153 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 5, 2017)

Set the date of
Thursday, May 18,
2017

To set a date to recognize Carol Manning, Debra McGovern and John Monfredo for having been selected as the 2017 Heart of Gold Award from the American Heart Association.

gb #7-154 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 6, 2017)

Forward letters
See notes

To congratulate the recipients of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. (WEDF) Spring 2017 Mini-Grants, which were awarded to "civic engagement proposals to help students become better informed citizens for the preservation of our democracy" in the cumulative amount of \$4,800 as follows:

Colleen Kelly	Mini Lecture Series for AP US History Students	District-wide
Jayne Cardin	Civics with Digital Literacy	Rice Square School
Christine Rovezzi	Worcester, You Have a Friend in Me	Gates Lane School of International Studies
Brenda Dubrey	All American City Tour	Thorndyke Road School
Allyson Houlihan	North High Community Outreach Committee	North High School
Alexizendria Link	Culinary & Musical Arts Series	North High School
Phyllis Goldstein	Lin-Manuel Miranda: A Study in Text to Music	North High School
Chris Pappas	Civic Engagement: Teens Learning About and Supporting Early Literacy	Alternative High School
Jennifer Rochon	Three-Dimensional Design Renditions	Worcester Technical High School
Rick Torres	Aligned with ADA Guidelines	
Lilyvette Perez	Bullying Prevention Project	Chandler Magnet School
Steve Alzamora	Cultural & Linguistic Library	Caradonio New Citizen Center
Brian Cummings	Understanding OSHA Regulations	Worcester Technical High School

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-155 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 6, 2017)

Set the date of
Thursday, June 15,
2017

To congratulate Marco Rodrigues, Ed.D. on his selection as
Superintendent of the Hudson Public Schools.

gb #7-156 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 6, 2017)

Referred to the
Administration to
submit a nomination
on its behalf prior to
the June 1 deadline

To submit a nomination for the Friend of Public Education Award of
the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

gb #7-157 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 6, 2017)

Referred to the
Administration to
submit a nomination
on its behalf prior to
the June 1 deadline

To submit a nomination for the Outstanding School Partner Award of
the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

gb #7-158 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 6, 2017)

Referred to the
Administration to
submit a nomination
on its behalf prior to
the June 1 deadline

To submit a nomination for the Community Leader for Public
Education Award of the Massachusetts Association of School
Committees.

gb #7-159 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 6, 2017)

Held for the School
Committee Meeting on
Thursday, May 4, 2017
See notes

To select a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate for the
Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School
Committees, scheduled for November 1, 2017.

gb #7-160 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 6, 2017)

Contact Mr. O'Connell
with any resolutions
which the School
Committee wishes to
present for
deliberation at the
Annual Business
Meeting of the MASC

To submit any resolutions which the School Committee wishes to
present for deliberation at the Annual Business Meeting of the
Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-161 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 6, 2017)

Forward letters

To congratulate the following students as recipients of the Smalley Scholarship, entitling each of them to a \$10,000 award per year for four years:

Doherty Memorial High School

Aliecia Bottali
Diane Nguyen
Osamah Mandawi
Alexandra Biro

South High Community School

Deni Hoxha

Worcester Technical High School

Briyana Chataigne

gb #7-162 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 10, 2017)

Forward letter
See notes

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Burncoat High School's Quadrivium Musical Group and David Twiss, Music Director for placing first in the Worcester Educational Collaborative's Second Annual WEC'appella Contest, Worcester's Premier a Cappella Competition, held at Mechanics Hall.

gb #7-163 - Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(April 12, 2017)

Referred to the
Administration

To review the new No Live Lice Policy to ensure that schools are following the reentry procedures.

gb #7-164 - Administration
(April 12, 2017)

Set the date of
Thursday, May 18,
2017

To set a date to recognize Jean McNerney, a physical education teacher at South High Community School, for receiving the Massachusetts Physical Education Teacher Award of the Year.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-165 - Administration
(April 14, 2017)

To set a date to recognize the following schools for having received the Eos Foundation and Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge Award:

Schools	Principals	Nutrition People
Belmont Street Community School	Sue Hodgkins	Debora Gonyea
Canterbury Street Magnet Computer-Based School	Mary Sealey	Rosina Brindisi
Chandler at the Y	Jessica Boss	Jillian Stapleton
Elm Park Community School	Joany Santa	Linda Vivlamore
Lincoln Street School	Martha Dewar	Cheryl Burke
Francis J McGrath Elementary School	Paula Gibb-Severin	Michelle Cantwell
Union Hill School	Ishmael Tabales	Theresa Zarr
Vernon Hill School	Corenza Jackson	Jayne Troy
Wawecus Road School	Joanna Loftus	Kathleen Senior
Woodland Academy	Patricia Padilla	Lynne Stewart

gb #7-166 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 14, 2017)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Joshua Donahue, a senior at Worcester Technical High School, for receiving the Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Award from the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

gb #7-167 - Mayor Petty/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo
(April 18, 2017)

To consider approval of a Comprehensive Plan for Materials that may contain PCBs at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School.

ACTION

Set the date of
Thursday, May 4, 2017

Forward letter

See notes

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-168 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 18, 2017)

**Held for the School
Committee on
Thursday, May 4, 2017
See notes**

To approve and endorse the following petition prepared by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and forward it to members of the Worcester Legislative Delegation, as recommended by MASC (MASC Bulletin, April 2017, Page 4):

In light of the 2015 findings of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, the increasing urgency of school budgeting gaps across Massachusetts, and in support of Senate Bill 223:

We are convinced the providing of a high-quality education to every student within the Commonwealth regardless of wealth, income, educational background, or zip code is not only a matter of constitutional obligation but of generational responsibility.

We, the undersigned, agree with the Foundation Budget Review Commission regarding both the constitutional obligation and generational responsibility the Commonwealth holds for all of our students. We recognize the ever-increasing gaps among schools and the increasing dependence of our municipalities on local revenue to fund our schools. We appreciate that it is this dependence, and the inequities that result from it, that the foundation budget was intended to alleviate. We share the concern that in continuing to postpone reform of the foundation budget, we jeopardize the good work of public education and thus the health of our democracy itself.

As such, we, the undersigned, call for implementation of the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission with all available speed.

gb #7-169 - Administration
(April 18, 2017)

**On a roll call of 7-0,
the item was approved**

To accept a donation from Scholastic Inc. in the amount of \$229.05 to Woodland Academy.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-170 - Administration
(April 18, 2017)

To accept a donation from Andy's Attic in the amount of \$180.25 for partial funding for marketing a field trip at South High Community School.

gb #7-171 - Administration
(April 18, 2017)

To set a date to recognize the following teachers of Advanced Placement courses who received the 2017 Partners in Excellence (PIE) Award from Mass Insight Education:

South High Community School

Caroline Rossi, Calculus AB
Kellie Moulin, Calculus BC
Emilie Richmond, Chemistry
Leanne Ledoux, English Literature & Composition
Tara Vaidya, Physics

Worcester Technical High School

Jennifer Hardy, Computer Science A
Jacquelyn Kalisz, Physics

gb #7-172 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo
(April 18, 2017)

Request that the Administration provide an inventory, by school, for outside playground equipment.

gb #7-173 - Administration
(April 19, 2017)

Finding that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigation position of the School Committee, the committee votes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation and strategy for collective bargaining for a denial of access.

ACTION

On a roll call of 7-0,
the item was approved

Set the date of
Thursday, May 18,
2017

Referred to the
Administration

Held from 6:10 p.m. to
7:05 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #7-173 (continued)

c&p #6-9

To consider a communication from a citizen relative to a request that the School Committee drop its Court Appeal and allow for testing for PCBs at Burncoat High and Doherty Memorial High schools.

gb #6-332

Request that the Administration drop the appeal and allow PCB testing at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School this school year and do what is necessary to correct the problem.

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

To consider an International Union of Public Employees (I.U.P.E.) Grievance Complaint – HVAC Technician.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

N O T E S

It was moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following items:

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To consider an International Union of Public Employees (I.U.P.E.) Grievance Complaint – HVAC Technician.

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 #15/16-38.

On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:10 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

Miss Biancheria chaired the meeting from 9:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

NOTES (continued)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #7-7

Dr. Marco Rodrigues, Yue Kue, Ellen Kelley, Thomas DelPrete, Dr. David Perda, Michelle Montanez and Susan Donahue provided a progress report on the Worcester HEARS (Healthy Environments and Resilience in Schools) Project.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the School Committee Office with copies of the Mind Up Curriculum Brain Focused Strategies for Learning and Living, Grades Pre-K – 2, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of providing transportation for other schools to go to the Health Center at Worcester East Middle School.

Request that the Administration provide the number of disciplinary reports from City View, Grafton Street, Rice Square, Roosevelt and Worcester East Middle schools for the last three years.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

c&p #7-1

c&p #7-2

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to allow Gordan and Gwen Davis to address the petitions relative to testing and a budget hearing on the FY18 Budget.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports

The Action Sheet for the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports is hereto annexed as Annex A and was approved as amended.

NOTES (continued)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (continued)

Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports (continued)

gb #6-308 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria (September 7, 2016)

To discuss the impact of radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation from wifi and cellular towers on students and staff in schools, potentially including neurologic impairment and malignancy, and to consider means of minimizing any such risk within the Worcester Public Schools by changes as to practice and policy.

At the Standing Committee level, Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that Annex A of the backup for the item be placed on the WPS website and be given to all schools to be shared with the students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

At the School Committee level, Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

On a roll call of 5-2 (nays-Mr. Monfredo and Mr. O'Connell), the motion was approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

gb #7-95.1

Miss Biancheria indicated that she would like to receive information at the May 4th or May 18th meeting relative to summer school programming for the middle and high schools.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the when the report on summer schools for middle and high schools is provided to the School Committee that it include the dates and times that the mobile libraries and food trucks will be at the parks.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-145.1

It was moved to approve the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

On a roll call of 7-0, the item was approved.

It was moved to suspend the Rules of the School Committee for the purpose of reconsideration.

On a roll call of 7-0, item was approved.

It was moved to reconsider the motion to approve the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

On a roll call of 0-7, the motion to reconsider was defeated.

gb #7-149

Mr. Monfredo requested that the listing of Special Education Opportunities compiled by Anne Bureau be given to the Director of Special Education to be distributed to parents.

gb #7-154

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Worcester Educational Development Foundation for its most recent example of support and encouragement to our school system.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #7-159

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee consider either changing the School Committee meeting on November 1, 2017 or cancelling it so that School Committee members can attend the Annual Meeting of the MASC.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #7-162

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Burncoat High School's Quadrivium and David Twiss be invited to a School Committee for the singing of the National Anthem and one of their award winning songs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #7-167

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide quarterly reports on the ventilation and on-going cleaning efforts at Burncoat High and Doherty Memorial High schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration include in its quarterly reports statements as to the frequency of changing air handlers, air handler filters and uninvent filters.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved to approve A Comprehensive Plan for Materials That May Contain PCBs at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School.

On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.

gb #7-168

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee consider revisions to the proposed resolutions regarding the need to fund the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

O T H E R

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to decline to appeal the final decision of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board to the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.

Committee Members

Brian A. O'Connell, Chairman
John F. Monfredo, Vice-Chairman
Molly McCullough

AGENDA #3

TLSS
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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo and Chairman O'Connell

Ms. Colorio was also in attendance.

Representing Administration were: Dr. Rodrigues and Dr. Friel

Others in Attendance: Dr. Ganas, Dr. Rojas, Dr. Suomala and R. Walton

gb #5-244 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (September 10, 2015)

To review the scores achieved by Worcester students in the Spring 2015 administration of the Advanced Placement examinations, in all courses and at all levels.

Dr. Ganas spoke to the backup for the item.

It was requested that the Administration provide in a Friday Letter the list of the teachers for the program and the number of overtime hours provided to them to date.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Administration with a recommendation that sufficient funding be included in the Budget for the Capstone Program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo requested that the Administration provide the A.P. scores in a Friday Letter in June.

FILE at the Standing Committee level.

gb #6-50.1 - Administration/Mayor Petty/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough (March 9, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to consider joining and fully funding Worcester Technical High School's schoolwide participation in SkillsUSA.

Dr. Suomala provided a report on SkillsUSA.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the FY18 Budget for a report as to the costs to implement the SkillsUSA Program, if funds are available.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #6-270 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria (July 22, 2016)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the summer school programs to include:

- academic progress
- attendance
- community involvement
- engagement of colleges in summer activities
- number of ELL students
- number of grade 1 and 2 students

and suggest improvements for next year.

Dr. Rojas spoke to the item.

Mr. Monfredo and Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for a Standing Committee meeting in the Fall of 2017 in order to include recommendations from the Administration as to the program for the Summer of 2018. It was further requested that the Administration provide information on the following:

gb #6-270 (continued)

- expansion of opportunities for students in grades 1 and 2 with a focus on enrolling more of them in appropriate summer school programs
- expansion of internships and externships for students for enrichment purposes
- feasibility of offering a full course at the secondary level for full academic credit during the summer as a double period course
- opportunities in connection with summer school initiatives with a focus on the needs of at-risk students

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #6-308 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria (September 7, 2016)

To discuss the impact of radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation from wifi and cellular towers on students and staff in schools, potentially including neurologic impairment and malignancy, and to consider means of minimizing any such risk within the Worcester Public Schools by changes as to practice and policy.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that Annex A of the backup for the item be placed on the WPS website and be given to all schools to be shared with the students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #7-59 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough (February 6, 2017)

To reestablish the PEAK ("Providing Enrichment for Able Kids") Program in the Worcester Public Schools.

Dr. Ganas stated that the Administration is proposing that it organize a PEAK-like experience for students using the Title I SES funds.

gb #7-59 (continued)

Mr. Monfredo inquired as to the feasibility of establishing after-school PEAK-like enrichment programs for students, and, if possible, provide a report on such a program at the Standing Committee in September.

Dr. Ganius indicated that she could provide a list of after-school programs that are PEAK-like.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for a progress report in June or July.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #7-60 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/Miss McCullough (February 7, 2017)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of establishing competitive wrestling teams in the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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