

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

AGENDA #1

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, January 6, 2011  
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 Dean N. Paleologos  
St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-1 - Clerk  
(December 28, 2010)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2010.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

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IX. PERSONNEL

ACTION

1-1 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of teacher:

Howse, Christopher, Special Education, Chandler Magnet, BA+15, Step 7, \$57,146, Licensed: Moderate Disabilities Prek-8 effective January 3, 2011

Torres Ortiz, Paula, Psychologist, Systemwide, Doc, Step 8, \$74,959, Licensed: School Psychologist effective December 20, 2010.

1-2 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Proulx, Gerard, Evaluation Team Chair, Systemwide, effective December 26, 2010

Ferrante, Dennis, Administration, Fanning, effective December 31, 2010

Martin, Lenore, Special Education, effective December 31, 2010

Sherman, Christine, Elementary, Norrback, effective December 31, 2010

Tran, Quat, Mathematics, Burncoat High, effective December 31, 2010

1-3 The Superintendent has provisionally appointed the persons named below to the position of Junior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$13.10 (minimum) to \$18.82 (maximum), per hour, effective as follows:

Martinez, Luis	11/29/10
Keller, Marc	11/30/10
Jarvis, Christopher	11/30/10
Masterson, Jr., Robert	12/6/10
Sarkodie, James	12/6/10
Aharonian, Tobias	12/6/10
Barbour, Joseph	12/7/10
Ryan, Robert	12/20/10
Pinto, John	12/20/10

1-4 The Superintendent has recommended the PROMOTION of the person named below to the position of HEAD CLERK, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$19.64(minimum) to \$23.60 (maximum) per hour, from Civil Service List #310-060, effective as follows:

Macaruso, Suzette                      11/4/10

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-1 - Administration  
(December 13, 2010)

To elect the Vice-chairperson of the School Committee for 2011.

gb #1-2 - Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 13, 2010)

Request that the Administration consider the impact of the *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010* on the students in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-3 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 14, 2010)

Request that the Administration consider the inclusion of capital expenditures and building repairs in the annual budget.

gb #1-4 - Administration  
(December 16, 2010)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 in memory of Kara Farber, a former Worcester Public Schools' student.

gb #1-5 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 16, 2010)

Request that the Administration consider applying for services from the Solid Foundation Program, federally funded through PIRC, to assist the school system in meeting the letter and the spirit of parent involvement required by Title I Section 1118 and the No Child Left Behind Act.

gb #1-6 - Mayor O'Brien/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 16, 2010)

Request that the Administration contact the Worcester Public Library to determine what it would cost to have the bookmobile visit youth programs and parks this summer to make available books from the summer reading list.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-7 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 16, 2010)

Request that the Administration develop a teacher handbook for the 2011-12 school year to include, but not be limited to:

- the new anti-bullying law
- the Wellness Policy
- information regarding 51A regulations
- texts of annual bulletins that are sent by the Administration to staff at the start of the school year and
- information on reporting of absences.

gb #1-8 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 20, 2010)

To set a date to thank the students, parents, faculty and Administration of the Finn School in Southborough for their generosity to Chandler Elementary School.

gb #1-9 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/  
Mayor O'Brien  
(December 20, 2010)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for Chandler Magnet School from Mr. Stewart Elias, in memory of his wife Heidi Elias, a former teacher at Chandler Magnet School.

gb #1-10 - Administration  
(December 22, 2010)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$8,471.20 from the Lake View School's PTO for the purchase of books for the guided reading program.

gb #1-11 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(December 23, 2010)

Request that the Administration incorporate the facilities improvements as recommended by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges into the funding priorities of either the operating budget or the long-term capital plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-12 - Administration  
(December 23, 2010)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 for Chandler Magnet School in memory of Heidi Elias, a former teacher at Chandler Magnet School.

gb #1-13 - Administration  
(December 23, 2010)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 in memory of Kara Farber by her parents Louis and Kathleen Farber.

gb #1-14 - Mayor O'Brien  
(December 28, 2010)

Request that the Superintendent be granted the discretion to close the Durkin Administration Building for non-essential employees whenever the Governor declares a State of Emergency or on other severe weather days.

gb #1-15 - Administration  
(December 30, 2010)

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