

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

AGENDA #14

on: Thursday, August 15, 2019
at: 4:00 p.m. – Regular Session
5:00 p.m. - Executive Session
in: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER

4:20 p.m.

INVOCATION – Reverend Richard Trainor
Blessed Sacrament Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell
and Mayor Petty**

There were absent: Miss Biancheria and Mr. Comparetto

Miss Biancheria arrived at 4:34 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #9-15 - Clerk
(August 7, 2019)

Approved

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting
of Thursday, July 18, 2019.

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
- IX. PERSONNEL -NONE
- X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #9-219.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(July 18, 2019)

**Referred to the
Standing Committee
on Teaching,
Learning and
Student Supports
(See notes)**

Response of the Administration to the request to review the admissions criteria for Worcester Technical High School and the process for establishing the wait list.

gb #9-244 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(July 11, 2019)

Forward letters

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to the following members of the "Worcester: Future Teachers Instructional Team" for a very productive summer program at Worcester State University:

Worcester State University - Instructors
Ray Lewis
Margaret Mann

Worcester Public Schools - Instructors
Sara Grajales Carlo DiBonaventura
Migdalia Platt Laurie Dennis

gb #9-245 - Administration
(July 11, 2019)

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent Mr. Comparetto), the item was approved (See notes)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the total amount of \$2,392.50 to EI US, LLC dba (doing business as) LearnWell for services rendered on invoices dated January 22, 2018, which were not paid due to a change in the company's name.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)ACTION

gb #9-246 - Administration
(July 11, 2019)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the total amount of \$896.00 to Providence Nursing Agency for services rendered on June 17 and June 18, 2019 to two certified Nursing Assistants (CNA).

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent Mr. Comparetto), the item was approved

gb #9-247 - Administration
(July 11, 2019)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$538.84 to Stevens Children's Home Inc. dba (doing business as) Stevens Treatment Programs for services rendered to a student from June 27 through June 30, 2019 due to a placement change by the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent Mr. Comparetto), the item was approved

gb #9-248 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo
(July 26, 2019)

To comment on the proposed "Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)" issued by the US Department of Agriculture.

Referred to the Administration for submission by the September 23rd deadline (See notes)

gb #9-249 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo
(July 26, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide a proposed budget for a multi-faceted staff diversity recruitment initiative, and to allocate funds to implement it from the additional state aid furnished by the FY20 State Budget as enacted during July.

Filed (See notes)

gb #9-250 - Administration
(August 8, 2019)

To consider adjustments to the FY20 Budget based on the final State budget.

On a roll call of 5-1-1 (Nay Mr. O'Connell) (absent Mr. Comparetto), the item was approved

gb #9-251 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(August 1, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide its plans for the allocation of the new funding from the State.

Filed

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #9-252 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(August 1, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide information regarding the hiring of a Health Educator with the new funding from the State, to deal with students on drug related issues and vaping.

gb #9-253 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(August 5, 2019)

To set a date to recognize Sarah Kyriazis, Manager of Instructional Technology and Digital Learning, on her selection as recipient of the 2019 Administrator Award from MassCUE (Massachusetts Computer Using Educators).

gb #9-254 - Administration
(August 5, 2019)

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$6,498.50 from various fundraising efforts at Woodland Academy
- \$500.00 from EOS Foundation to Francis McGrath Elementary School for the 2019 Healthy Start Award
- \$365.25 from Lifetouch to Chandler Magnet School
- \$155.00 from various donors to the Patricia Falcone Memorial Scholarship

gb #9-255 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo
(August 5, 2019)

Request that the Administration consider installation of vertical banners in the vicinity of schools, highlighting the colors and iconic symbols of the schools, funded where feasible by donations of the schools' corporate partners and supportive businesses and citizens.

gb #9-256 - Mr. Monfredo
(August 7, 2019)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of appreciation to Scott Parkman and Michelle Putnam for the enhancement work both inside and outside of Flagg Street School.

ACTION

**Referred to the Administration
(See notes)**

**Set the date of Thursday,
September 5, 2019**

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent Mr. Comparetto), the item was approved

**Referred to the Administration
(See notes)**

Forward letter

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

gb #9-257 - Mr. Monfredo
(August 7, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the State's Foundation Funding and its impact on the district.

gb #9-258 - Administration
(August 7, 2019)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for EAW CAS Petition Bus Drivers, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION

Referred to the Administration

Held from 5:15 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.

5:05 p.m.

N O T E S

The School Committee convened in Open Session at 4:20 p.m.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto were absent

GENERAL BUSINESS

gb #9-219.1

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's updated Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Admission Policies.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #9-245

Mr. O 'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward an e-mail to the School Committee, explaining why, if the bill was received under the name of EI US, LLC, it was not paid at that time.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #9-248

Mr. O'Connell stated that if the Administration chooses to submit a comment that it should also be forwarded to the School Committee.

gb #9-249

Mr. O'Connell suggested that \$500,000 be set aside from the proposed adjustments so that when the Chief Diversity Officer is hired, he/she will have the funds necessary to do a Diversity Plan.

NOTES (continued)

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #9-252

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a Report of the Superintendent on Drug Education to include a presentation on vaping (gb#9-153.1).

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #9-255

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with the principals regarding the level of interest in securing vertical banners for their schools and provide the response to both the School Committee and Evan Corrigan.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the banners could also be placed at the athletic fields.