

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

AGENDA #16

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, June 19, 2015
at: 4:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing
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 - Reverend Clyde Talley
Belmont AME Zion Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #4-11 - Clerk
(June 11, 2014)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 5, 2014.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #4-130.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/
Miss Ramirez/Mayor Petty
(June 9, 2014)

To recognize Karen Lajoie, a nurse at Worcester Technical High School, for being selected as the Worcester Public Schools' Nurse of the Year.

gb #4-153.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/
Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria
(June 9, 21014)

To congratulate Ms. Donna Lombardi, RD, Director of School Nutrition, on receiving the 2014 Healthy Start Leadership Award for the Eos Foundation "for her tireless efforts to feed hungry children breakfast."

gb #4-158.1 - Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Ramirez/Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria
(June 9, 2014)

To recognize South High Community School's students Manasseh Konadu, William Lam and David Judkins and their English faculty for their success at the Massmouth Statewide Storytelling Contest at the Boston Public Library.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #4-7.1 - Administration
(June 10, 2014)

TO CONSIDER THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-CYCLE REPORT
RELATIVE TO THE GOALS.

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #4-6 - Clerk
(June 10, 2014)

To consider a communication from the EAW to discuss, suggest and voice concerns in regard to the Worcester Public Schools.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

4-19 The Superintendent has APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Principal effective as follows:

Jessica Boss, Chandler Elementary, effective July 1, 2014, CAGS, Step 7, \$124,276. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Principal Prek-6.

Martha Dewar, Lincoln Street, effective July 1, 2014, MA, Step 10, \$97,384. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Principal Prek-6.

Carenza Jackson, Vernon Hill, effective August 4, 2014, MA+30, Step 8, \$100,710. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Prek-6

Caprice Kopka, Rice Square, effective July 1, 2014, MA+30, Step 4, \$90,540. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Principal Prek-6

Yue Kue, City View, effective July 1, 2014, CAGS, \$110,000. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Principal Prek-6.

Mary Labuski, Flagg Street, effective July 1, 2014, MA+30 Step 10, 105,796. Licensed Principal/Assistant Principal Prek-6.

Josephine Robertson, Sullivan Middle, effective July 17, 2014, Doc, Step 8, \$125,368. Licensed: Principal/Assistant Principal 5-8.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #4-100.2 - Administration/Administration
(June 11, 2014)

To consider the proposed FY15 Budget and the responses to the following motions:

- A. Request that the Administration provide a description of position and achievement on page 146, line E.
- B. Request that the Administration further explain line D. on page 166, and line A. on page 167.

gb #4-133.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(June 11, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report as to the cost of transportation for the Reach and Challenge students for not only the remaining days of this school year but also what the cost would be for a full school year.

gb #4-179 - Mr. O'Connell
(May 30, 2014)

To set a date to congratulate Caitlin McCarthy, an English Language Arts teacher at Worcester Technical High School, on receiving the Kathleen Roberts Creative Leadership Award from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, in recognition of her groundbreaking instruction initiatives, cinematography, "political action, community organizing and mentoring" as to the devastating effect and impact of diethylstilbestrol (DES), through which she has "served the global DES community in a volunteer role."

gb #4-180 - Mr. O'Connell
(June 2, 2014)

To congratulate the Green Reapers on winning first place, with their alliance, at "Mayhem in Merrimack".

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #4-181 - Mr. O'Connell
(June 9, 2014)

To congratulate the Burncoat High School String Orchestra, and its conductor, Dani Rimoni, on earning superior ratings at the “Thrills and Trills” Music Festival held at East Longmeadow High School on Friday, May 30, 2014.

gb #4-182 - Mr. O'Connell
(June 9, 2014)

To congratulate the Worcester Public Schools’ crew team lightweight men’s double on earning a bronze medal at the National Schools Championship Regatta in Saratoga Springs, New York.

gb #4-183 - Mr. Monfredo
(June 10, 2014)

To send a letter of appreciation to the Worcester Bravehearts for encouraging students in the Worcester Public Schools to read through the “Home Run Club” program in May and awarding those students who completed the program with a free ticket to a future game this summer at Fitton Field in Worcester.

gb #4-184 - Ms. Novick
(June 10, 2014)

To consider an item regarding state mandates for inclusion on the November 2014 Massachusetts Association of School Committees delegates' assembly ahead of the June 30 deadline for submission.

gb #4-185 - Mr. O'Connell
(June 10, 2014)

To congratulate the Worcester Arts Magnet School Special Chorus on earning the gold medal award at the Performing Arts Consultants Music Festival, held at Six Flags New England on Friday, May 30, 2014.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #4-186 - Administration
(June 10, 2014)

To approve the proposed amendment to the Attendance Policy to be included in the Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #4-187 - Administration
(June 11, 2014)

To consider all items filed by the School Committee that have budgetary implications in light of the FY15 Budget.

gb #4-188 - Miss Biancheria
(June 11, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a full report regarding the incident that took place on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at Worcester Technical High School to include the resolution.

gb #4-189 - Miss Biancheria
(June 11, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a review of the protocol for the notification of the School Committee when there is an emergency at a school site.

gb #4-190 - Administration
(June 11, 2014)

To consider approval of the following courses:

- Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (AQR)
- Dance Conditioning
- American Rhythm Tap
- Dance for Fun
- Hip Hop

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #4-191 - Administration
(June 11, 2014)

To discuss collective bargaining for Nurses if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss collective bargaining for Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss collective bargaining for Computer Technicians (Unit D) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss collective bargaining for ESL Tutors if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss collective bargaining for Educational Secretaries if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss collective bargaining for Cafeteria Workers if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the School Committee.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Cristie Lariviere

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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