

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

AGENDA #21

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, October 2, 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 - Reverend Gary Shahinian
Park Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #4-17 - Clerk
(September 24, 2014)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 18, 2014.

aor #4-18 - Clerk
(September 24, 2014)

To consider approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the September 19, 2013, November 21, 2013, December 19, 2013, January 23, 2014, February 27, 2014 and March 6, 2014.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #4-237.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Miss Ramirez/Miss /Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(September 23, 2014)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the members of the IT Department and FUN Committee of Reliant Medical Group for their donation of 50 filled backpacks, teacher supplies and playground equipment to the Columbus Park Preparatory Academy.

gb #4-248.1 - Administration/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(September 23, 2014)

To acknowledge representatives from "Cradles to Crayons" for their outstanding contributions to the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #4-265 - Administration
(September 24, 2014)

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

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #4-11 - Administration
(September 24, 2014)

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ACADEMY OF WORCESTER (FCA)

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

4-33 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

O'Brien, Colleen, Liaison, Physical Education, effective September 23, 2014

4-34 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

Booth, Karissa, Teacher, Elementary, Woodland, BA, Step 2, \$46,129, effective September 17, 2014. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

Carroll, Cheryl, Teacher, Elementary, West Tatnuck, MA+15, Step 8, \$71,445 effective September 22, 2014. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

Emery, Leigh, Teacher, Vocational, North, MA, Step 8, \$70,164 effective September 18, 2014. License pending: Allied Health

Martin, Jeffrey, Facilities Director, BA, \$120,000 effective September 12, 2014. License: NA

Toomey, Paula, Teacher, Special Education, Systemwide, MA+30, Step 8, \$73,217 effective September 22, 2014. Licensed: Intensive Special Needs, All Levels.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #4-243.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/Miss Ramirez/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(September 24, 2014)

To allow Dr. Jennifer Carey, Executive Director, Worcester Educational Collaborative, to discuss plans for the "Reading on Grade Level" Kickoff.

gb #4-254 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 3, 2014)

To review and consider the May 2014 National School Boards Association publication "Bon Voyage: A Legal and Policy Making Guide for School Boards on International Student Travel", and to consider any policy-making options which it suggests to school boards which would be advisable for the staff and students of the Worcester Public Schools interested in international travel.

gb #4-255 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 11, 2014)

To review available options for repairing defective gymnasium flooring - or replacing gym floors as necessary - for the safety and well-being of both staff and students, and to transfer FY 2014-15 budget funds for this purpose on a priority basis.

gb #4-256 - Administration
(September 15, 2014)

To accept donations in the total amount of \$95.00 made payable to the Special Education Department.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-257 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 16, 2014)

To request a report from the Administration as to programs held in the Worcester Public Schools in recognition of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (September 17), as is mandated for "each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year."

gb #4-258 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 17, 2014)

To set a date to recognize Shaw's Supermarkets and Star Market Stores for their donations of \$400 each to Forest Grove Middle School, and to Francis McGrath, Gates Lane and Heard Street elementary schools.

gb #4-259 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 17, 2014)

To initiate a course in Mandarin Chinese at the Advanced Placement level, offered either in a customary classroom setting or through Virtual High School.

gb #4-260 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 23, 2014)

To set a date to recognize the Greater Worcester Community Foundation which, through its gift from the Bradley C. Higgins Fund to the Discovery Museums, will provide Traveling Science Workshops and field trips to the students of Roosevelt, Rice Square, Jacob Hiatt Magnet, and Quinsigamond schools.

gb #4-261 - Mr. O'Connell
(September 23, 2014)

To set a date to congratulate Worcester Arts Magnet School on its selection as a 2014 Gateway Cities Award Winner for "advancing educational excellence ... by working collaboratively to build new learning models that take advantage of unique Gateway City educational opportunities."

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-262 - Miss Biancheria
(September 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a Job Description for the position of Principal for the Worcester Technical High School.

gb #4-263 - Miss Biancheria
(September 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a report containing new strategies for improvement of student performance on the MCAS exams.

gb #4-264 - Miss Biancheria
(September 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a report containing the description of College Night events at each of the high schools.

gb #4-266 - Administration
(September 24, 2014)

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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