

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

AGENDA #25

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, December 4, 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 David Dixon  
First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #4-21 - Clerk  
(November 25, 2014)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 20, 2014.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #4-291.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/  
Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Miss Ramirez/  
Mayor Petty  
(November 25, 2014)

To congratulate, with gratitude and appreciation, the varsity and junior varsity field hockey teams of Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School, for their combined commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for their recognition with a "High 5" from WCVB-TV for their actions "non sibi" - "not for oneself" - in appreciation of Erin Coonan, Burncoat High School Class of 1999.

gb #4-314 - Administration  
(November 25, 2014)

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

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #4-14 - Administration  
(November 25, 2014)

EXAM SCHOOL

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

4-45 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

Coleman, Jessica, Teacher, Guidance, Worcester East, MA, Step 1, \$49,483 effective November 17, 2014. Licensed: School guidance Counselor 5-12.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #4-315 - Mr. Monfredo  
(November 17, 2014)

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to S.O.F.A (Save Our Fine Arts) for the sponsorship of “Fame”, the Fine Arts Magnet Extravaganza, held at Worcester Technical High School and to the students and staff at Worcester Arts Magnet School, Burncoat Middle School, and Burncoat High School who participated in this outstanding event.

gb #4-316 - Mr. O’Connell  
(November 19, 2014)

To set a date to recognize and congratulate the following students of the Worcester Public Schools who received awards and commendations at the Central Massachusetts Senior Music Festival, in competition with more than 900 high school students from throughout Worcester County, and who will now participate in the Central District Music Festival Concert at Mechanics Hall on Saturday, January 17, 2015:

<p><b><u>Burncoat High School</u></b>                  Josiah Furcinitti (bass)                  Matthew Abraham (violin, All State audition recommendation)                  Gwendolyn Bui (violin)                  Christian Bacelis (cello)</p>
<p><b><u>Doherty Memorial High School</u></b>                  Lucas Arndt (bass, vocal)                  Ilana Pearl (soprano)                  Aubrey Leary (soprano)                  Kellin Ronquille (tenor)                  Kane Harper (tenor)</p>
<p><b><u>South High Community School</u></b>                  Paris Jensen (soprano, All State audition recommendation)                  Patrick Shea (clarinet, All-State audition recommendation)                  Brielle Stovall (soprano)                  Connor Woodbury (tuba)</p>

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-317 - Mr. Monfredo  
(November 24, 2014)

To forward a letter of congratulations to the TEDx North High School Team organizers for their presentation on “Justice, for Self, Others and the World”.

gb #4-318 - Mr. Monfredo  
(November 25, 2014)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of thanks to the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Brace Book Company for its generous donation of children’s books to the many social agencies in the Worcester area and to the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #4-319 - Miss Biancheria  
(November 25, 2014)

To discuss “silent lunch” procedures in some of our schools.

gb #4-320 - Miss Biancheria  
(November 25, 2014)

Request that the Grounds Crew of the Worcester Public Schools clean and trim the grounds at City View School in the Spring.

gb #4-321 - Miss Biancheria  
(November 25, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the School Facilities Master Plan, which was last updated in February 2012, to include renovation projects, accomplishments, long-term planning and savings reductions in energy costs.

gb #4-322 - Administration  
(November 25, 2014)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment for a nurse in the amount of \$5,698.70.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-323 - Mr. O'Connell  
(November 26, 2014)

To set a date to congratulate Mary-Margaret Ladd Mara, a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Chandler Magnet School, upon her selection as a recipient of the Massachusetts State Universities Alumni Recognition Award for 2014.

gb #4-324 - Administration  
(November 26, 2014)

To request approval for a prior fiscal year payment for Stetson School in the amount of \$20,381.22.

gb #4-325 - Administration  
(November 26, 2014)

To consider a status report on the Elm Park Community School's Level 4 work.

gb #4-326 - Administration  
(November 26, 2014)

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

To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel - Superintendent.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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