

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

AGENDA #12

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, April 28 2011  
at: 6:45 p.m. – Regular Session  
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

- I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING
  - INVOCATION
  - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS - NONE
- IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE
- V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE
- VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE
- VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE
- VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE
- IX. PERSONNEL - NONE
- X. GENERAL BUSINESS
  - gb #1-89.1 - Administration/Administration  
(April 13, 2010)
  - To hold a public hearing on School Choice.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

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Clerk of the School Committee

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AGENDA #13

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, April 28, 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 - Pastor Noel Williamson  
Pleasant Street Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-10 - Clerk  
(April 12, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

aor #1-11 - Clerk  
(April 12, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the joint School Committee and City Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS (continued)

ACTION

aor #1-12 - Clerk  
(April 12, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 7, 2011.

- V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE
- IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE
- VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE
- VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE
- VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEET MAY BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNEL

1-15.1 Held on April 7, 2011 for the School Committee meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below to the position of Testing and Evaluation Specialist:

Kavanaugh, Maureen, Durkin Administration Building, \$85,649.00, effective 3/23/11

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-51.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mayor O'Brien  
(April 20, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to forward the draft recess policy to various constituents for feedback and provide it to the full School Committee in the Spring of 2011.

gb #1-98.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell  
(April 13, 2011)

To nominate a candidate for the Past President's Scholarship of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

gb #1-106.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(April 13, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the partnership meeting that was held at the EcoTarium to include the names and addresses of the partners who attended the meeting and the number of new partnerships that resulted from this meeting.

gb #1-108.1 - Administration/Administration  
(April 13, 2011)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$33,778 from the College of the Holy Cross to support an At-Risk Youth Empowerment Initiative from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

gb #1-113 - Administration  
(April 4, 2011)

To hold a public hearing on the following proposed Innovation Plans:

- Chandler Magnet School
- Goddard Scholars Academy
- Goddard School of Science and Technology
- University Park Campus School
- Woodland Academy

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-114 - Administration  
(April 4, 2011)

To accept a donation of 2000 tickets from the Worcester Tornadoes for a value of approximately \$10,000 to benefit certain qualified students who participated in the "Home Run Club" Reading Program.

gb #1-115 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 4, 2011)

To set a date to recognize Dorothy Hargrove, Jill Pellegrini and Dr. Denise O'Connell for their decade of dedication to the Worcester Public Schools through the federal "Meeting the Challenge Grant," by which they trained and assisted one hundred prospective teachers to obtain their licenses in special education instruction, thus strengthening and enhancing the education of special needs children in Worcester.

gb #1-116 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick  
(April 12, 2011)

Request that the Administration investigate ways to strengthen summer reading opportunities for children and reach out to the community for assistance.

gb #1-117 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick  
(April 12, 2011)

To set a date to recognize the Worcester Public Schools' Nurse of the Year.

gb #1-118 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick  
(April 12, 2011)

Request that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, send an e-mail to all school nurses to recognize them during "National Nurses' Day – May 11" to thank them for their dedication, their time and effort in making a difference in the lives of the children and their families.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-119 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick  
(April 12, 2011)

To set a date to recognize the Worcester Public Schools' Teacher of the Year and the finalists.

gb #1-120 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick  
(April 12, 2011)

Request that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, send an e-mail to all WPS teachers and staff members to recognize them during "Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>" and National Teachers' Day, May 4<sup>th</sup>" to thank them for their dedication, their time and effort and for their success in making a difference in the lives of the children in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-121 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(April 12, 2011)

Request that the Administration send out a Connect-ED-message the week of May 16, 2011, to middle and high school designated contacts promoting the Worcester Police Department Youth Summit to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2011, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #1-122 - Administration  
(April 12, 2011)

To accept a competitive grant and donation of life sciences equipment and supplies totaling \$85,829 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center for the Veterinary Outreach Program at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #1-123 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Foley/Mayor O'Brien  
(April 14, 2011)

To set a date to recognize the Community Service Learning Council of South High Community School for their service-learning project which awards seventeen mini grants, in the amount of \$18,000, to local non-profit organizations to benefit youth in the city and local community organizations.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-124 - Mayor O'Brien/Mr. Foley  
(April 14, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide an update to the School Committee on the budget impacts on special education programs to include plans to reduce the number of special education aides in the schools.

gb #1-125 - Administration  
(April 19, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$335.00 in memory of Carolyn Currie made payable to Claremont Academy to establish an annual scholarship.

gb #1-126 - Administration  
(April 19, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount \$275.63 from the Community Crusade for Children's Kiducation Fund.

gb #1-127 - Administration  
(April 20, 2011)

To accept a competitive grant in the amount of \$800.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) STARS Residencies grant program for a school residency with the Worcester Art Museum at Heard Street School.

gb #1-128 - Administration  
(April 20, 2011)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the got breakfast? Foundation Silent Hero grant to implement a breakfast-in-the-classroom program at Chandler Elementary School.

gb #1-129 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(April 20, 2011)

Request that the Administration present to the School Committee the current Bullying Plan of the Worcester Public Schools, as requested by the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports, to include the schedule of professional development/training.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-130 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 20, 2011)

To review, and, if appropriate, to submit comments, on the regulations proposed by the Commissioner of Education regarding teacher evaluation.

gb #1-131 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/  
Mr. O'Connell  
(April 20, 2011)

Request that the Administration seek from the City Manager information regarding the replacement of the Assistant City Solicitor who handles the school suspensions hearings and other relevant business.

gb #1-132 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
(April 20, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the Alternative and Fanning Building Programs to include the organizational charts.

gb #1-133 - Mayor O'Brien/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/  
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick  
(April 20, 2011)

Request that the Administration analyze the cost to renovate South High Community School, Doherty Memorial High School and Burncoat High School, similar to the work that was done at Forest Grove Middle School. It was further requested to seek information on the current process for state reimbursement for school renovation projects.

gb #1-134 - Mayor O'Brien/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/  
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick  
(April 20, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report from the office of Special Education on the rationale for the elimination of 51 special education aides and the moving of the life skills program at Doherty Memorial High School.



GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-135 - Administration  
(April 20, 2011)

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

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