

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

AGENDA #15

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, May 19, 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 - Reverend Roosevelt Hughes
John Street Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-13 - Clerk
(May 10, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 28, 2011.

aor #1-14 - Clerk
(May 12, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 5, 2011.

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #1-123.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Mayor O'Brien
(May 10, 2011)

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.

gb #1-137.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(May 10, 2011)

To recognize and congratulate, Amber Ustinovich, a student at Worcester Technical High School, on her selection as an Outstanding Vocational Technical Student by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

VI. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-6.1 - Administration/Administration
(May 11, 2011)

UPDATE ON THE SIX PRONG COMMUNICATION PLAN

ros #1-7 - Administration
(May 11, 2011)

FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION REVIEW TEAM

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

ACTION

c&p #1-4 - Clerk
(May 5, 2011)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the renaming of North High School.

c&p #1-5 - Clerk
(May 10, 2011)

To consider a communication from an association of groups regarding community support for the work of the School Committee and the district administration.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-201.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick
(May 11, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request that the School Committee forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to all retirees and invite them to a School Committee meeting in May for recognition.

gb #1-44.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria
(May 11, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report at the School Committee meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011 to include the number of credits, high schools and students in the Work Plus Program.

Request that the Administration provide an update on the 2011 Summer Programs at the School Committee meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

gb #1-121.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(May 10, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to 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 18, 2011, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #1-129.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(May 10, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide the Bullying Plan of the Worcester Public Schools to include the schedule of professional development/training.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-139.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria
(May 11, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the student participation per high school in the WPS Work Plus Program for 2010.

gb #1-149 - Administration
(May 4, 2011)

To accept an honorarium in the amount of \$250.00 from Dr. Boone for her participation in the Leadership Institute for Superintendents at the Harvard Graduate School of Education to support the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee.

gb #1-150 - Administration
(May 4, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount \$283.00 made payable to the Maxine Levy Scholarship Fund.

gb #1-151 - Ms. Novick
(May 9, 2011)

Request that the Administration consider working with Quinsigamond Community College and the Worcester Youth Center on closing the gap for students entering QCC with a diploma or GED who are not prepared for freshman-level coursework.

gb #1-152 - Ms. Novick
(May 9, 2011)

Request that the Administration petition the federal Department of Education for a waiver of the No Child Left Behind Act, as did the McPherson District in Kansas, pending reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

gb #1-153 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(May 9, 2011)

Request that the City Manager's office add the Worcester Public Schools' Facilities Department to the list of city departments that reviews tax title property prior to auction.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-154 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(May 9, 2011)

Request that Worcester Technical High School provide a report of all donations received from the Skyline Technical Fund to date, to include, but not be limited to, supplies, equipment, services, transportation, speakers, professional development, consultants and staffing.

gb #1-155 - Administration
(May 10, 2011)

To review the playground improvements at Quinsigamond Elementary School.

gb #1-156 - Administration
(May 10, 2011)

To review the Bennett/Gates Lane School of International Studies improvement project conducted by Worcester's Department of Public Works and Parks.

gb #1-157 - Administration
(May 10, 2011)

To accept a competitive Race to the Top grant in the amount of \$5,500 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Early College High School planning and implementation grant.

gb #1-158 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(May 11, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the participation of students in the Worcester Public Schools in both the Career Construction Day and the Medical Career Day to include the names of the partners and also the number of students by high school involved in each of the programs.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-159 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell
(May 11, 2011)

Request that the Administration consider revising the elementary and middle school report cards to mirror those that were revised as part of the Innovation Plans.

gb #1-160 - Administration
May 11, 2011)

To establish a three year implementation period (2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14) for each of the following approved Innovation Plans:

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

gb #1-161 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Miss Biancheria
(May 11, 2011)

To set a date to recognize Joseph Nystrom on his selection as one of 23 winners in the National Math and Science Initiative All American Teacher of the Year competition, sponsored by the National Math and Science Initiative and by Mass Insight Education.

gb #1-162 - Administration
(May 11, 2011)

To review the Operational Review and Analysis of Facilities Management prepared by Public Consulting Group - Education.

gb #1-163 - Administration
(May 11, 2011)

To set a date for the annual evaluation of Dr. Melinda Boone, Superintendent of Schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-164 - Administration
(May 13, 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

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