

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

AGENDA #5

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, February 2, 2012
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Conference Room, Worcester Technical High School

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Ronald Wilson
Greendale People's Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-4 - Clerk
(January 25, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 19, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #2-7.1 - Administration/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(January 24, 2012)

To recognize Jared Flanders, a sixth grade student at Roosevelt School, for his remarkable spirit in coming forward in support of the Davies family and the Worcester firefighters.

IMMEDIATE ACTION (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-15.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mayor Petty
(January 24, 2012)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the service of former City Councilors Paul Clancy, Barbara Haller and Joffrey Smith to the benefit and well-being of the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-17.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell
(January 24, 2012)

To recognize the Department of Athletics of the College of the Holy Cross and the Lady Crusaders Basketball Team, for inviting 1,100 students of the Worcester Public Schools to their December 21st game against Bryant College and for holding a wellness/fitness program for the students.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #2-3 - Administration
(January 25, 2012)

UPDATE ON CURRICULUM REVIEW PROCESS

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

2-5 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Connery, Nikki, Elementary, Chandler Magnet, effective January 20, 2012
DiPietro, Maribeth, Special Education, Columbus Park, effective January 6, 2012

2-6 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below to the effective as follows:

Sawetch, Melissa, Elementary, Chandler Magnet, Elementary, BA+15
Step 1, \$43,749, effective January 13, 2012. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-9.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo
(January 24, 2012)

Request that the Administration consider ways of informing the public of the many outstanding activities and student performances that take place in our schools.

gb #2-25 - Ms. Colorio
(January 18, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a list, by school, of any classroom and/or office windows that do not open appropriately and provide a budgetary figure to repair them.

gb #2-26 - Administration
(January 23, 2012)

To accept a donation in the amount \$310.50 from the Community Crusade for Children's Kiducation Fund.

gb #2-27 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(January 23, 2012)

Request that the CPPAC and school site councils review school profiles for user friendliness and reflect any additions/clarifications of interest to parents.

gb #2-28 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(January 23, 2012)

Request that the Administration implement a review of the menu of teacher comments on the secondary report card.

gb #2-29 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(January 23, 2012)

Request that the Administration encourage our elementary schools to participate in the annual NEA Read Across America event on March 2nd.

gb #2-30 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell
(January 23, 2012)

Request that the Administration look at long and short range needed resources to achieve the system's goal of having all children able to read on grade level by the end of grade three and also consider developing an age zero to four and pre-k to grade three plans.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-31 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(January 23, 2012)

Request that the Administration contact Laurie Ross, Co-Director of the Compass Project, to discuss a collaborative program to continue the efforts of preventing and aiding youth homelessness.

gb #2-32 - Administration
(January 25, 2012)

To accept a competitive grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation to support Adult Basic Education - ESL in the Neighborhoods 2012 program.

gb #2-33 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(January 25, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a list of the upcoming events/competitions during the month of February celebrating career and technical education.

gb #2-34 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(January 25, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report to include:

- the student load for each guidance counselor and
- the enrollment process and recommendations followed for course selections for students entering the ninth grade.

gb #2-35 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(January 25, 2012)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of funding registration fees for School Committee members to attend the National School Board Conference in Boston in the Spring 2012.

gb #2-36 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(January 25, 2012)

To review the status of the curriculum review process.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-37 - Administration
(January 25, 2012)

Request that the School Committee approve two retroactive payments in the amounts of \$1,200 for the 2011 Indoor Track Statistics and Score Keeper and \$1,800 for the 2011 Indoor Track League Director, who were not compensated at the end of the Spring 2011 season.

gb #2-38 - Administration
(January 25, 2012)

To accept a competitive grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Target Corporation to support a Jump Start on Science Program at Canterbury Street Magnet Computer-Based School.

gb #2-39 - Administration
(January 25, 2012)

To set a date to recognize Becker College for its support by providing athletic equipment to the students at Elm Park Community School to help develop their health, fitness and social/emotional development.

gb #2-40 - Administration
(January 25, 2012)

To accept a donation of athletic equipment from Becker College for an approximate value of \$2,500.

gb #2-41 - Administration
(January 27, 2012)

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