

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

AGENDA #27

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, December 20, 2012
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 Steven Barrett
Christ the Rock Fellowship

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-24 - Clerk
(December 12, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 6, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #2-319.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(December 12, 2012)

To recognize the staff at the Fanning Building for coordinating the Annual International Thanksgiving Celebration held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT NONE

ACTION

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

c&p #2-18 - Clerk
(December 10, 2012)

To consider a communication from NAGE, R1-156, 52 Week Secretaries regarding a notice of intent to reopen the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

c&p #2-19 - Clerk
(December 12, 2012)

To consider a communication from the City Clerk regarding the City Council's Standing Committee on Education and the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations to consider meeting jointly on a regular basis throughout the year concerning issues of overlapping interest.

c&p #2-20 - Clerk
(December 12, 2012)

To consider a communication from the City Clerk to consider working with the Worcester Public Schools to employ a consultant to study the feasibility of repairing and restoring to use of the olympic-sized swimming pool at South High Community School. Further, request that they consider encouraging various uses including Learn-to-Swim programs throughout the year, lifeguard training, additions to the Summertime Wheels-to-Water program and other year-round aquatic activities. Lastly, request that they work with the Mayor and the Standing Committee on Youth, Parks and Recreation to form a committee to work with philanthropic entities and individuals to help defray the costs of such repairs and programming if the City of Worcester capital budget cannot accommodate these improvements. Further, request that the Superintendent of Schools provide a report to the City Council concerning the feasibility of restoring the swimming pool at South High Community School.

VII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ACTION

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education met at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEETS CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNEL

2-64 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the position of Teacher:

Grasso, Mark, Worcester Technical, Vocational, VL4 Step 8, \$69,350, effective December 3, 2012. Licensed: Graphics Communication 9-14.

Kurczy, Tracie, Creamer Center, Guidance, MA Step 5, \$58,335, + alternative stipend of \$4,246 effective December 3, 2012. Licensed: School Guidance 5-12.

Meersman, Ryan, Worcester East Middle, Student Support, BA Step 1, \$42,461, effective November 28, 2012. Licensed: History 8-12.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-262.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(October 10, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to review the current class sizes and provisions for staffing at Union Hill School, in light of the school's present needs and its intensified obligations as a Level 4 school.

gb #2-265.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio
(December 10, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a list of the school sites that had gardens in collaboration with the Regional Environmental Council and the number of students that participated in these endeavors.

gb #2-320.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(December 12, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a listing of the principals, their sites, the dates of their contracts indicating whether they are on a 12 month contract.

gb #2-329 - Administration
(December 6, 2012)

To accept a donation from Millbury Savings Bank to the Worcester Public Schools in the amount of \$13,000.

gb #2-330 - Administration
(December 6, 2012)

To approve an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.555 per mile to \$0.565 per mile effective January 1, 2013 for all represented and non-represented personnel in accordance with the 2013 standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-331 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio
(December 10, 2012)

Request that the School Committee confirm by roll call vote the Vice -chairperson for 2013.

gb #2-332 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(December 10, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a list of the titles of all vendor contracts to include budget and expiration dates and a list of all bids that are currently in process.

gb #2-333 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(December 11, 2012)

Request the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provide ample and widespread public notice of their annual budget hearings.

gb #2-334 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo
(December 12, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report as to the causes of the recent disturbances involving Worcester high school students, and to determine whether the incidents warrant a response or plan of action as to advance detection of potential student conflicts, as to education of students in appropriate behavior, and as to maximizing a culture of tolerance and respect in all schools. The report shall include recommendations from the Police Department as to any actions the Department believes should be taken by the Worcester Public Schools in response to the incidents.

gb #2-335 - Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(December 12, 2012)

Request the administration report on how donations of instruments (such as those collected by WICN) are distributed to the schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-336 - Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(December 12, 2012)

Request administration report on the number of students receiving in-school, Worcester Public Schools funded, instrument lessons; the schools at which such lessons are taking place; the method used to determine those schools; and the amount of funding expended.

gb #2-337 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(December 12, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the number of students who passed English and Math in the Quinsigamond Community College Gateway Program and include the number of students who will be accepted into the program in the Spring 2013.

gb #2-338 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(December 12, 2012)

To review with the Administration the decision of the United States Department of Agriculture to eliminate daily and weekly limits on meats and grains in school lunches.

gb #2-339 - Administration
(December 12, 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