

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, March 7, 2013
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 Robert Ochoa
Lakeview Congregational Church

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

ros #3-3 - Administration
(March 1, 2013)

WEDF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STRATEGIC FUNDRAISING
GOALS

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

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X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #3-75 - Administration
(February 25, 2013)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 made payable to Worcester Technical High School from the American Antiquarian Society.

gb #3-76 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the report of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of an Exam School and/or an International Baccalaureate Program from the meeting of February 25, 2013.

gb #3-77 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the School-Based Health Services Medicaid Claiming Review of the Worcester Public Schools prepared by the Public Consulting Group, Inc. at no cost to the system.

gb #3-78 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the quarterly update, dated December 31, 2012, prepared by the Central MA Special Education Collaborative.

gb #3-79 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the Central MA Special Education Collaborative's 2011-12 Annual Report.

gb #3-80 - Administration
(February 26, 2013)

To consider the Central MA Special Education Collaborative's Financial Statements including the Independent Auditors Reports dated June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

gb #3-81 - Administration
(February 26, 2012)

To consider approval of the 2013-14 Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-82 - Administration
(February 28, 2012)

To approve prior fiscal year payments for athletic officials in the total amount of \$1,113.50.

gb #3-83 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a list of the apprenticeship agreements to include the sites and partners.

gb #3-84 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a sample of the data charts for tracking of the senior classes regarding graduation rates.

gb #3-85 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the Administration, in conjunction with the City of Worcester DPW, provide a report on the efforts of making certain that all crosswalks are cleared of snow and debris after snow storms.

gb #3-86 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the School Administration make a presentation at the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education regarding student transportation services and provide information on the impact of enrollment, routing, tier structure, and other variables that impact the transportation budget and recent increases. Further request that the City Auditor review transportation bills and contracts and report back with any recommendations regarding cost efficiencies.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)ACTION

gb #3-87 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the City Auditor provide a report to the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education that describes by function and level of funding the actual level of service provided by city administrative departments (Auditing, Purchasing, Information Technology, City Manager/Budget Office, City Treasurer) to the Worcester Public Schools and compare to the methodology used to charge these services towards net school spending purposes. Further, provide the analysis for the level of city administrative service in connection with grants management; and further, request that the City Auditor provide a report that details the level of services provided by the Worcester Public Schools that qualify for federal Medicaid reimbursement. These reports should also identify how each of these fees compare to other gateway cities.

gb #3-88 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 28, 2013)

Request that the City Auditor work with School Department officials to review school administrative costs as reported to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and provide a report on how these fees compare on a percentage of budget basis with other gateway cities.

gb #3-89 - Administration
(March 1, 2013)

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