

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

AGENDA #9

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, May 16, 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 - Reverend Dean N. Paleologos  
St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #3-7 - Clerk  
(May 8, 2013)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 25, 2013.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTIONACTION

gb #3-129.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/  
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria  
(May 1, 2013)

To recognize the following students for having received honors in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, an annual competition for young artists in grades 7 through 12 in all public, private and religious schools in the state:

Burncoat Middle School

Teacher: Victoria Caezza  
Anika Nyman, Gold Key

Burncoat High School

Teacher: Margaret Grasso  
Derek Beeso                      Gold Key  
Wylesha Rodriguez          Gold Key  
Sthefany Lamoureux        Gold Key and Honorable Mention  
Maxwell Amoah              Silver Key  
Teahna Naples                Silver Key  
Nia Holley                      Honorable Mention  
Holli Carlson                 Honorable Mention

Doherty Memorial High School

Teacher: Laurie Atchue  
Chelsea Fairweather        Gold Key  
Sabrina Nguyen              Silver Key  
Athena Parella              2 Silver Keys  
Carrie Bliss                  Silver Key  
Irvi Stefo                      Silver Key  
Dylan Brisbon                Honorable Mention  
Samantha Shannon         Honorable Mention

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #3-4 - Administration  
(May 9, 2013)

SUPERINTENDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

ACTION

c&p #3-7 - Clerk  
(May 7, 2013)

To consider a communication from the Educational Association of Worcester, Inc. (EAW) regarding the opening of negotiations for the successor agreements to the existing Collective Bargaining Agreements for the following contracts:

ESL Tutors  
OT/PT Assistants  
Instructional Assistants  
Parent Liaisons

c&p #3-8 - Clerk  
(May 7, 2013)

To consider a communication from the Massachusetts Nurses Association regarding the opening of negotiations for a successor agreement.

VII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2013 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

The Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Subcommittee on Education met at 7:09 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 in the Levi Lincoln Chamber at City Hall.

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 3:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building:

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

IX. PERSONNEL

ACTION

3-15 The Superintendent has APPOINTED the person named below to the position of Word Processor, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$16.72 hourly (minimum) to \$ 20.07 (maximum) per hour, from Civil Service List #313-005, effective as shown:

Tebo, Cassandra                      4/17/13

3-16 The Superintendent has PROVISIONALLY APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Junior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$15.25 (minimum) to \$19.18 (maximum), per hour, effective as shown:

Murphy, Brian                      4/08/13

Deorsey, Taylor                      4/10/13

Parker, Timothy                      4/12/13

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #3-60.1 - Administration/Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(May 8, 2013)

Response of the Columbus Park Site Council to the request to consider naming the gym at Columbus Park Preparatory Academy as the "Sergeant William Benjamin Soutra, Jr. Gymnasium."

gb #3-143 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/  
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 22, 2013)

To set a date to recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, Jeffrey Reppucci, a junior at the College of the Holy Cross, and Students Helping Children Across Borders, for their volunteer assistance to the Worcester Public Schools and to other community sites during Working for Worcester Day.

gb #3-144 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/  
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 22, 2013)

To set a date to congratulate the "Tech-Know Commandos" - the Robotics and Automation Team of Worcester Technical High School (Coach Michael Meagher, and students Kahlan Cardin, Greg Carlson, Natalie Correa, Jason McKinney, and Jake Richard) - for winning the 2013 VEX Robotics World Championship, and to acknowledge, with gratitude and appreciation, the assistance of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, National Grid, Metso Automation, EMC and Quinsigamond Community College, for their assistance to the team and its members which helped them to make their championship possible.

gb #3-145 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss. Biancheria/Ms. Novick  
(April 23, 2013)

To consider forwarding a letter of support to Ivy Child International with regard to its planned "Stand Up to Bullying" rally, scheduled to take place on December 3, 2013 in the DCU Center, and its request for a rental fee waiver for the Center.

gb #3-146 - Mr. O'Connell  
(April 23, 2013)

To consider offering physical education classes at the Worcester Evening High School.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-147 - Administration  
(April 24, 2013)

To consider approval of prior fiscal year payments in the total amount of \$450.00.

gb #3-148 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria  
(April 24, 2013)

To congratulate the following students who received the John F. Kennedy Make a Difference Awards: Liz Zenevitch, Clark Street School; Julia Traiger, Flagg Street School; Emma Black and Gianna Sasso, Forest Grove Middle School

gb #3-149 - Miss Biancheria  
(May 1, 2013)

Request that the Administration review the student process for referrals to include the number per school site, the input process and the follow up.

gb #3-150 - Administration  
(May 1, 2013)

To set a date to recognize Eftalia Economou, a first grade student at Nelson Place School, for winning the Massachusetts School Building Authority and State Treasurer Steven Grossman 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "My Ideal School" Contest.

gb #3-151 - Administration  
(May 1, 2013)

To accept a donation from St. John's Church in the amount of \$4,398.00 made payable to Union Hill School to purchase 10 Ipads for the after school program.

gb #3-152 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell  
(May 2, 2013)

Request that the Administration give an update on the District's Literacy Plan and their next step in the process.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-153 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell  
(May 2, 2013)

Request that the Administration consider encouraging parents of elementary students to borrow/sign out reading materials from their school library in June for use during the summer time.

gb #3-154 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/  
Mr. O'Connell  
(May 6, 2013)

To set a date to recognize Kathleen Ivanowski, Visual Arts Curriculum Liaison, for being the recipient of the Katharine F. Erskine Award in arts and culture.

gb #3-155 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria  
(May 6, 2013)

Request that the Administration have the schools distribute the books collected by Worcester: the City that Reads during "Reading in our City Week," June 9 to the 15 as part of the "kick-off" for summer reading.

gb #3-156 - Administration  
(May 7, 2013)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$2,400 from the Johnson and Johnson School Health grant to support the initiation and implementation of the Enduring Change Plans program.

gb #3-157 - Administration  
(May 7, 2013)

To consider a price increase for student lunches for the 2013-14 school year in accordance with the Equity in School Lunch provision of the Health, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

gb #3-158 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(May 8, 2013)

Request that the Administration provide a report of the vocational funding provided to the district and the funding provided to each Ch 74 vocational course per school site and per student course enrollment.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-159 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(May 8, 2013)

Request that the Administration contact the Director of both the City of Worcester's Youth Opportunities office and Worcester Community Action Council to ensure that the Worcester Public Schools are on schedule to enable our students to participate in the 2013 summer programs.

gb #3-160 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(May 8, 2013)

Request that the School Committee forward a letter of appreciation to the community partners for the 6th Annual Health Care Career Expo partners to include UMASS Memorial Health Care, UMASS Medical School, Boys & Girls Club of Worcester and the City of Worcester's Youth Opportunities Office.

gb #3-161 - Ms. Novick  
(May 8, 2013)

Request administration request principals and Head Start facilities report on:

- if the school has 20 mph signs marking their school zone
- if signs are missing, where they are needed
- if the signs have flashing lights
- if the school has crosswalks that need repainting and if so, where

gb #3-162 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(May 8, 2013)

To ask the City Manager to reinstall the gold-colored metal star on the front of City Hall plaza at the site of the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Worcester by Isaiah Thomas.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-163 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(May 8, 2013)

To support the proposal now pending in the Massachusetts Legislature, and scheduled for an Education Committee hearing on May 30, which would affirm the right of schools to adopt dress codes for students, subject to a right of parents to "opt out" of the code.

gb #3-164 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(May 8, 2013)

To award diplomas to veterans whose Worcester public high school education was curtailed by their enlistment into the United States military service at times of active combat (World War II, Korea, Vietnam), who were precluded by circumstances from returning to school upon discharge.

gb #3-165 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(May 8, 2013)

To consider enrolling foreign exchange students - or students eligible for student visas - in Worcester public schools, on a tuition/space available basis, and to discuss options in this respect with the Educatius International F-1 Public High School Program and with other interested placement services.

gb #3-166 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(May 8, 2013)

To review the "space available" list of the individual Worcester Public Schools for the 2013-14 academic year, and to encourage the Administration to fill positions with "school choice" students, conducting an appropriate publicity initiative focused on prospective student source communities.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #3-167 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria  
(May 8, 2013)

To forward letters of congratulations to the following honorees (and families of deceased honorees) of the Worcester Public Schools' 2013 Hall of Fame:

George Anusevicius  
Sacha Ashton  
Ronald Brace  
Katherine (Burns) Foley  
William Ferris  
Tommie George  
Lincoln MacDonald  
Paul Parajeckas  
Owen Ryder  
Terry Walles  
Mark Williams  
Colleen O'Brien - Outstanding Contributor to Athletics Award

gb #3-168 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick  
(May 8, 2013)

Request that the Administration consider professional development training for our principals and assistant principals on the new state law regarding school discipline policy and suspensions and to share best practices on developing a positive climate within each school. The new law will go into effect on July 1, 2014.

gb #3-169 - Administration  
(May 10, 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