

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

AGENDA #7

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, March 6, 2014
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in the: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Pastor Mark Frykholm
Salem Covenant Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS - NONE

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #4-8.2 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/
Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(February 28, 2014)

To recognize and congratulate Maureen Binienda, Principal of South High Community School, on her selection by Go Local Worcester as its 2013 Woman of the Year in Central Massachusetts.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION: (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-9.2 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Ms. Novick/Mr. O’Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mayor Petty
(February 28, 2014)

To recognize representatives from South High Community School for providing space at the school for "Andy’s Attic," a store which is providing clothing for students in need.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #4-2 - Administration
(February 26, 2014)

STRATEGIC EFFORTS TO IMPROVE GRADUATION RATES

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

c&p #4-3 - Clerk
(February 26, 2014)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding PARCC testing.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-146.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(February 26, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to encourage all Worcester middle and high schools to make the program "FACE 2 FACE," offered by the Worcester County Sheriff, available to all students.

gb #2-199.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(February 26, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to post the public portions of the Friday Letter online.

gb #3-62.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(February 26, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to review the January 25, 2013 guidance letter of the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education regarding participation of students with disabilities in extracurricular activities, and to determine whether any actions should be taken by the Worcester Public Schools in response to it.

gb #3-84.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(February 26, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a sample of the data charts for tracking of the senior classes regarding graduation rates.

gb #3-323.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio
(February 28, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to develop a process which offers parents and guardians the option to "opt out" of the PARCC pilot test for their children, and to communicate notice of this option to all parents and guardians.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-10.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(February 26, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report regarding the process and procedures for individual staff members to utilize School Dude to include emergency requests.

gb #4-37.1 - Miss Biancheria
(February 28, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide information in reference to the Family Academy such as its:

- purpose
- partners and
- plan

gb #4-43.1 - Miss Biancheria
(February 28, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide the following information on the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) Program:

- classroom accommodations
- enrollment
- actual spaces available
- age of students serviced
- waiting list and
- the process of enrollment

gb #4-46.1 - Miss Biancheria
(February 28, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a middle and high school report, per school site, regarding the teacher:pupil ratio per classroom indicating the number of teachers who are above the contracted 125 students.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-58 - Administration
(February 25, 2014)

To approve payment of a prior year salary adjustment in the amount of \$1,960.00 for an employee.

gb #4-59 - Administration
(February 25, 2014)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from the Association of School Business Officials International in recognition of the Eagle Award recently presented to Brian E. Allen, Chief Financial and Operations Officer, in order to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior.

gb #4-60 - Administration
(February 25, 2014)

To approve a prior year payment in the amount of \$28,105.00 for services provided by Behavioral Concepts, Inc. for the month of June 2013.

gb #4-61 - Ms. Novick
(February 25, 2014)

To urge Worcester's legislative delegation to oppose all attempts to lift the charter cap in Massachusetts.

gb #4-62 - Ms. Novick
(February 25, 2014)

To consider proposed changes to regulations regarding charter schools prior to the Board of Education's March 24th consideration of the changes.

gb #4-63 - Administration
(February 25, 2014)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to the Dr. James A. Caradonio New Citizens Center.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-64 - Administration
(February 26, 2014)

To approve a Statement of Interest to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the renovation/rehabilitation of Worcester East Middle School.

gb #4-65 - Administration
(February 26, 2014)

To recognize the Worcester Public Schools for being a first time recipient of the Meritorious Budget Award provided by the Association of School Business Officials International.

gb #4-66 - Administration
(February 26, 2014)

To set a date for the School Committee's FY15 Budget priority setting session.

gb #4-67 - Mr. Monfredo
(February 26, 2014)

To set a date to recognize the St. Peter-Marian-Worcester Co-op Ski Team which won the Boys' Alpine State Championship at Wachusett Mountain.

gb #4-68 - Administration
(February 26, 2014)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to Clark Street Developmental Learning School.

gb #4-69 - Ms. Novick
(February 27, 2014)

To consider changing the date of the second School Committee Meeting in April.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-70 - Administration
(February 28, 2014)

To conduct the disciplinary hearing of Student #13/14-13 and to do so in Executive Session to protect the statutory privacy rights of the student under Chapter 30, Section 21, paragraph 7 and Chapter 214, Section 1B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

To conduct the disciplinary hearing of Student #13/14-14 and to do so in Executive Session to protect the statutory privacy rights of the student under Chapter 30, Section 21, paragraph 7 and Chapter 214, Section 1B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

To conduct the disciplinary hearing of Student #13/14-15 and to do so in Executive Session to protect the statutory privacy rights of the student under Chapter 30, Section 21, paragraph 7 and Chapter 214, Section 1B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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