

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

AGENDA #23

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, November 20, 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 Debra Cottis
Hadwen Park Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #4-20 - Clerk
(November 13, 2014)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 6, 2014.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

ACTION

gb #4-282.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Miss Ramirez/
Mayor Petty
(November 12, 2014)

To recognize and congratulate Robert F. Pezzella, Safety Liaison of the Worcester Public Schools, on his selection as recipient of the "Changemaker for Children" award of Youth Opportunities Upheld, Inc.

gb #4-283.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Miss Ramirez/
Mayor Petty
(November 12, 2014)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the donation of \$1,000 to Norrback Avenue School by the Ninety Nine Restaurant and Pub on West Boylston Street, in honor of the restaurant's grand reopening.

gb #4-304 - Administration
(November 12, 2014)

To consider input from the School Committee's student representatives.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #4-13.1 - Administration
(November 13, 2014)

FINAL END-OF-CYCLE SUMMATIVE EVALUATION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

ACTION

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 7:35 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

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

IX. PERSONNEL

- 4-43 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the person named below:

Eressy, June, Administration, Systemwide, effective October 21, 2014

- 4-44 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

Early, Paula, Teacher, Elementary, Norrback, BA, Step 2, \$46,129 effective November 10, 2014. Licensed: Early Childhood Prek-2.

Heeps, Ann Marie, Elementary, Rice Square, BA, Step 2, \$46,129, effective November 3, 2014. Licensed: Elementary 1-6.

Lepore, Emily, Elementary, Chandler Elementary, MA, Step 9, \$74,539, effective November 7, 2014. Licensed: Early Childhood PreK-3.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #4-225.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(October 20, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide the following information regarding internships:

- number of those paid and unpaid
- length of internships and
- number of those that are grant funded and city funded.

gb #4-249.2 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Miss Ramirez
(October 29, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to review with the School Committee members the policy and procedures for kindergarten students getting on and off of the school busses.

gb #4-286.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(October 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the number of students and the school site that have received the MCAS appeals for 2013-14.

gb #4-287.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(October 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration review the budget for bus passes for the last three years including purchased passes through grant funds specific to site and programs.

gb #4-288.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell
(October 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide documentation on what discussions have taken place with the City Health Department in reference to flu precautions, inoculations and any discussions in reference to Ebola issues.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-289.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell
(October 24, 2014)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the funds transferred from the City to the Worcester Public Schools under CSX, the dollar amount and how the funds have been appropriated.

gb #4-301.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(October 29, 2014)

To provide an update on the way in which the Worcester Public Schools is dealing with students involved in youth violence and arrests.

gb #4-305 - Administration
(November 10, 2014)

To consider approval of the Center for Applied Behavioral Instruction (CABI) as a private special education school.

gb #4-306 - Ms. Novick
(November 10, 2014)

Request administration update the School Committee regarding communication with parents and procedure with students who refuse MCAS or PARCC.

gb #4-307 - Ms. Novick
(November 10, 2014)

To consider the homework policy.

gb #4-308 - Ms. Novick
(November 10, 2014)

To thank T.J.Maxx and Jim and Nancy Coghlin and family for their donations to Andy's Attic at South High Community School.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #4-309 - Administration
(November 12, 2014)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to support the STARS Residencies Program at Columbus Park Preparatory Academy.

gb #4-310 - Administration
(November 12, 2014)

To accept a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the Target Corporation to support the Books for Babies Program.

gb #4-311 - Mr. O'Connell
(November 12, 2014)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the donations, by Anna Maria College, of four iMac computers, two Roland musical keyboards and sheet music to the music program at Worcester East Middle School.

gb #4-312 - Administration
(November 12, 2014)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$294.76 from the Community Crusade for Children's Kiducation Fund.

gb #4-313 - Administration
(November 13, 2014)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Cafeteria Workers, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Educational Secretaries, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to employment litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares - Cristie Lariviere.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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