AGENDA #9
The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:
on: Thursday, April 5, 2012
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session
    7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Clyde Talley
    Belmont AME Zion Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-8 - Clerk
    (March 22, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee
Meeting of Thursday, March 15, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

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discriminate regardless of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or
homelessness. The Worcester Public Schools provides equal access to employment and the full range of general, occupational and
vocational education programs. For more information relating to Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action contact Stacey DeBoise
V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #2-62.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 16, 2012)

To recognize Akuah Kontor of Burncoat High School as the recipient of the 13th Annual Young Woman of Consequence Award, presented by the City Manager’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and Viola Zhuri, of Doherty Memorial High School, for her Honorable Mention recognition for the Award.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #2-7 - Administration
(March 28, 2012)

TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED INNOVATION PLANS:

-Lincoln Street School
-Worcester East Middle School
-Worcester Technical High School

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievements met at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEET CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP
IX. PERSONNEL

2-12 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RETIREMENT of the person named below:

Earley, Amy, Elementary, Nelson Place, effective March 9, 2012

2-13 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

Howes, Erin, Special Education, South High, effective March 27, 2012
Ramm, Tiffany, Elementary, Quinsigamond, effective March 14, 2012

2-14 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below, effective as follows:


2-15 The Superintendent has provisionally appointed the persons named below to the position of Junior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of $14.12 (minimum) to $18.82 (maximum), per hour, effective as follows:

Cortes, Hector 2/13/12
Mallory, Cathy 3/12/12
Kim, Larry 3/12/12
Alix, Benjamin 3/12/12

2-16 The Superintendent has appointed the persons named below to the position of Cafeteria Helper, permanent/intermittent at a salary of $11.96 per hour, from Civil Service List #311-041, effective as follows:

Appiah, Vida 1/17/12
Perez, Christian 1/17/12
Ramm, Barbara 1/30/12
Knight, Charles 1/31/12
Gaboury, Peggy 2/7/12
Ruiz, Fernando 2/8/12
Bhati, Faiyka 2/8/12
Ogbono, Selena 2/8/12
Baah, Naomi 2/8/12
Boateng, Ruth 2/8/12
Lamptey, Jennifer 2/9/12
Lombardozzi, Sophia 2/9/12
Darman, Vesna 2/27/12
Fontanez, Mayda 2/27/12
Tsiltidis, Panagiota 2/27/12
Gerardi, Paula 2/27/12
Rojas, Hermenegildo 2/27/12
Abbe, John 2/27/12
Piscone, Garrett 2/27/12
Debrah, Nicholas 2/27/12
Harris, Lorpu 3/1/12
X. GENERAL BUSINESS

gb #8-180.4 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell
( March 16, 2012)

Response of the Administration to the request to interact with principals as to interest in establishing chapters of the National Elementary Honor Society in their schools.

Accept and file

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Forward letter

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Se the date of
Thursday, April 26, 2012

To set a date to congratulate John Navin, Coordinator of Custodial and Maintenance Services, on his selection as the recipient of the 2012 Thomas S. Green Public Service Award.
GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #2-82 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(March 16, 2012)
Request that the Administration review the policies in place for the establishment of courses to be included in the Night Life booklet.

gb #2-83 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell
(March 16, 2012)
Request that the Administration provide a breakdown of the K-2 teachers who are reading specialists.

gb #2-84 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell
(March 16, 2012)
Request that the Administration provide a cost analysis for a free standing exam school.

gb #2-85 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(March 16, 2012)
Request that the Administration provide a report on the way in which teachers are selected to teach Advanced Placement courses.

gb #2-86 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(March 19, 2012)
Request that the Administration forward a letter of appreciation to the President of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation for sponsoring the musical "When the Poet Sings" that was held on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at Worcester Technical High School and congratulate the staff of the music and art departments and the hundreds of students for an outstanding performance.

gb #2-87 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O’Connell
(March 19, 2012)
To review safety guidelines for playground equipment currently in use in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-88 - Administration
(March 19, 2012)
To accept a donation in the amount of $102.00 in memory of Carolyn Currie made payable to Claremont Academy to establish an annual scholarship.
GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #2-89 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(March 19, 2012)

To forward a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack, requesting that the use of so-called "lean finely textured beef" in USDA ground beef supplied to schools be entirely discontinued.

gb #2-90 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell
(March 19, 2012)

Request that the Administration consider adding the following information to the Tobacco Use Policy in the Policies Handbook:

“Nicotine delivery products are any manufactured articles or products made wholly or in part of a tobacco substitute or containing nicotine that is expected or intended for human consumption, but not including a tobacco substitute prescribed by a licensed physician or a product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco use cessation or harm reduction. Nicotine delivery products include, but are not limited to, e-cigarettes.”

gb #2-91 - Administration
(March 19, 2012)

To accept a competitive grant in the amount of $30,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for planning an Innovation School design at Lincoln Street, Worcester East Middle and Worcester Technical High schools.

gb #2-92 - Administration
(March 19, 2012)

To accept a donation in the amount of $1,225.00 from employees of Abbott Laboratories to support programs and activities at Lincoln Street School.

gb #2-93 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell
(March 21, 2012)

Request that the School Committee forward a letter of support to the local delegation and to Governor Patrick in support of H.1853/S.188, An Act Relative to Third Grade Reading Proficiency.
GENERAL BUSINESS  (continued)

gb #2-94 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
    Mayor Petty
    (March 26, 2012)

Request that the Administration forward letters of appreciation to the
following partners who made the 16th Women in Science Conference a
reality for 200 middle school students:

- EcoTarium
- Regional Science Resource Center
- Women’s Initiative of United Way of Central MA
- Analog Devices, Inc.
- Central Mass STEM Network
- Dr. Diane Riccio
- CultureLEAP and GearUp

gb #2-95 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
    Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick
    (March 26, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the per pupil ratio by
school for adjustment counselors.

gb #2-96 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
    (March 26, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide an update relative to the number
of students by school that will be participating in the Mass DESE
Construction Career Day to be held at the New England Laborers
Training Academy on May 2 and 3, 2012.

gb #2-97 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
    (March 26, 2012)

To consider proposed additions and revisions to the 2012-13 Policies
Handbook.

gb #2-98 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
    (March 26, 2012)

To consider amending the 2008 Worcester Public Schools playground
installation policy.
GENERAL BUSINESS  (continued)

gb #2-99 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O’Connell/Miss Biancheria/
            Mr. Monfredo
            (March 26, 2012)

To consider adoption of the proposed Sunshine Week resolution.

gb #2-100 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
            Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/Mr. O’Connell/Mayor Petty
            (March 26, 2012)

Request that the Administration forward congratulatory letters to the
following students from Worcester Technical High School that received
awards at the District Science Fair, the Regional Science Fair or for those
students who will be advancing to the Massachusetts Science Fair:

District Science Fair – EcoTarium, March 8, 2012

Engineering and Design

| 1st place | Jason McKinney and Natalie Correa      | Autonomous Robots |

Experimental Design

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Regional Science Fair – WPI, March 9, 2012

| 5th place | Jessica Choiniere and Pasha Wade | The “Twist & Turn” prototype – a pre-K tactile learning tool |

Massachusetts Science Fair, MIT, May 4-5, 2012

| Direct Entry | Hadeel Hamza and Fransheska Clara | Genetic Identification of Rabbit DNA |
| Direct Entry | Reginald Sarpong                  | Osteoporosis …The effect of Vitamin D concentrations on calcium absorption |
GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #2-101 - Administration
(March 27, 2012)

To accept a grant in the amount of $24,456 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Collaborative Partnerships for the Student Success program.

gb #2-102 - Ms. Novick
(March 27, 2012)

Request that the School Committee sign on to the form letter to support the Strengthen and Protect SNAP/Food Stamps in the 2012 Farm Bill.

gb #2-103 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell
(March 27, 2012)

Request that the Administration, through principals, invite students or school groups to sing or play the National Anthem at a School Committee meeting each month and compile a list with dates for those schools interested in participating in this activity during the 2012-13 school year.

gb #2-104 - Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(March 28, 2012)

To review the practices and procedures of the Worcester Public Schools regarding unemployment compensation, which will include a discussion of the topics set forth in the February 27, 2012 letter of city and town finance officials (including the Director of Finance of the City of Worcester) to Governor Patrick.

gb #2-105 - Administration
(March 28, 2012)

To approve prior fiscal year payments for athletic officials in the total amount of $150.00.

gb #2-106 - Mayor Petty/Mr. Foley
(March 30, 2012)

Request that the Administration begin exploring the viability of creating a regional recovery high school that would serve students with substance abuse and dependence problems similar to existing programs in Boston, North Shore, Brockton and Springfield.
GENERAL BUSINESS  (continued)

gb #2-107 - Administration
     (March 30, 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