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

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<td>I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING</td>
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| INVOCA TION -  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

"The Worcester Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/Educational Institution and does not 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 Luster, Human Resource Manager, 20 Irving Street, Worcester, MA 01609. 508-799-3020."
V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

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
Stefany 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

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

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

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

**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)  

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 7th 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)

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

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.
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.

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.

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

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.
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