AGENDA #20

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, October 1, 2015
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
    7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in the: Esther Howland South Chamber at City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

   INVOCATION - Reverend Dr. Dimitrios Moraitis
                St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

   aor #5-17 - Clerk
               (September 15, 2015)

               To consider approval of the Minutes of the School
               Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 3, 2015.

   aor #5-18 - Clerk
               (September 22, 2015)

               To consider approval of the Minutes of the School
               Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 17, 2015.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS (continued)  

aor #5-18 - Clerk  
(September 22, 2015)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, September 17, 2015.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

gb #5-210.2 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo  
(September 21, 2015)

To reconsider the following item:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the feasibility of giving Worcester residents preference, all things being equal, when hiring personnel, if legal and appropriate.

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #5-173.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O’Connell/  
Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/  
Mayor Petty  
(September 10, 2015)

To recognize Nelson Place fourth grade teacher Donna Quitadamo, and her students for continuing to raise awareness of Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and for raising $18,000 since 2010 to assist children with serious medical and physical challenges.

gb #5-218.1 - Administration/Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Foley/  
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/  
Miss Ramirez/Ms. Novick/Mayor Petty  
(September 18, 2015)

To recognize Attorney James Rosseel, with gratitude and appreciation, for the time and effort he devoted to organizing, and coordinating, the 2015 Judicial Youth Corps Mock Trial Program.
IMMEDIATE ACTION (continued)

gb #5-219.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/ Miss Ramirez/Ms. Novick/Mayor Petty (September 18, 2015)

To recognize and congratulate the following principals on receiving the Dr. Richard E. Greene Founders Awards from the Worcester Public Library Foundation "in recognition of their invaluable contributions to ensure that these school library branches provide superior service to students and patrons and achieve the goals of the One City, One Library initiative:

Erin Dobson, Principal, Tatnuck Magnet School
Ellen Kelley, Principal, Roosevelt School
Deborah Catamero, Principal, Burncoat Street Preparatory School

gb #5-225.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/ Miss Ramirez/Ms. Novick/Mayor Petty (September 18, 2015)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, Melissa Watson, and her 1000 Watts Barbershop of 848 Main Street, for their donation to Worcester school children of 130 new backpacks, filled with school supplies.

gb #5-239.1 - Administration/Administration (September 24, 2015)

To consider approval of the School Committee’s chapter to be included in the Policy Manual of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #5-241 - Administration (September 21, 2015)

To consider input from the School Committee’s student representatives.
VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #5-10 - Administration
(September 23, 2015)

THE ARTS LEARNING PATHWAY

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2015 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.
IX. PERSONNEL

5-38 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

- Callahan, Peter, Teacher, Special Education, Systemwide, effective September 17, 2015
- Falcone, Patricia, Teacher, Music, South, effective September 20, 2015
- O’Leary, Joan, Teacher, Elementary, Burncoat Elementary, September 9, 2015

5-39 The Superintendent ACKNOWLEDGES the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

- Husby, Paul, Teacher, English as a Second Language, South, effective September 14, 2015

5-40 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

- Klein, Elizabeth, Teacher, Special Education, Systemwide, MA, Step 1, $50,978, effective September 18, 2015. Licensed: Speech, Language, Hearing Disorders – All Levels.
X. GENERAL BUSINESS

gb #5-232.1  - Administration/Mr. O’Connell/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(September 21, 2015)

Request that the City of Worcester designate the streets
surrounding the former Temple Emmanuel, and other
appropriate streets in the vicinity of May Street School, as
"daytime parking only".

gb #5-242  - Mr. O’Connell
(September 10, 2015)

To review the impact, if any, of the Affordable Care Act tax
on certain employer health insurance plans, and on
employee flexible spending accounts, for the 2018 fiscal
year and thereafter.

gb #5-243  - Mr. O’Connell
(September 10, 2015)

To review the scores achieved by Worcester students in the
2015 administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive
Assessment System (MCAS) and Partnership for
Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)
examinations, at all levels.

gb #5-244  - Mr. O’Connell
(September 10, 2015)

To review the scores achieved by Worcester students in the
Spring 2015 administration of the Advanced Placement
examinations, in all courses and at all levels.

gb #5-245  - Administration
(September 11, 2015)

To approve payment of prior year invoice in the amount of
$6,487.80 for FY15 translation documents that were finalized
after the year end fiscal process was complete.
GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

gb #5-246  - Mr. Monfredo  
(September 14, 2015)

Request that the School Committee support a bill, submitted by State Senator Jennifer Flanagan, that addresses ways of dealing with Opioid addiction such as school drug screening called “Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment or SBIRT.

gb #5-247  - Administration  
(September 16, 2015)

To accept a donation in the amount of $10,619.15 from the Doherty Memorial High School Graduate Student Activity Funds for Doherty Memorial High School.

gb #5-248  - Miss Biancheria  
(September 16, 2015)

To forward letters of appreciation to David G. Massad, Chairman of Commerce Bank and former City Manager Michael O’Brien for their efforts in bringing Gordon R. Roberts and Ty M. Carter, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, for a program at Worcester Technical High School.

gb #5-249  - Ms. Novick  
(September 16, 2015)

To consider the 2015 resolutions before the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Delegates Assembly.

gb #5-250  - Administration  
(September 17, 2015)

To accept a donation in the amount of $5,920.00 from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation – Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit, Jr. Fund, in the form of an unrestricted grant to Worcester Technical High School.
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<td>To expand career counseling, internship and mentoring initiatives within the Worcester Public Schools, at all grade levels, with the assistance and support of the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce and of interested individuals and entities of the greater Worcester business community.</td>
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GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)      ACTION

gb #5-257  - Administration  
(September 23, 2015)

To recognize the Worcester Senior Center African American Seniors Group who provided school supplies and backpacks to Chandler Magnet School and Lincoln Street School.

gb #5-258  - Mr. O’Connell  
(September 23, 2015)

To request a report from the Administration as to the roster of members, and meeting schedules for the year, of the school site councils, all of which shall have met “no later than forty days after the first day of school” pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 59C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

gb #5-259  - Administration  
(September 23, 2015)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the total amount of $162.73 for mileage reimbursement for three systemwide physical education teachers.

gb #5-260  - Administration  
(September 23, 2015)

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