

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 7:15 p.m. in the Levi Lincoln Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell and Mayor Petty

Mr. Foley was absent.

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

Executive Session

- 1. gb #8-86 -Administration
(February 21, 2018)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker’s Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding the Consent Decree as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair.

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

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for Y. Perez vs Worcester School Committee et al. if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To consider the filing of criminal complaints.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Foley $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Shanirai
Mawokomatanda from Wesley Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

Mr. Foley was absent

2. qb #8-86 - Executive Session Item

Worker's
Compensation
Settlement/teacher

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it
was moved to approve a Worker's Compensation
settlement in the amount of \$138,500 for a
teacher, without liability.

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Foley $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Minutes/
approval of

4 aor #8-6 - (Clerk)
(February 6, 2018)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2018.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2018.

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following item out of order:

gb #7-395 - Administration
(December 12, 2017)

To consider the request to change the name of Burncoat Middle School to Burncoat Middle School for the Arts.

It was moved to approve the change of the name of Burncoat Middle School.

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Foley $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ROS #8-4 - Administration
(February 21, 2018)

COLLEGE CAREER READINESS IN THE WORCESTER
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Report of the
Superintendent/
College Career
Readiness in the
Worcester Public
Schools

Magdalena Ganas, Manager of Curriculum and Professional Development, provided an excellent PowerPoint presentation, which is contained in Annex A in the backup of this item, highlighting College Career and Readiness in the Worcester Public Schools

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration seek to increase the number of courses offered in the Virtual High School, subject to budgetary constraints.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of expanding the number of courses in the Dual Enrollment Program by contacting other local colleges that don't currently participate in it.

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Jennifer Hardy, Head of Programming and Web Development at Worcester Technical High School as the 2018 recipient of the College Board's New England Regional Assembly Recognition Award.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Lorenzo Hernandez, the ex-officio member of the School Committee, recommended that the Administration study the feasibility of offering at least 2 years of each language courses in virtual high school.

It was moved and voice vote to accept and file the item.

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following item out of order:

ALICE Program/
update on

gb #8-85 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
(February 21, 2018)

Request that Superintendent Binienda, Director of School Safety Robert Pezzella and Chief of Police Steven Sargent provide an update on the implementation of the ALICE program on March 1, 2018.

Mr. Pezzella provided an update on the implementation of the ALICE Program.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a priority list of safety equipment needed to be considered for the FY19 Budget.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the item.

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following item out of order:

Walkout Day/
Parkland, Florida
commemoration
plans

gb #8-83 - Mayor Petty/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(February 21, 2018)

Request that the Superintendent coordinate a 17 minute Walkout Day on March 14, 2018 with all students and teachers in the Worcester Public Schools to commemorate with a one minute moment of silence for each of the people who died on February 14th at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Mayor Petty made the following amendment to his item:

Request that the Administration coordinate a Walkout of high school students on March 14, 2018 and conduct a Kindness Program in the elementary and middle schools.

On a voice vote, the item as amended was approved.

Mr. Joseph P. O'Brien, former Mayor of Worcester, addressed the Committee and commended the Worcester Public Schools for the work being done to allow students to participate in the Walkout/Kindness Programs.

It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the item.

gb #8-60 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/ Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria (February 7, 2018)

Senate Bill
S2306/support of

To support Senate Bill No. S2306-An Act to promote and enhance civic engagement, a new bill filed on Beacon Hill by State Senator Harriette Chandler.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the local delegation in support of Senate Bill No. S2306.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #8-64 - Administration (February 12, 2018)

Target Field
Trip/Grant/
Approval of

To accept a Target Field Trip Grant for \$700 awarded to Ms. Sherilynne K. Parretti, a teacher at Woodland Academy.

It was moved to approve the Target Field Trip Grant.

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Foley $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

gb #8-65 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 12, 2018)

Letters of
congratulations/
40th annual
Valentine Contest

To forward letters of congratulations to the award recipients in the 40th annual Valentine Contest presented by the Worcester Historical Museum for Worcester students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Historic

Grade 3	Anne Liz Gazel	McGrath Elementary School
Grade 4	Julius McCarthy	Thorndyke Road School
Grade 5	Anita Konneh	Lake View School
Grade 6	Keren Sasai Rodriguez	Lake View School

Contemporary

Grade 3	Leah Bonilla	Chandler Elementary School
Grade 4	Suyata Sunwar	Chandler Elementary School
Grade 5	Diamonte Hopson	Columbus Park School
Grade 6	Michael Newman	Lake View School

Verse

Grade 3	Kaci Gaucher	Worcester Arts Magnet School
Grade 4	Shahina Al Rahman	Lincoln Street School
Grade 5	Zoraya Melendez	Belmont Street School
Grade 6	Katerine Murray	Jabob Hiatt Magnet School

Masters

Grade 5	Contemporary	Isaac Silva	McGrath Elementary School
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It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of congratulations.

Miss Biancheria left at 855 p.m.

gb #8-66 - Administration
(February 12, 2018)

Donations/
approval of

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$184.67 to Tatnuck Magnet School from Papa Gino's Pizzeria
- \$75 to the Worcester Public Schools for the Model UN Club
- \$250 to Doherty Memorial High School for a Memorial Scholarship in memory of Giovan Diaz.

It was moved to approve the donations.

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley 2
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The motion carried.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward letters of appreciation to Richard and Kathleen Perry and William and Mary Eichorn for their donations to the Model UN Club.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #8-67 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 13, 2018)

Recognitions/
National Nurses
Day

To recognize May 6, 2018 as National Nurses Day, and to acknowledge the contributions made by the nurses of the Worcester Public Schools to the health, safety and well-being of Worcester students.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of recognition and appreciation to the Nurses of the Worcester Public Schools

Recognitions/
National Teacher
Appreciation Day

gb #8-68 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 13, 2018)

To recognize May 8, 2016 as National Teacher Appreciation Day, and to acknowledge the vital role of the teachers of the Worcester Public Schools in the education, encouragement, support and well-being of Worcester students.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of recognition and appreciation to the teachers of the Worcester Public Schools

Recognitions/
National
Educational
Support
Professionals Day

gb #8-69 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 13, 2018)

To recognize November 14, 2018 as National Educational Support Professionals Day, and to acknowledge the vital role of the educational support personnel of the Worcester Public Schools in the education, guidance, encouragement, support and well-being of Worcester students.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of recognition and appreciation to the educational support personnel of the Worcester Public Schools

gb #8-70 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 13, 2018)

Recognitions/
School Principals
Day

To recognize May 1, 2018 as School Principals Day,
and to acknowledge the vital role of the principals
of the Worcester Public Schools in the education,
guidance, encouragement, support and well-being
of Worcester staff and students.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of
recognition and appreciation to the principals of
the Worcester Public Schools

gb #8-71 - Administration
(February 13, 2018)

Grant/
Massachusetts Life
Science
Center/approval of

To accept the Massachusetts Life Science Center
(MLSC) Apprenticeship Challenge Grant in the
amount of \$22,897.

It was moved to approve the grant.

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley 2
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The motion carried.

Joint Meeting of
City Council's
Standing
Committee on
Education and
School Committee
Standing
Committee on
Finance and
Operations/set
date

gb #8-72 - Administration
(February 14, 2018)

Request that the Administration set a date to hold a Joint Meeting of the City Council's Standing Committee on Education and the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations to discuss the FY19 Budget.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

Miss Biancheria returned at 9:02 p.m.

FY19 Budget/set
date for public
hearing

gb #8-73 - Administration
(February 14, 2018)

To set a date for the public hearing on the FY19 Budget.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

Children Requiring
Assistance
statute/formulate
policy and protocol

gb #8-74 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough
(February 14, 2018)

To formulate a policy, and appropriate protocols and guidelines, as to initiation of procedures in Juvenile Court under the "Children Requiring Assistance" statute (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 119, Sections 21 and 39E - 39I), in light of the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in Millis Public Schools v. M.P. et al (SJC-12384, February 6, 2018).

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.

gb #8-75 - Administration
(February 17, 2018)

Fiscal year
payment/
Holtzbrinck
Publishers, LLC/
\$8,959.88

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$8,959.88 made payable to MPS - Holtzbrinck Publishers LLC.

It was moved to approve a prior fiscal year payment.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Foley 1
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The motion carried.

gb #8-76 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(February 17, 2018)

Recognition/
Christine Foley/set
date

To set a date to recognize Christine Foley, a teacher at South High Community School and her students who appeared on Fox News to highlight the Andy's Attic Program.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Read to Achieve
2018 Program/
College of the Holy
Cross

gb #8-77 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough
(February 19, 2018)

To encourage the Worcester Public Schools to participate in the Read to Achieve 2018 Program, originated and sponsored by the Athletics Department of the College of the Holy Cross.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration suggest that the College of the Holy Cross continue the excellent Read to Achieve Program and publicize its rewards program as an incentive for students currently participating in it.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Ticket to Read.net
Program

gb #8-78 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough
(February 19, 2018)

To encourage the Worcester Public Schools to participate in the Ticket to Read.net Program, originated and sponsored by the Worcester Bravehearts and the Worcester Railers.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.

July 2018 Summer
Camps/South High
Community
School/approval of

gb #8-79 - Administration
(February 21, 2018)

To consider approval of the July 2018 Summer Camps at South High Community School.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

gb #8-80 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(February 21, 2018)

School Adjustment
Counselors/
provide report on

Request that the Administration provide a report
on the ratio of social workers to students.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to
the Administration as amended.

Mr. Comparetto made the following amendment to
the item:

Request that the Administration amend the item by
replacing social workers with School Adjustment
Counselors. The new item will read as follows:

Request that the Administration provide a report
on the ratio of School Adjustment Counselors to
students.

On a voice vote, the item as amended was
approved.

gb #8-81 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(February 21, 2018)

School Resource
Officers/report on

Request that the Administration provide a report
on whether School Resource Officers are trained as
social workers.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Mayor Petty stated that School Resource Officers
are Police Officers, not social workers.

Brockton School
Committee/
Chapter 74
Funding lawsuit/
invitation to
Worcester School
Committee
meeting

gb #8-82 - Mayor Petty/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough
(February 21, 2018)

Request that the Mayor and Superintendent invite the School Committee from Brockton, MA to a Worcester School Committee Meeting to provide an update on the lawsuit regarding the Chapter 74 Funding.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration consider changing the start time of the March 15th School Committee meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to allow more time for discussion with the Brockton School Committee regarding the potential lawsuit regarding the Chapter 74 Funding.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the item.

Forward letter/Bill
Riley/Grand
Marshal of 2018
St. Patrick's
Parade

gb #8-84 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 21, 2018)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Bill Riley as the recipient of the Grand Marshal of the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letter of congratulations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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