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A C T I O N S

The Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the the City Council's Standing Committee on Education met at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2017 in the Levi Lincoln Chamber at City Hall

There were present:

Standing Committee on Finance and Operations:

Ms. Colorio and Chairman Foley

There was absent: Miss McCullough

City Council's Standing Committee on Education:

Mr. King, Mr. Rosen and Chairman Bergman

City Council's Standing Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs:

Mr. Gaffney, Mrs. Lukes and Chairman Bergman

Mr. Monfredo was also in attendance.

Representing Administration were: Mr. Allen, Superintendent Binienda and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: Ms. Bateman, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Madaio, Mr. McAuliffe and Mr. Pottle

The Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs also met with the above-mentioned groups to discuss the following item:

gb #7-31 - Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (January 9, 2017)

To explore ways in which the Worcester Public Schools can encourage greater levels of student and family participation and attendance at the Veterans Day events.

gb #7-31 (continued)

Superintendent Binienda indicated that the transportation was an issue to get students downtown. She suggested that perhaps the Administration could invite the veterans to visit the schools.

In discussing the role of students in various veteran affairs' activities, the following items were discussed:

- problem of transportation
- a suggestion to have the veterans visit the schools
- coordination of all Legion Posts for programs
- coordination of a celebration at the World War II Monument in the Common behind City Hall which would involve elementary school students with red poppies on their outfits
- sale of poppies at the celebration
- coordination of a veterans' celebration at the Auditorium with a youth breakfast followed by the parade
- schedule for speakers, winners of poetry and other writing contests

The discussion with the Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The Joint Meeting of the Education Committee of the City Council and the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations convened at 6:40 p.m.

gb #4-214 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (July 22, 2014)

To consider the city's contribution to the Worcester Public Schools for FY16 and years following.

Mr. Allen made a PowerPoint presentation on the Local Contribution Towards Required Spending - Fiscal 2017 Budget and Actual for 2013-2016.

gb #5-213 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/
Miss Biancheria (August 12, 2015)

To review the FY16 Capital Budget with regard to departmental allocations.

Mr. Allen made a PowerPoint presentation on the FY16 Capital Budget with regard to department allocations and responded to questions on it.

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gb #7-27 - Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough
(January 5, 2017)

Request that the Administration make a presentation on the projected FY18 Budget to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Allen made a presentation on the projected FY18 Budget and responded to questions on it. He discussed the fact that the school resource needs are significant and urgent but exceed available revenues.

Councilor King asked the Administration if there is a point person, perhaps Mr. Sanders, identified on the cityside to work with the legislative delegation to help with the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Councilor Lukes inquired as to the costs to provide for students that have resettled in Worcester.

Mr. Allen indicated that he could identify in the budget the costs of additional services for these students who have resettled in Worcester.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide the breakdown of Federal Grant amounts in Title I, Title III and Special Education for this year and the two previous years.

Request that the State delegation and Governor start the process for the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Request that a review be made of the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Law which requires that the State reimburse the City for homeless students' transportation. The request to the State would be to provide the transportation reimbursement for homeless students directly to the school department not the City.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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