The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. O’Connell and Mayor Petty

There were absent: Miss Biancheria and Mr. Monfretto

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

1. gb #7-20 - Administration
   (December 28, 2016)

Finding that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigation position of the School Committee, the committee votes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation and strategy for collective bargaining for a denial of access.

   c&p #6-9
   To consider a communication from a citizen relative to a request that the School Committee drop its Court Appeal and allow for testing for PCBs at Burncoat High and Doherty Memorial High schools.

   gb #6-332
   Request that the Administration drop the appeal and allow PCB testing at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School this school year and do what is necessary to correct the problem.
To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Teachers and Unit B, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To consider an International Union of Public Employees (I.U.P.E.) Grievance Complaint – HVAC Technician

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion:  Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty  

Against the motion:  0  

Absent:  Miss Biancheria, Mr. Monfredo  

The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:11 p.m. to 7:43 p.m.

Miss Biancheria arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Monfredo arrived at 6:22 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Brent Newberry of the First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered and the National Anthem was played.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty
APPROVAL OF RECORDS

2. aor #7-1 - Clerk
   (December 28, 2016)

   To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 15, 2016.

   It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 15, 2016.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

3. gb #7-1 - Administration
   (December 28, 2016)

   To consider input from the School Committee's student representatives.

   It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

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   It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to allow Roger Nugent to read a document, that was processed and developed by the faculty of Quinsigamond School, relative to a vote of no confidence in their principal.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

5. ros #7-1 - Administration
   (December 28, 2016)

   MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE APPLICATION CELEBRATION (MCAC) DAY

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

PERSONNEL

6. 

   It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel Items 7-1 and 7-2.
Resignations 7-01 The Superintendent has ACKNOWLEDGED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below effective as shown:


Johnson, Alisha, Teacher, Special Education, Burncoat High, effective 12/16/16.

Appointments 7-02 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below effective as shown:


GENERAL BUSINESS

Civil Service Exam/ Custodians 7. gb #6-153.6 - Administration/Miss Biancheria (December 21, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to study the feasibility of providing the Civil Service Exam for Custodians so they can become permanent employees and gain benefits and promotions.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the actions taken to address the provisional status of custodians who no longer take Civil Service Exams.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.
Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration explain how custodians attain permanent status.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell stated that the Administration has developed a hybrid system which provides some protection that is contract based and other which is within the scope of the Civil Service statute even though the exam is no longer given. He further suggested that the funding for the Civil Service Exam be discussed with the Legislative Delegation.

Mayor Petty suggested that Ms. Boulais coordinate her response with the City Administration.

8. **gb #6-231.2** - Administration/Mr. Foley
   (December 22, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a comparison between legal costs for the Worcester Public Schools versus other communities of comparable size as either a percentage of the budget or as a raw number.

It was moved and voice voted to accept the report and file gb #6-231.2 and gb #6-237.

9. **gb #6-272.1** - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
   Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
   Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
   Miss Blancheria
   (December 21, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to consider submitting an application to participate in the Massachusetts School Building Authority Public School Information Technology Loan Program.

Mayor Petty asked the Administration if the dark fibers that were installed were placed in the city streets or just on school property.
Mr. Allen indicated that he would provide a map in a Friday Letter.

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

10. gb #6-359.1  - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
    Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
    Mr. O'Connell
    (December 22, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide an update on the window replacements that took place during the Summer and Fall of 2016.

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

Miss Biancheria requested a report regarding window replacements and other repairs completed within the schools during the past year.

Mayor Petty requested that the Administration provide a complete report at either the January 19, 2017 or February 2, 2017 meeting on all completed projects and future ones and also indicate the way in which the system will handle the PCBs at both Burncoat and Doherty Memorial High schools.

11. gb #6-410.1  - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
    Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
    Ms. Colorio
    (December 21, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide the following information regarding the evaluations of principals:

- a description of the prior evaluation process indicating who was responsible for its execution and
- a description of a current evaluation process indicating who is responsible for its execution and include any changes that have been developed.

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

12. gb #7-2 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
    Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
    (December 16, 2016)

To review the 2016 Successor Settlement Agreement between the United States of America and the Worcester Public Schools, and to determine the financial costs of implementing it in full, for use in preparation of the fiscal year 2018 Budget.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

13. gb #7-3 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
    Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
    (December 16, 2016)

To review the 2016 Successor Settlement Agreement between the United States of America and the Worcester Public Schools, and to determine the programmatic requirements of implementing it in full.

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

14. gb #7-4 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
    Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
    (December 16, 2016)

To urge the individual Worcester public schools, and departments, to review and expand their websites, as a means of (1) increasing the information available through them, (2)
showcasing student work and achievements, (3) sharing detailed curricular and programmatic information, and (4) assisting prospective students and parents in making informed decisions as to selection of an appropriate school.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

Recognition/set date 15. gb #7-5 - Mr. O’Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (December 16, 2016)

To set a date to recognize the Unum Group for initiating its Unum Strong Schools grant program in the Worcester Public Schools, as “financial support for effective and innovative initiatives that engage students and improve their learning and achievement levels.”

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, January 19, 2017.

Recognition/Unum Strong Schools Grant Program 16. gb #7-6 - Mr. O’Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (December 16, 2016)

To forward letters of recognition to the following recipients of 2016 grants from the Unum Strong Schools grant program in the Worcester Public Schools:

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It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.
17. gb #7-7 - Administration
   (December 16, 2016)

To approve a decrease in the mileage reimbursement rate from $0.54 per mile to $0.535 per mile, effective January 1, 2017, for all represented and non-represented personnel in accordance with the 2017 standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,
Mayor Petty

Against the motion: 0

The motion carried.

18. gb #7-8 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
    Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
    (December 19, 2016)

To set a date to recognize the Burncoat High School Quadrivium on their performance with Superstar Kenny Rogers at Mohegan Sun and at the Massachusetts House of Representatives as the guests of Representative James O'Day and Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, February 2, 2017.

19. gb #7-9 - Administration
    (December 20, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of $100.00 from Patience Agyepong & Family to Tatnuck Magnet School.

It was moved to approve the item.
On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio,  
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,  
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,  
Mayor Petty  7

Against the motion:  0  
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The motion carried.

20. **gb #7-10** - Administration  
(December 20, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of $210.00  
from Worcester Superior Court Clerk’s Office & Probation Department in memory of Ronald F. Corey for the Arts Programs in the Worcester Public School.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio,  
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,  
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,  
Mayor Petty  7

Against the motion:  0  
7

The motion carried.

21. **gb #7-11** - Administration  
(December 20, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of $300.00  
from the Shrewsbury Street Area Merchants Association to Belmont Street Community School.

It was moved to approve the item.
On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: 0

The motion carried.

22. gb #7-12 - Administration (December 20, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of $3,000.00 from Scholastic Reading Club to Forest Grove Middle School.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: 0

The motion carried.

23. gb #7-13 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/ Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough/ Mayor Petty (December 21, 2016)

To forward a letter of appreciation to the Flagg Streeters, an after-school group of students who volunteer their time and energy to bring entertainment, assistance and goodwill to the Worcester community.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.
24. gb #7-14 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
   Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
   Miss Blancheria/Mayor Petty
   (December 21, 2016)

   Request that the Administration forward letters of
   congratulations to Johnetta Smith, South High
   Community School's Band Director and Angela
   Poirier, Chorus Director for the outstanding Holiday
   Musical performance and request that a five
   minute portion of their performance be shown at
   the next School Committee Meeting.

   It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

25. gb #7-15 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
   Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
   Miss Blancheria/Mayor Petty
   (December 22, 2016)

   Request that the Administration forward letters of
   appreciation to Deborah Cole, Burncoat High
   School's Band Director; Dani Rimoni, String
   Orchestra Director and David Twiss, Chorus
   Director in appreciation of the excellent Winter
   Musical Concert.

   It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

26. gb #7-16 - Administration
   (December 28, 2016)

   To accept a donation in the amount of $100.00
   from Wayne and Sharon Griffin to Tatnuck Magnet
   School.

   It was moved to approve the item.
On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: 0

The motion carried.

27. gb #7-17 - Administration (December 28, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of $500.00 from Ryder System, Inc. for South High Community School's Diesel Tech Program.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: 0

The motion carried.

28. gb #7-18 - Administration (December 28, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of $2,000.00 from the Commonwealth of MA District Attorney's Office (Mid District) to support a Freshman Basketball Program at Claremont Academy.

It was moved to approve the item.
On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Bianacheria, Ms. Colorio,  
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,  
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,  
Mayor Petty  

Against the motion:  

The motion carried.

29. gb #7-19 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/  
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough  
(December 28, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider raising the amount paid to day-by-day substitutes from $70.00 to $85.00 or more in the 2017-18 school year.

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

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide in March 2017, in advance of the FY18 Budget, a report containing a proposed salary adjustment for the day-by-day substitute teachers.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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