

X. GENERAL BUSINESS
Administration/Mr. O'Connell
(April 3, 2018)

CURRENT ITEM - gb #7-355.1
S.C. MEETING - 4-26-18

1ST ITEM gb #7-355 S.C.MTG. 11-2-17
2ND ITEM gb #7-355.1 S.C.MTG. 4-26-18

ITEM:

Response of the Administration to a request to seek grant opportunities for free driver's education courses, in conjunction with input from the petitioner Lorenzo Hernandez.

ORIGINAL ITEM: Lorenzo Hernandez (October 24, 2017)

To consider the following item from Lorenzo Hernandez, Ex-Officio Member of the School Committee:

To consider offering a cost free Driver's Education course for students at Worcester Technical High School.

PRIOR ACTION:

11-2-17 - It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:
Request that the Administration provide a report as to what other school districts do in terms of costs for Driver Education Programs and indicate if they provide cost free programs or scholarship initiatives to needy students.

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BACKUP: Lorenzo Hernandez, the petitioner, was invited to visit the WPS Grants Office to meet with a Grant Writer/Developer on March 26, 2018. Information on possible grant opportunities was presented and discussed. The petitioner will be exploring options and researching opportunities for discussion with his school principal. The Grants Office will remain available to assist with grant applications.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Accept and file.

PRIOR ACTION (continued)

- 11-2-17 - Request that the Administration seek information from other
(continued) school districts, specifically Wachusett Regional High School, to determine how such a Driver Education course is provided at that school.
Request that the Administration study the feasibility of offering South High Community School's Driver Education Course again.
On a voice vote, the motions were approved.
- 3-6-18 - STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND EMPLOYEE ISSUES
FILE
- 3-15-18 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING - The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as amended.
Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:
Request that the item be referred to the Administration to interact with the petitioner in order to have him seek out any grant opportunities that would provide a driver's education course free of charge.
On a voice vote, the motion was approved.