

Committee Members

John F. Monfredo, Chairman
Dianna Biancheria, Vice-chairman
John Foley

AGENDA #2

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2014 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Mr. Foley and Chairman Monfredo

Miss Biancheria arrived at 5:47 p.m.

Representing Administration: Ms. Boulais, Dr. Rodrigues and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: S. O'Connell

gb #4-284 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Miss Ramirez (October 21, 2014)

To cooperate with the Main South Community Development Corporation as to the safety and security needs of the students and staff of the Worcester public schools located in the Main South area, regarding utilization of the proceeds of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant received by the Main South CDC.

Mr. Foley provided an update on the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration invite Casey Starr, Project Manager to attend a meeting of the Standing Committee to provide an update of Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #4-284 (continued)

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter of thanks, on behalf of the School Committee, to the Main South Community Development Corporation for all that it does to benefit children in the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

c&p #6-7 - Clerk (August 24, 2016)

To consider a communication from a citizen expressing an interest in promoting civic engagement in the Worcester Public Schools by initiating a "Municipal Governance Day" which would give high school students an opportunity to learn how the municipal government works.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration consider scheduling a Municipal Governance Day in the 2017-18 school year and have students assume the roles of School Committee and City Council.

Request that the Social Studies Liaison inform the Clerk of the School Committee of all civics activities taking place in the schools during 2017-18 and provide that information to the local media.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following:

Request that when the item is discussed in October that the Administration study the feasibility of having the secondary students hold the mock meetings in the Esther Howland Chamber at City Hall.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Hold for October 2017.

c&p #6-8 - Clerk (August 24, 2016)

To consider a communication from a citizen relative to the feasibility of holding an event annually with a guest speaker to encourage eligible students to register to vote.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration inform the media and the School Committee, via a Friday Letter, of the dates and times of both the voter registrations at the various schools and the guest speakers who come in during that time to speak to the students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #6-36 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough (January 11, 2016)

To establish a Special Committee, consisting of at least three School Committee members, to continue the review of policies proposed for the Worcester Public Schools by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section I – Instruction, as contained in Annex B of the backup for the item.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee put in writing that the MASC policies that are being adopted will continue to be a work in progress until the Policies Handbook can be replaced and it will remain as the policies and procedures of the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #6-36 (continued)

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the backup for the following sections of the MASC Policy Manual for the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues:

Section C - General School Administration
Section D - Fiscal Management
Section E - Support Services

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo inquired as to the status of the request to abbreviate the Domestic Violence Leave Policy to be inserted into Section G. – Personnel Section.

Dr. Rodrigues indicated that the request has been made to the City Solicitor.

gb #6-111 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria (March 4, 2016)

Request that the Administration encourage schools, with the assistance of the Safety Liaison Officer Robert Pezzella, to establish at their school a Chapter of the "Stand for the Silent," an anti-bullying movement.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration involve the middle school students more in anti-bullying programs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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c&p #7-1 - Clerk (April 6, 2017)

To consider a petition from a citizen regarding a request to hold public hearings in April regarding the FY18 Budget.

c&p #7-1 (continued)

File due to the fact that a public hearing took place and the petitioner attended the meeting.

gb #7-52 - Administration (January 25, 2017)

To consider approval of the 2017-18 Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that page 77, #1 be amended to read as follows:

1. Interim **and attendance** progress reports (at five weeks into each marking period)

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that page 39, Rule 14, sentence 1 be amended to read as follows:

While on school premises or at a school sponsored event **during the school day**, a student shall not, without expressed permission of appropriate school personnel, use any cell phone, smart phone, tablet, camera or any other type of electronic device which may potentially be disruptive of school activities or a distraction to students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee approve the proposed changes for the 2017-18 Policies Handbook as contained in Annex B of the backup for the item as amended.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.