IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, April 27, 2017
Agenda #10 and #11

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:09 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

1. gb #7-173 - Administration (April 19, 2017) — Executive Session

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 A/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: Miss Biancheria, 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.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:10 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

The invocation was given by Reverend Dimitrios Moraitis of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered and the National Anthem was sung by the MetroGnomes from Worcester Arts Magnet School.

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

Commonwealth Employment Relations Board to the Massachusetts Appeals Court/decline to appeal the final decision

2. Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to decline to appeal the final decision of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board to the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

3. aor #7-9 - Clerk (April 14, 2017) — Minutes/ approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Friday, March 17, 2017.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Friday, March 17, 2017.

4. aor #7-10 - Clerk (April 14, 2017) — Minutes/ approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 6, 2017.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 6, 2017.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

5. gb #7-112.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/ Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/ Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/ Mayor Petty (April 11, 2017) — Recognition/ SOFA

To recognize SOFA (Support Our Fine Arts) for its award of $4,910 in mini-grants to staff members of schools of the Burncoat quadrant.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the board members of SOFA (Support Our Fine Arts) for its award of $4,910 in mini-grants to staff members of schools of the Burncoat quadrant.

Recognition/ Worcester Technical High School Culinary Arts and Hospitality Programs

6. gb #7-135.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/ Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 11, 2017)

To recognize the staff and students at Worcester Technical High School for its successful partnership with French exchange students from a high school in France (Le Lycée Hôtelier Val de Loire, BLOIS, France) which will expose and teach these students about the highly successful Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs at Worcester Technical High School.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented Certificates of Appreciation to the staff and students at Worcester Technical High School for its successful partnership with French exchange students from a high school in France (Le Lycée Hôtelier Val de Loire, BLOIS, France) which will expose and teach these students about the highly successful Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs at Worcester Technical High School.

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following item from Agenda #10:

School Choice

7. gb #7-62.1 - Administration/Administration (April 11, 2017)

To hold a public hearing on School Choice.

It was moved to participate in School Choice for the 2017-18 school year.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the School Committee approve for the 2017-18 school year, the following language for implementation of the School Choice Policy:

- Student enrollment in the Inter-District School Choice program is based on availability
- Parent/guardian is responsible for transportation to the district school
- All Pre-K to Grade 12 schools participate in the program with the following exceptions:
    - Chapter 74 approved programs in the comprehensive high schools
    - Chapter 74 approved programs at Worcester Technical High School
    - Alternative Pathway Programs
    - Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE) Pathway Programs
- Students accepted into the Inter-District School Choice program may apply for schools on the same basis as resident students, but the Intra-District Choice Plan (Voluntary Transfer) may give preference to resident students in assigning students to schools.

To obtain information regarding the Inter-District School Choice program, please contact the Parent Information Center (508) 799-3194 or the Office for Instruction and School Leadership at (508) 799-3499.

Request that the Administration, prior to the School Choice vote next year, provide language that would address the special preference for inter-district students who are siblings of School Choice students in a particular school.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

Recognition/ Robert Pezzella

8. gb #7-144.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 11, 2017)

To recognize Robert Pezzella, Director of School Safety for conducting the highly successful Bullying Prevention and Education Conference that was held at North High School.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item.

Student Representatives/ consider input

9. gb #7-147 - Administration (April 11, 2017)

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

10. ROS #7-7 - Administration (April 11, 2017)

Report of the Superintendent/ Progress Report on the Worcester HEARS Project

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORCESTER HEARS (HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS AND RESILIENCE IN SCHOOLS) PROJECT

Dr. Marco Rodrigues, Yue Kue, Ellen Kelley, Thomas DelPrete, Dr. David Perda, Michelle Montanez and Susan Donahue provided a progress report on the Worcester HEARS (Healthy Environments and Resilience in Schools) Project.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the School Committee Office with copies of the Mind Up Curriculum Brain Focused Strategies for Learning and Living, Grades Pre-K – 2, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of providing transportation for other schools to go to the Health Center at Worcester East Middle School.

Request that the Administration provide the number of disciplinary reports from City View, Grafton Street, Rice Square, Roosevelt and Worcester East Middle schools for the last three years.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

It was moved and voice voted to refer ros #7-7 to the Administration and file gb #6-396.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to allow Gordan and Gwen Davis to address the following petitions relative to testing and a budget hearing on the FY18 Budget:

Communication and Petition/public hearings/ FY18 Budget

11. 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.

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

Communication and Petition/standardized testing

12. c&p #7-2 - Clerk (April 6, 2017)

To consider a petition from a citizen regarding a request to hold public hearings on the impact of standardized testing on students in the Worcester Public Schools.

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

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

13. The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building.

Advanced Placement Examinations/review scores

gb #5-244 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (September 10, 2015)

To review the scores achieved by Worcester students in the Spring 2015 administration of the Advanced Placement examinations, in all courses and at all levels.

4-24-17 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Ganias spoke to the backup for the item.

It was requested that the Administration provide in a Friday Letter the list of teachers for the program and the number of overtime hours provided to them to date.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Administration with a recommendation that sufficient funding be included in the Budget for the Capstone Program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo requested that the Administration provide the A.P. scores in a Friday Letter in June.

FILE at the Standing Committee level.

4-27-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as stated.

gb #6-50.1 - Administration/Mayor Petty/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough (March 9, 2016)

SkillsUSA/ consider joining

Response of the Administration to the request to consider joining and fully funding Worcester Technical High School's schoolwide participation in SkillsUSA.

4-24-17 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Suomala provided a report on SkillsUSA.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the FY18 Budget for a report as to the costs to implement the SkillsUSA Program, if funds are available.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

4-27-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as stated.

Summer School Programs

gb #6-270 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria (July 22, 2016)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the summer school programs to include:

-academic progress
-attendance
-community involvement
-engagement of colleges in summer activities
-number of ELL students
-number of grade 1 and 2 students

and suggest improvements for next year.

4-24-17 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Rojas spoke to the item.

Mr. Monfredo and Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for a Standing Committee meeting in the Fall of 2017 in order to include recommendations from the Administration as to the program for the Summer of 2018. It was further requested that the Administration provide information on the following:

- expansion of opportunities for students in grades 1 and 2 with a focus on enrolling more of them in appropriate summer school programs

- expansion of internships and externships for students for enrichment purposes

- feasibility of offering a full course at the secondary level for full academic credit during the summer as a double period course

- opportunities in connection with summer school initiatives with a focus on the needs of at-risk students

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

4-27-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as stated.

gb #6-308 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria (September 7, 2016)

Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Radiation

To discuss the impact of radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation from wifi and cellular towers on students and staff in schools, potentially including neurologic impairment and malignancy, and to consider means of minimizing any such risk within the Worcester Public Schools by changes as to practice and policy.

4-24-17 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that Annex A of the backup for the item be placed on the WPS website and be given to all schools to be shared with the students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

4-27-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as amended.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

On a roll call of 5-2 (nays-Mr. Monfredo and Mr. O'Connell), the motion was approved.

PEAK Program/ consider reestablishment of

gb #7-59 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough (February 6, 2017)

To reestablish the PEAK ("Providing Enrichment for Able Kids") Program in the Worcester Public Schools.

4-24-17 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Ganias stated that the Administration is proposing that it organize a PEAK-like experience for students using the Title I SES funds.

Mr. Monfredo inquired as to the feasibility of establishing after-school PEAK-like enrichment programs for students, and, if possible, provide a report on such a program at the Standing Committee in September.

Dr. Ganias indicated that she could provide a list of after-school programs that are PEAK-like.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for a progress report in June or July.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

4-27-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as stated.

Wrestling Teams/ feasibility of establishing

gb #7-60 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/Miss McCullough (February 7, 2017)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of establishing competitive wrestling teams in the Worcester Public Schools.

4-24-17 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

4-27-17 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee as stated.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

14. gb #7-145.1 - Administration/Administration (April 11, 2017)

Innovation Plan/ Goddard School of Science and Technology

To consider approval of the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

It was moved to approve the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

It was moved to suspend the Rules of the School Committee for the purpose of reconsideration.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

It was moved to reconsider the motion to approve the Innovation Plan for the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: 0

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

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The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Summer School Programs

15. gb #7-95.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/ Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo (April 11, 2017)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the status of the 2017 Elementary Summer School Programs.

Miss Biancheria indicated that she would like to receive information at the May 4th or May 18th meeting relative to summer school programming for the middle and high schools.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the when the report on summer schools for middle and high schools is provided to the School Committee that it include the following dates and times:

-that the mobile libraries will be at the parks
-that the food trucks will be at the parks

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

16. gb #7-148 - Administration (April 11, 2017) — FY18 Budget Hearings

To set the dates for the FY18 Budget Hearings.

It was moved and voice voted to set the dates of Thursday, June 1, 2017 and Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

17. gb #7-149 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/ Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/ Miss Biancheria (March 19, 2017) — Special Education/ provide parents with list of summer school opportunities

Request that the Special Education parents receive a listing of summer school opportunities available from the list compiled by Anne Bureau of the Worcester Community Connection Coalition.

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

Mr. Monfredo requested that the listing of Special Education Opportunities compiled by Anne Bureau be given to the Director of Special Education to be distributed to parents.

18. gb #7-150 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (March 30, 2017) — Recognition/ set date

To set a date to congratulate Brian Cummings, an advanced manufacturing instructor at Worcester Technical High School, on his selection as a recipient of the Thomas S. Green Award by the Worcester Regional Research Bureau.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Recognition/ set date

19. gb #7-151 - Administration (April 5, 2017)

To set a date to recognize Brian Allen for having received for the 4th time, the Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in preparation and issuance of its budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 from the Association of the School Business Officials International (ASBO).

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Education

20. gb #7-152 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 5, 2017)

To request funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education to enable low-income students to take, free of charge, advanced placement examinations in biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, calculus, statistics and environmental science, through the STEM Pipeline Fund, pursuant to the March 31, 2017 press release issued by the Executive Office.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Recognition/ set date

21. gb #7-153 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 5, 2017)

To set a date to recognize Carol Manning, Debra McGovern and John Monfredo for having been selected as the 2017 Heart of Gold Award from the American Heart Association.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 18, 2017.

22. gb #7-154 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 6, 2017)

Recognition/
WEDF Spring 2017
Mini-Grant Recipients

To congratulate the recipients of the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. (WEDF) Spring 2017 Mini-Grants, which were awarded to "civic engagement proposals to help students become better informed citizens for the preservation of our democracy" in the cumulative amount of $4,800 as follows:

Colleen Kelly	Mini Lecture Series for AP US History Students	District-wide
Jayne Cardin	Civics with Digital Literacy	Rice Square School
Christine Rovezzi	Worcester, You Have a Friend in Me	Gates Lane School of International Studies
Brenda Dubrey	All American City Tour	Thorndyke Road School
Allyson Houlihan	North High Community Outreach Committee	North High School
Alexizendria Link	Culinary & Musical Arts Series	North High School
Phyllis Goldstein	Lin-Manuel Miranda: A Study in Text to Music	North High School
Chris Pappas	Civic Engagement: Teens Learning About and Supporting Early Literacy	Alternative High School

Jennifer Rochon	Three-Dimensional Design Renditions	Worcester Technical High School
Rick Torres	Aligned with ADA Guidelines	
Lilyvette Perez	Bullying Prevention Project	Chandler Magnet School
Steve Alzamora	Cultural & Linguistic Library	Caradonio New Citizen Center
Brian Cummings	Understanding OSHA Regulations	Worcester Technical High School

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Worcester Educational Development Foundation for its most recent example of support and encouragement to our school system.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Recognition/ set date

23. gb #7-155 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 6, 2017)

To congratulate Marco Rodrigues, Ed.D. on his selection as Superintendent of the Hudson Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, June 15, 2017.

24. gb #7-156 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 6, 2017)

Friend of Public Education/submit a nomination

To submit a nomination for the Friend of Public Education Award of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration to submit a nomination on its behalf prior to the June 1 deadline.

25. gb #7-157 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 6, 2017)

Outstanding School Partner Award/submit a nomination

To submit a nomination for the Outstanding School Partner Award of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration to submit a nomination on its behalf prior to the June 1 deadline.

26. gb #7-158 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 6, 2017)

Community Leader for Public Education/submit a nomination

To submit a nomination for the Community Leader for Public Education Award of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration to submit a nomination on its behalf prior to the June 1 deadline.

MASC/select voting delegate and alternate voting delegate

27. gb #7-159 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 6, 2017)

To select a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, scheduled for November 1, 2017.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee consider either changing the School Committee meeting on November 1, 2017 or cancelling it so that School Committee members can attend the Annual Meeting of the MASC.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

MASC/resolutions

28. gb #7-160 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 6, 2017)

To submit any resolutions which the School Committee wishes to present for deliberation at the Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It was moved and voice voted to contact Mr. O'Connell with any resolutions which the School Committee wishes to present for deliberation at the Annual Business Meeting of the MASC.

29. gb #7-161 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 6, 2017)

Recognition/Smalley Scholarship recipients

To congratulate the following students as recipients of the Smalley Scholarship, entitling each of them to a $10,000 award per year for four years:

Doherty Memorial High School
Aliecia Bottali
Diane Nguyen
Osamah Mandawi
Alexandra Biro
South High Community School
Deni Hoxha
Worcester Technical High School
Briyana Chataigne

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

30. gb #7-162 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/ Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 10, 2017)

Recognition/ Burncoat High School's Quadrivium and David Twiss

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Burncoat High School's Quadrivium Musical Group and David Twiss, Music Director for placing first in the Worcester Educational Collaborative's Second Annual WEC'appella Contest, Worcester's Premier a Cappella Competition, held at Mechanics Hall.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Burncoat High School's Quadrivium and David Twiss be invited to a School Committee for the singing of the National Anthem and one of their award winning songs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

No Live Lice Policy

31. gb #7-163 - Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria (April 12, 2017)

To review the new No Live Lice Policy to ensure that schools are following the reentry procedures.

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

Recognition/ set date

32. gb #7-164 - Administration (April 12, 2017)

To set a date to recognize Jean McNerney, a physical education teacher at South High Community School, for receiving the Massachusetts Physical Education Teacher Award of the Year.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Recognition/ set date

33. gb #7-165 - Administration (April 14, 2017)

To set a date to recognize the following schools for having received the Eos Foundation and Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge Award:

Schools	Principals	Nutrition People
Belmont Street Community School	Sue Hodgkins	Debora Gonyea
Canterbury Street Magnet Computer-Based School	Mary Sealey	Rosina Brindisi
Chandler at the Y	Jessica Boss	Jillian Stapleton

Elm Park Community School	Joany Santa	Linda Vivlamore
Lincoln Street School	Martha Dewar	Cheryl Burke
Francis J McGrath Elementary School	Paula Gibb-Severin	Michelle Cantwell
Union Hill School	Ishmael Tabales	Theresa Zarr
Vernon Hill School	Corenza Jackson	Jayne Troy
Wawecus Road School	Joanna Loftus	Kathleen Senior
Woodland Academy	Patricia Padilla	Lynne Stewart

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 4, 2017.

33. gb #7-166 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/ Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/ Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (April 14, 2017)

Recognition/ Joshua Donahue

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Joshua Donahue, a senior at Worcester Technical High School, for receiving the Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Award from the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

34. gb #7-167 - Mayor Petty/Mr. Foley/ Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/ Mr. Monfredo (April 18, 2017)

Comprehensive Plan for Materials that may contain PCBs at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School

To consider approval of a Comprehensive Plan for Materials that may contain PCBs at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School.

Miss Biancheria chaired the meeting from 9:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide quarterly reports on the ventilation and on-going cleaning efforts at Burncoat High and Doherty Memorial High schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration include in its quarterly reports statements as to the frequency of changing air handlers, air handler filters and uninvent filters.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved to approve A Comprehensive Plan for Materials That May Contain PCBs at Burncoat High School and Doherty Memorial High School.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion:	Miss Biancheria, 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.

Resolution

35. gb #7-168 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria
(April 18, 2017)

To approve and endorse the following petition prepared by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and forward it to members of the Worcester Legislative Delegation, as recommended by MASC (MASC Bulletin, April 2017, Page 4):

In light of the 2015 findings of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, the increasing urgency of school budgeting gaps across Massachusetts, and in support of Senate Bill 223:

We are convinced the providing of a high-quality education to every student within the Commonwealth regardless of wealth, income, educational background, or zip code is not only a matter of constitutional obligation but of generational responsibility.

We, the undersigned, agree with the Foundation Budget Review Commission regarding both the constitutional obligation and generational responsibility the Commonwealth holds for all of our students. We recognize the ever-increasing gaps among schools and the increasing dependence of our municipalities on local revenue to fund our schools. We appreciate that it is this dependence, and the inequities that result from it, that the foundation budget was intended to alleviate. We share the concern that in continuing to postpone reform of the foundation budget, we jeopardize the good work of public education and thus the health of our democracy itself.

As such, we, the undersigned, call for implementation of the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission with all available speed.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the School Committee meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee consider revisions to the proposed resolutions regarding the need to fund the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Donation/ Scholastic Inc./$229.05

36. gb #7-169 - Administration (April 18, 2017)

To accept a donation from Scholastic Inc. in the amount of $229.05 to Woodland Academy.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

Donation/Andy's Attic/$180.25

37. gb #7-170 - Administration (April 18, 2017)

To accept a donation from Andy's Attic in the amount of $180.25 for partial funding for marketing a field trip at South High Community School.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, 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.

38. gb #7-171 - Administration (April 18, 2017) Recognition/ set date

To set a date to recognize the following teachers of Advanced Placement courses who received the 2017 Partners in Excellence (PIE) Award from Mass Insight Education:

South High Community School
Caroline Rossi, Calculus AB
Kellie Moulin, Calculus BC
Emilie Richmond, Chemistry
Leanne Ledoux, English Literature & Composition
Tara Vaidya, Physics

Worcester Technical High School
Jennifer Hardy, Computer Science A
Jacquelyn Kalisz, Physics

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 18, 2017.

39. gb #7-172 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/ Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo (April 18, 2017) Playground Equipment

Request that the Administration provide an inventory, by school, for outside playground equipment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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