

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Agenda #13 and #13A

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough and Mr. Monfredo

There were absent: Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

The invocation was given by Pastor Lou Soiles of Journey Community Church.

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| 1. | A Moment of Silence was offered in memory of Cathy-Flink Harrison who served the Worcester Public Schools for more than 30 years. | Moment of Silence/
Cathy Flink-Harrison |
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The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

The National Anthem was played.

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following items:

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| 2. | gb #7-184 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria
(May 5, 2017) | Reading in our City
Week/Proclamation |
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Request that the Administration encourage all of the schools to hold a summer reading kickoff during the week of June 12th as part of our "Reading in our City Week" to highlight the importance of reading during the summer months and invite parents to the event.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

Mr. Monfredo read a Proclamation, on behalf of Mayor Petty, declaring the week of June 12th as Reading in Our City Week.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration advertise the importance of literacy in June by putting:

- posters up in various businesses in the community
- messages on electric signs on all the WRTA busses
- posters at the Worcester Public Library, social agencies and the YMCA and

by forwarding messages to interfaith groups and parents through ConnectEd at least two times during the summer, once in early July and another in early August.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Recognition/
set date

3. gb #7-197 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

To set a date to recognize the first grade students at Thorndyke Road School who learned, as a result of a WEDF grant, the history of the City of Worcester, the heart of the Commonwealth.

The following students read letters regarding the need to install a Thorndyke Road Street sign with a heart on it:

Madison Derrie	Lauren Mariano
Elijah Donker	Sonset Mas-Oud
Marco Estrell-Morales	Finn McDonough
Sophia Henry	Chase Sullivan

Vice-chairman Biancheria indicated that Certificates of Recognition would be forwarded to each of the students by Mayor Petty.

4. It was moved and voice voted to suspend the Rules of the School Committee to allow the following individuals to address the Committee relative to the teacher contract:

Teacher Contract

Roger Nugent, President, EAW
James Murphy, Teacher, Worcester East
Middle School
Ann Clarke, Teacher, City View School
Jai Chavis, Student, Worcester Technical
High School

Mr. O'Connell arrived at 7:30 p.m.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

5. gb #7-150.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(May 9, 2017)

Recognition/
Brian Cummings

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.

Vice-chairman Biancheria and Superintendent Binienda presented a Certificate of Recognition to Brian Cummings on his selection as a recipient of the Thomas S. Green Award by the Worcester Regional Research Bureau.

6. gb #7-153.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(May 9, 2017)

Recognition/
Carol Manning/
Debra McGovern and
John Monfredo

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

Vice-chairman Biancheria and Superintendent Binienda presented Certificates of Recognition to the 2017 Heart of Gold Award recipients from the American Heart Association.

Recognition/
Caroline Rossi,
Kellie Moulin,
Emilie
Richmond,
Leanne Ledoux,
Tara Vaidya,
Jennifer Hardy
and Jacquelyn
Kalisz

7. gb #7-171.1 - Administration/Administration
(May 9, 2017)

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

Vice-chairman Biancheria and Superintendent Binienda presented Certificates of Recognition to the teachers of Advanced Placement courses who received the 2017 Partners in Excellence (PIE) Award from Mass Insight Education.

Student
Representatives/
input

8. gb #7-180 - Administration
(May 9, 2017)

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Minutes/
approval of

9. aor #7-11 - Clerk
(May 10, 2017)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 27, 2017.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 27, 2017.

10. aor #7-12 - Clerk
(May 10, 2017)

Minutes/approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 4, 2017.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 4, 2017.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

11. ROS #7-9 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

Report of the
Superintendent/
Innovation School
End of Cycle Report

INNOVATION SCHOOL END OF CYCLE REPORT

Dr. Rodrigues provided a report relative to the Innovation School End of Cycle Report.

The following principals were also in attendance:

Mr. Brenner, Worcester Technical High School
Ms. Padilla, Woodland Academy
Ms. Perez, Chandler Magnet School
Mrs. Ryan, Goddard Scholars Academy
Mr. St. Louis, University Park Campus School

It was moved to request that the School Committee approve the improvement and renewal of the Innovation Plan Progress Phases for a 3 year renewal cycle, commencing July 2017 and ending in June 2020 for the following Innovation Schools:

Chandler Magnet School
Goddard Scholars Academy at Sullivan
Middle School
University Park Campus School
Woodland Academy
Worcester Technical 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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the backup be referred to the
Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and
Student Supports and invite the staffs of the
Innovation Schools when the item is discussed.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Restorative Justice
Program/North
High School and
Claremont
Academy

12. gb #6-369.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo
(May 10, 2017)

Response of the Administration to the request to
provide a progress report in the Spring of 2017 on
the implementation of the Restorative Justice
Program at both North High School and Claremont
Academy.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for
the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, June
1, 2017.

Casey at the Bat

13. gb #7-181 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria
(April 28, 2017)

To celebrate the anniversary of the death of the
poet, Ernest Lawrence Thayer, who wrote Casey at
the Bat and do a live presentation of the poem by
members of the School Committee.

The School Committee recited the poem "Casey at the Bat."

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

14. gb #7-182 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(May 1, 2017)

Recognition/
David Crompton

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to David, Crompton coach of the Model Congress at Sullivan Middle School, for the awards won at the Model UN Conference that was held at Worcester State University.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of expanding the Model UN Congress Program at other secondary schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

15. gb #7-183 - Administration
(May 3, 2017)

Grant/Integrated English
Literacy and Civics
Education Grant/
\$51,602

To accept the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grant in the amount of \$51,602.

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	6
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Against the motion:	0
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Absent: Mayor Petty	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:
Request that the Administration explain whether or not the manufacturing and citizenship classes are embedded into the ESL curriculum and, if so, do that limit the number of students who participate in the Chapter 74 Program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Recognition/
Jeffery Lane and
Judy Millott

16. gb #7-185 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(May 8, 2017)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Jeffrey Lane and Judy Millott, both teachers from Worcester Technical High School, for receiving the American Heart Association's Heroes Award at the American Heart Association's Heart Walk event.

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

Recognition/
Special Arts Award
winners

17. gb #7-186 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(May 8, 2017)

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to the following seniors for receiving the Special Arts Awards at the Worcester Public School's Arts Festival held at the Worcester Public Library and to Performing Arts Liaison Lisa Leach and Visual Arts Liaison Timmary Leary for their work in coordinating this outstanding event:

Burncoat High School

Makalya Connor – Dance
Kylie Thomas – Music
Valenia Bergier - Theatre
Sandra Perez – Visual Arts

South High School

Katherine McFarlane –
Music
Jocelyn Marshall – Visual
Arts

Claremont Academy:

Rebeka Mehmeti – Music
John Le – Visual Arts

University Park Campus
School

Krystal Bailey – Visual
Arts

Doherty Memorial High
School

Jared Ferrin – Music
Kylee Rutkiewicz –
Theatre
Kayliani Rodriguez –
Visual Arts

Worcester Technical High
School

Tymannie Isales-Santos
– Media Arts
Giovanni "Geo" Petrella –
Music
Ryan Finneran Gallagher
– Theatre
Tracy Le – Visual Arts

North High School

Enrique Delgado – Art
History
Romaine Powell – Music
Jose Rosario – Theatre
Max Rossetti – Visual Arts

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

18. gb #7-187 - Administration
(May 8, 2017)

Donations/Tatnuck
Magnet School/\$420.90

To accept the following donations for Tatnuck
Magnet School:

Atta Gyekye	\$ 5.00
Christian Agyare & Susana Asomaniwaa	\$ 5.00
Sarah Loy, Brian Bickford, and Maia Bickford-Loy	\$ 15.00
Andrew & Kristine Whittemore	\$ 25.00
I.U.O.E. Local No. 4 Social Action Committee	\$150.00
Box Tops for Education	\$220.90

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Donations/Box
Tops for
Education/Main
South Community
Development
Corp./Scholastic
Book Fair/
\$1,930.12

19. gb #7-188 - Administration
(May 8, 2017)

To accept the following donations for Woodland
Academy:

Box Tops for Education	\$ 26.80
Main South Community Development Corp.	\$ 36.00
Scholastic Book Fair	\$1,867.32

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Donation/United
Way/\$500.00

20. gb #7-189 - Administration
(May 8, 2017)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00
from United Way to Burncoat Street Preparatory
School for 89% participation in the United Way
fundraising campaign.

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

21. gb #7-190 - Administration
(May 8, 2017)

Donation/United Way/
\$500.00

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00
from United Way to Worcester Technical High
School for being the school to contribute the
most to the United Way fundraising campaign.

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

22. gb #7-191 - Administration
(May 9, 2017)

Donation/Darlene
Monteiro/\$25.00

To accept a donation in the amount of \$25.00
from Darlene Monteiro for the Special Education
Summer Programs.

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Donation/Box
Tops for
Education/
\$58.00

23. gb #7-192 - Administration
(May 9, 2017)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$58.00
from Box Tops for Education for Canterbury
Street Magnet Computer-Based 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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Donation/Fidelity
Charitable/\$100.00

24. gb #7-193 - Administration
(May 9, 2017)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00
from Fidelity Charitable for costs associated with
the school-year opening address scheduled for
August 2017.

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

25. gb #7-194 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

Donation/UMASS
Memorial Health
Care/\$1,157.00

To accept a donation in the amount of
\$1,157.00 from UMASS Memorial Health Care,
Inc. for Belmont Street Community School for
an afterschool fitness club.

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 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

26. gb #7-195 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize the following
individuals who received the "Service Above Self"
Community Service Award from the Rotary Club
of Worcester:

Molly O. McCullough, School Committee Member
Jane Dowd, guidance counselor at Burncoat
High School
Patricia Zavars, long-term substitute physical
education teacher, Woodland Academy

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of
Thursday, June 1, 2017.

Recognition/
set date

27. gb #7-196 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

To set a date to recognize Lisa Carignan, a
teacher at Columbus Park Preparatory
Academy, for receiving the Webster Square
Business Association's Teacher of the Year.

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

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/WB
Mason/
\$1,685.00

28. gb #7-198 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the
amount of \$1,685.00 to WB Mason.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item.

Mr. O'Connell inquired as to why WB Mason didn't
forward its bill in a timely manner.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the backup
indicated that the Accounts Payable Department
did not receive any past due notices and were
unaware of any balance until the vendor contacted
them in late March. The PO was cancelled on
March 15th.

He also inquired as to whether the amount to be
paid is just for services of the items purchased
from WB Mason or whether there is any other
charge added for a late payment.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for the next meeting of the School Committee on June 1, 2017.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

29. gb #7-199 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo
(May 10, 2017)

Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize Elizabeth Vecchio, Information Specialist, for designing invitations, flyers of appreciation, informational posters for select major events in the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item.

30. gb #7-200 - Administration
(May 10, 2017)

Executive Session

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

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation of a worker's compensation case for a Teacher, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item

It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following items from Agenda #13A:

Chinese Language
and Culture
Advanced
Placement Course

31. gb #7-201 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(May 8, 2017)

To implement the new Chinese Language and Culture Advanced Placement course in the Worcester public secondary schools as soon as a sufficient number of students have completed all prerequisites required to enable them to take the course.

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

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports to make certain that the Administration maintains unbroken progress for students who want to study Mandarin Chinese in our school system, ideally from grade 1 through grade 12 and that it look closely at the Chinese Language and Culture Advanced Placement course which will be an actual capstone course for this particular program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Resolution/submit
to the MASC for its
2017 Delegate
Assembly

32. gb #7-202 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough
(May 9, 2017)

To submit the resolution approved by the School Committee at its May 4th meeting to "petition the 190th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to implement without further delay in full the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission," to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, for consideration at its 2017 Delegate Assembly.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee submit the resolution that was approved on May 4, 2017 to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and request that it be placed on the agenda for the 2017 Delegate Assembly.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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