

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

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 5:34 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Mr. Foley and Chairman Monfredo

There was absent: Miss Biancheria

Miss Biancheria arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Representing Administration: Ms. Boulais and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: G. Bares and Dr. McGovern

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. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide an update in April 2017 regarding the utilization of the proceeds of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program grant received by the Main South CDC.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #5-254 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (September 23, 2015)

Request that the Administration review the procedure for hiring contracted consultants who provide educational programs to staff in the Worcester Public School.

gb #5-254 (continued)

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide, in a Friday Letter, a list of consultants in the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley inquired as to what extent the Administration has a consultant or company in mind when it writes a grant as opposed to receiving funding and then seeking a consultant.

Ms. Boulais indicated that she could provide some additional background information when the list is provided in a Friday Letter.

FILE.

gb #5-300 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (October 28, 2015)

To determine whether school principals are permitted to serve as "decision-makers" in student discipline hearings held pursuant to Section 37H 3/4 of the Massachusetts General Laws (as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012), as is their right, and, if so, to verify that the principals are receiving the support, training, and legal advice necessary or proper to assist them in exercising their authority and discretion in this regard.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter as to more detail on the support, training, and legal advice the principals are receiving to assist them in exercising their authority and discretion in school discipline hearings.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

FILE.

c&p #6-1 - Clerk (February 16, 2016)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding a:

- request that Worcester's public high schools host a contest for students to design a banner to mount on the telephone poles/street lights near their schools and
- request that the School Committee's videos be archived on the City's website

Mr. Foley requested that the Administration provide recommendations regarding:

- a proposed advertisement on a banner in order to have a uniform format
- cost analysis for the project and
- fees for possible sponsorship of banners.

HOLD.

gb #6-40 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough (January 11, 2016)

To prepare any resolutions which the Worcester School Committee may wish to submit to the 2016 meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Mr. Monfredo would like the legislative delegation to endorse the Foundation Budget Review Commission Report and provide full funding for pre-school programs, especially at Level III or Level IV schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee go on record as supporting the following MASC resolutions:

- Foundation Budget
- Charter School Reform
- Tax Reform Ballot Question
- Social and Emotional Well Being of Students

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #6-271 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (July 21, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider including training in the Heimlich maneuver as part of the Compression CPR Program and review the Heimlich Heroes Program, which was created by Deaconess Associations, Inc. (DAI) with the support from the Heimlich Institute, for possible implementation in the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration consider providing training in the Heimlich Maneuver as part of the CPR Training for grades 7-12 and provide an update in April 2017.

Request that the Administration provide a report in April 2017 regarding training taking place in grades 2-6 to include the number of students being trained.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that Administration consider providing a shorter version of the Heimlich Maneuver to students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration consider implementing a pilot program and, if it is implemented, provide an evaluation at the end of the year.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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