

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Agenda #14 and #15

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

1. gb #6-167 - Miss Biancheria Grievance #15/16-20
April 8, 2016

To reconsider the motion to deny Grievance #15/16-20.

It was moved to reconsider the motion to deny Grievance #15/16-20.

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
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Against the motion:		$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to Executive Session.

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

2. gb #6-168 - Administration Executive Session
(April 20, 2016)

Finding that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee, the committee votes to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Grievance #15/16-20.

To discuss strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel – Superintendent-Elect.

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:		$\frac{0}{7}$

The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:31 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

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

The invocation was offered by Reverend Carla Dietz of Greendale People's Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered and the National Anthem was played.

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Grievance #15/16-20

3. gb #6-167 - Miss Biancheria
April 8, 2016

To reconsider the motion to deny Grievance #15/16-20.

It was moved to hold 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
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Against the motion:		$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to request that the Administration refund the \$160.00 to the EAW without prejudice to the rights of the School Committee under the contract for all future events.

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
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Against the motion:		$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

It was moved and voice voted to take up the following item from Agenda #14.

4. gb #6-77.1 - Administration/Administration
(April 8, 2016)

School Choice

To hold a public hearing on School Choice.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report as to the number of children attending the Worcester Public Schools under School Choice from outside the City of Worcester and the amount of revenue we have derived from that this year and recent years.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved to request that the Worcester Public Schools participate in School Choice for the 2016-17 academic 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
7

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Minutes/
Approval of

5. aor #6-11 - Clerk
(April 19, 2016)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School
Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 7, 2016.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the
School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 7, 2016.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Recognition/
Josh Thibodeau Helping
Hearts Foundation

6. gb #6-20.2 -Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(March 1, 2016)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the many
donations of defibrillators to the Worcester Public Schools
by the Josh Thibodeau Helping Hearts Foundation.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Recognition/
Worcester Educational
Development Foundation

7. gb #6-112.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(April 13, 2016)

To recognize the Worcester Educational Development
Foundation for awarding grants to the following schools:

Woodland Academy	Multicultural Gala	\$1,000
North High School	Community and Educational Fair	\$1,000

May Street School	Put Down Your Technology–Pick up a Classic	\$1,000
Lake View School	The Music of Sound	\$193
Burncoat Middle School/ Health and Physical Education Department	Stayin Alive	\$1,000
Gates Lane School of International Studies	Mom, Dad Look What We Can Do! (STEM)	\$1,000
Worcester Arts Magnet School	Ready for Summer Learning Through Play	\$1,000
Chandler Magnet School	Helping Young Children's Science Minds Grow	\$543
Elm Park Community School	Focusing on Science	\$980

Mayor Petty and Dr. Rodrigues presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Worcester Educational Development to awarding grants to many schools.

8. gb #6-126.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 13, 2016)

Recognition/
Jeffrey Lane, Judith
Millott and students at
Worcester Technical High
School

To recognize Jeffrey Lane, Judith Millott and the students at Worcester Technical High School for their fundraising efforts for Tedy's Team to benefit the American Heart/American Stroke Association for Heart Month.

Mayor Petty and Dr. Rodrigues presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jeffrey Lane, Judith Millott and the students at Worcester Technical High School for their fundraising efforts for Tedy's Team to benefit the American Heart/American Stroke Association for Heart Month.

Recognition/
Margaret Bondar

9. gb #6-130.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 13, 2016)

To recognize Margaret Bondar, Principal and staff members of Lake View School for receiving a MA Commendation Schools/MA Blue Ribbon School Grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the amount of \$15,000.

Mayor Petty and Dr. Rodrigues presented a Certificate of Recognition to Margaret Bondar, Principal and staff members of Lake View School for receiving a MA Commendation Schools/MA Blue Ribbon School Grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the amount of \$15,000.

Student Representative/
input

10. gb #6-140 - Administration
(April 14, 2016)

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

Communication and
Petition/portrait of Maureen
Binienda in every public
school building

11. c&p #6-4 - Clerk
(April 20, 2016)

To consider a communication from a citizen with a request to install a portrait of Maureen Binienda, Superintendent-Elect in the entranceway of every public school building as a welcoming sign to parents, students, educators and educational support professionals.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

12. The Joint Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

c&p #2-19 - Clerk (December 12, 2012)

To consider a communication from the City Clerk regarding the City Council's Standing Committee on Education and the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations to consider meeting jointly on a regular basis throughout the year concerning issues of overlapping interest.

Communication and
Petition/meet on a regular
basis with the City
Council's Standing
Committee on Education

4-25-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Allen presented a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the FY17 Budget as contained in Annex A of the backup for the item.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

motion (gb #5-93) - Mr. Foley (November 16, 2015)

Request that the Foundation Budget Review Committee's Final Report and the PowerPoint presentation be referred to the Joint Committee of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education.

Foundation Budget
Review Committee's
Final Report

4-25-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Allen presented a PowerPoint presentation on the final report of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, as contained in the backup for the item.

Councilor Bergman made the following motion:

Request that the Chief Financial Officer of the Worcester Public Schools draft a resolution with the City Council to be forwarded to the local Legislative Delegation to seek more funding for the Worcester Public Schools by fully funding the Budget Review Commissioner's recommendations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Councilor Bergman requested that the City Council go on record requesting that the State Legislature include in the final FY17 Chapter 70 state budget an adjustment to the 2010 skipped quarter for the foundation budget inflation factor, as referenced in the final Foundation Budget Review Commission Report that would provide the Worcester Public Schools an additional \$12,000,000 in state aid.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

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On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Chairman Foley and Chairman Bergman made the following motion:

Request that the Administration seek a legal opinion from Attorney Moore as to whether the statute of limitations on time would preclude the entities from seeking legal action for recovering the \$12,000,000 which would have come to the Worcester Public Schools if the skipped quarter from 2010 was included in the inflation calculation.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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13. The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

gb #4-148 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (May 7, 2014)

Provisional
Custodians/
home rule petition

To file a "home rule petition" to permit the award of civil service appointment status to provisional custodians of the Worcester Public Schools, in light of the absence of a state appointment examination for these positions.

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

gb #4-205 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (July 22, 2014)

Internal Revenue
Service Form 1023-
EZ

To inform parent groups, booster clubs, and other entities supportive of the Worcester Public Schools about Internal Revenue Service Form 1023-EZ, which, effective as of July 1, permits most such entities to file for Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status on a simple and expedited basis, as detailed in IRS News Release 2014-77.

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration inform the schools and the CPPAC relative to Internal Revenue Service Form 1023-EZ, which permits entities to file for a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status on a simple and expedited basis.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Transportation/
Kindergarten students/
policy and procedures

gb #4-249.2 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/Miss Biancheria (September 3, 2014)

Response of the Administration to the request to review with the School Committee members the policy and procedures for kindergarten students getting on and off of the school busses.

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Hennessey spoke about the excellent policy and procedures for kindergarten students getting on and off busses.

FILE.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Cell Phone Policy

gb #5-291 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley (October 19, 2015)

Request that the School Committee review the policy on cell phones and gather information from all secondary principals.

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

A group of secondary principals attended the meeting to discuss possible changes to the cell phone policy.

Some of the suggestions made included:

- creation of three separate policies for elementary, middle and secondary schools
- retention of cell phones in lockers for middle school students
- delineate ways to use cell phones in an appropriate way for 21st century learning at the high school level
- restrictions for video and audio
- access to well defined professional use of cell phones
- restrictions relative to computer watch use
- proper phone etiquette early, perhaps in 6th grade

Miss Biancheria indicated that the amended cell phone policy should be included in the 2016-17 Policies Handbook.

The following principals volunteered to serve on a committee to develop proposed elementary, middle and high school cell phone policies:

Mr. Peter Bowler
Ms. Lisa Houlihan
Mr. Timothy Whalen
Mr. Ricci Hall
Mr. William Foley
Ms. Lisa Dyer

The committee should forward the proposed policies to the School Committee Office on or before, May 11, 2016 for presentation at the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee issue.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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Mrs. Lisa Dyer	Mrs. Houlihan
Mr. William Foley	Mr. Whalen

The committee should forward the proposed policies to the School Committee Office on or before, May 18, 2016 for presentation at the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.

Mr. O'Connell stated the system did not need a new policy, revised policy or a watered down policy. What is needed is an effective, consistent enforcement of the current Cell Phone Policy. By policy, the principals require that students put their cell phones in their locker at the beginning of the day and that it remain there during the course of the day and the students take it home at the end of the day. The Administration hears periodic arguments about how a cell phone can be useful in school. What is not often addressed is why a cell phone can be a significant

problem in school. Everyone knows that it is a distractive device. Students are specifically in school to learn and are not in school to be distracted by whatever other factors interfere with their concentration on learning and their focus on

problem in school. Everyone knows that it is a distractive device. Students are specifically in school to learn and are not in school to be distracted by whatever other factors interfere with their concentration on learning and their focus on instruction. If the Administration allows students to have cell phones during the day, it serves as an ongoing distraction to the students not only at the elementary and middle school levels but especially at the high level where the academic work is all that more sophisticated. He indicated concern that schools have essentially unfurled the white flag of surrender in terms of enforcing the policy that the system now has in effect. The policy needs to be not just retained but also enforced. He suggested that the Administration needs to send a message to the principals and support our teachers who want to enforce a vigorous policy with regard to no use of cell phones in class.

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

Policies/establish
Special Committee for

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.

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AA
– School District Legal Status.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AB
– The People and Their School District.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AC
– Nondiscrimination.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ACA – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ACAB – Sexual Harassment.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AD
– Educational Philosophy/School District Mission

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ADC – Smoking on School Premises.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ADDA – C.O.R.I. Requirement.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ADF – School District Wellness Program.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AE
– Commitment to Achievement.

These approvals were voted contingent on alignment
with the Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public
Schools, affective for the 2017-18 academic year.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

At the School Committee level, it was moved and
voice voted to approve Section AA – School District
Legal Status.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AB
– The People and Their School District.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AC
– Nondiscrimination.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ACA – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section
ACAB – Sexual Harassment.

Mr. O'Connell asked the Administration to verify that the titles of the Chief Human Resource Officer and the Instructional Support Personnel Director are correct and, if not, to correct them.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AD – Educational Philosophy/School District Mission

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section ADC – Smoking on School Premises.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section ADDA – C.O.R.I. Requirement.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section ADF – School District Wellness Program.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Section AE – Commitment to Achievement.

These approvals were voted contingent on alignment with the Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools, effective for the 2017-18 academic year.

14. The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievements met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

c&p #2-9 - Clerk (August 3, 2012)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the findings of an ACLU/Citizens for Juvenile Justice report entitled "Arrested Futures."

Communication
and Petition/
Arrested Futures

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report to the School Committee at the conclusion of the academic year regarding the implementation of the Agreement between the Worcester Public Schools

and the Worcester Police Department for the past year and any recommendations that it wishes to raise in connection with safety issues emerging from the current Agreement.

Request that the Administration prepare recommendations, at Budget time or thereafter, regarding an appropriate training program for staff members including, but not limited to, training in school law topics with regard to safety

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration consider conducting training for principals and assistant principals regarding safety.

Request that the Administration provide to the School Committee a weekly safety report in the Friday Letter to include not simply a checklist, but a description of all incidents that take place by school.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

FILE.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Standardized
Testing/review of

gb #4-298 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria (October 28, 2014)

To work with the Council of Great City Schools in a review of all standardized testing which takes place in the Worcester Public Schools, to (1) "review the entire array of assessments administered... to determine alignment, appropriateness, and technical quality", (2) to "review the findings from the comprehensive survey of district testing and make recommendations for improvement, (3) to "streamline or eliminate assessments that are found to be of low quality, redundant, or inappropriately used", and (4)

to "improve the use of assessment results to enhance classroom instruction, and curtail counterproductive 'test prep' practices", all as set forth in the October 15 "Commitments from the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Council of the Great City Schools on High-Quality Assessments."

4-26-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Perda and Mrs. Gorham provided a summary of the Administration's responses to the item, as contained in the backup for the item.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration review the amount of time that teachers are taking to prepare students for the district and statewide tests.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding weight given, if any, to PARCC or MCAS student results as part of the Admission Policy at Worcester Technical High School.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #5-25 - Administration (January 9, 2015)

To review the 2014-15 October 1st Student Enrollment Report.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with principals as to the feasibility of expanding the magnet school model or, for some, changing the emphasis of their respective magnet school.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

FILE.

4-28-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

PERSONNEL

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| | 15. | It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel Items 6-15 – 6-19. |
| Resignations | 6-15 | <p>The Superintendent ACKNOWLEDGES the RESIGNATION of the person named below:</p> <p>Martinez, Patzy, Teacher, Elementary, Woodland effective April 19, 2016.</p> <p>Perez, Randy, Teacher, Science, Doherty, effective April 8, 2016.</p> |
| Special Education Teacher/appointment of | 6-16 | <p>The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below:</p> <p>Shields, Jennifer, Teacher, Special Education, Norrback, MA+15, Step 8, \$73,602, effective March 11, 2016</p> |
| Senior Custodian/
appointment of | 6-17 | <p>The Superintendent has provisionally APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Senior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$17.52 (minimum) per hour to \$22.51 (maximum), per hour, effective as shown:</p> <p>O'Brien, Paul 12/14/2015</p> |
| Junior Custodians/
appointment of | 6-18 | <p>The Superintendent has provisionally APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Junior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$15.28 (minimum) to \$19.17 (maximum), per hour, effective as shown:</p> <p>Navarro, Luis 4/19/16
Boamah, Kwabena 4/19/16</p> |
| Aide to the Physically Handicapped/
appointment of | 6-19 | <p>The Superintendent has APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Aide to the Physically Handicapped, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$15.90 (minimum) to \$18.64 (maximum) per hour, from Civil Service List #315-078, effective as follows:</p> <p>Avala, Juan 4/4/16</p> |

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was moved and voice voted to consider the following items together:

16. gb #6-141 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 1, 2016) National Teacher's Week
and Nurses' Appreciation
Week/send email

Request that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, forward an e-mail to all teachers and nurses in the Worcester Public Schools during National Teacher's Week May 4 – 8 and Nurses' Appreciation Week May 6-12 in appreciation for their efforts for the students in the Worcester Public Schools.

- gb #6-142 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 1, 2016) Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize the Worcester Public Schools' Teacher of the Year, the finalists and the Nurse of the Year when the selection is completed.

(These items were considered together).

It was moved and voice voted to forward e-mails and to set the date in June 2016 for gb #6-142.

17. gb #6-143 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 4, 2016) Legislation/
Senate Bill 2203

To review, and to prepare recommendations for the Worcester legislative delegation, regarding Senate Bill 2203 – "an act enhancing reform, innovation and success in education."

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

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Education/update policies 18. gb #6-144 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 4, 2016)
- To update Worcester Public Schools' policies regarding substance abuse prevention and education, and to post the updated policies on the Worcester Public Schools website, in compliance with Chapter 71, Section 96 of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
- Policy JLCD/
Administration of medications to students 19. gb #6-145 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 4, 2016)
- To consider adoption of Policy JLCD of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, regarding administration of medications to students.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
- Policy JJF/student activity accounts 20. gb #6-146 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough
(April 4, 2016)
- To consider adoption of Policy JJF of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, regarding student activity accounts, to reflect the audit guidelines recently updated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.
- Home Run Club/
Reading incentive program 21. gb #6-147 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 4, 2016)
- Request that the Administration support the reading incentive program of Worcester's baseball team, the Worcester Bravehearts, by encouraging students in grades K-6 to participate in the "Home Run Club" during the month of May.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.

22. gb #6-148 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 11, 2016) Recognition/
set date

To set a date to recognize South High Community School's music teacher Angela Poirier and the students in the "South Harmonies" group for placing first in the first "WEC'appella" high school competition sponsored by the Worcester Educational Collaborative.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration invite the South Harmonies group to the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016 to sing one of their award winning songs and the National Anthem.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, June 2, 2016.

23. gb #6-149 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 11, 2016) Recognition/
Quadrivium Chorus

To forward a letter to congratulate the Quadrivium Chorus of Burncoat High School for achieving a first-place tie, and a Platinum rating, in the 2016 Disney Sings Choral Festival, with a score of 48 of 50 possible points.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

24. gb #6-150 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 12, 2016) Recognition/
Health and Science
Career Expo

Request that Administration forward a letter, on behalf of the School Committee, to UMASS Memorial Hospital for its support for the Health and Science Career Expo held at the College of the Holy Cross for our students.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter of thanks, on behalf of the School Committee, to the College of the Holy Cross for opening their doors to hold the Health and Science Career Expo for our students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

Financial Reports

25. gb #6-151 - Administration
(April 13, 2016)

To review the reports on compliance and internal controls for the City of Worcester, including the Worcester Public Schools, from the Certified Public Accounting firm of CliftonLarsenAllen, LLP for the year ended June 30, 2015 which include the GAO and OMB A-133 Reports and the Management Letter and the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education End of Year Financial Report for fiscal year 2015, prepared by Robert C. Alario, CPA, P.C.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide copies of the reports mentioned in the item prior to any discussion by the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

Legislative Delegation/ set up dates to meet with

26. gb #6-152 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 13, 2016)

Request that the Administration set up tentative dates to meet with our local delegation in late October 2016 and in January and March 2017.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for implementation and provide the School Committee with the dates at one of the meetings in June.

FY17 Budget Hearings

27. gb #6-153 - Administration
(April 13, 2016)

To set the dates for the FY17 Budget Hearings.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, June 2, 2016 and Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

28. gb #6-154 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 14, 2016) Millionaire Tax

To forward a letter of support, on behalf of the School Committee, to the Legislative Delegation to support the Fair Share Amendment known as the "Millionaire Tax," sponsored by the Raise Up Coalition, which would allow the state to charge an additional 4% tax on incomes above one million dollars per year and the money collected would be used to fund transportation and education initiatives.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley,
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: Ms. Colorio $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

29. gb #6-155 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 15, 2016) Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the donation of a "hybrid food truck" to the Worcester Public Schools, by the Stop and Shop Family Foundation and the Worcester County Food Bank.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 19, 2016.

30. gb #6-156 - Administration
(April 15, 2016) Donation/
Worcester Refugee
Assistance Project, Inc./
\$100
- To accept a donation from the Worcester Refugee Assistance Project, Inc. in the amount of \$100.00 in memory of Diane MacConnell for the Greendale Head Start Program on Grove Street.

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: $\frac{0}{7}$

The motion carried.

Donation/Worcester
District Medical Society/
\$1,000

31. gb #6-157 - Administration
(April 15, 2016)

To accept a donation from the Worcester District Medical Society in the amount of \$1,000.00 to support the CPR Project.

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: $\frac{0}{7}$

The motion carried.

Donation/
Digital Federal Credit
Union and the DCU for
Kids Charitable
Foundation/\$10,000

32. gb #6-158 - Administration
(April 15, 2016)

To accept a donation from Digital Federal Credit Union and the DCU for Kids Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 which is intended for scholarships to graduating seniors in the Worcester Public Schools.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide information on the names of the individuals who serve on the district Scholarship Committee, a list of the scholarships granted and the year that this committee began granting these scholarships.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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
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Against the motion:		$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

33. gb #6-159 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 19, 2016)

Recognition/Green
Reapers Team 1735/
Burncoat High School

To forward a letter of congratulations to the Green Reapers Team 1735 of Burncoat High School on winning the Judges Award at the robotics' New England District Championships for its "unique efforts, performance or dynamics".

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

34. gb #6-160 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough
(April 19, 2016)

Evening of Celebration/
continuance of

Request that the Administration continue in May or June the Annual Evening of Celebration which honors:

- staff (Thomas Jefferson Award)
- female Administrator of the Year (Frances Perkins)
- male Administrator of the Year (John Adams)
- Teacher of the Year
- Nurse of the Year

Miss Biancheria asked the Administration for the date for the Evening of Celebration.

Dr. Rodrigues indicated that the Evening of Celebration will be held on June 9, 2016.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

- Summer Reading/
place posters throughout
the community
35. gb #6-161 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(April 19, 2016)
- Request that the Administration place posters in locations throughout the community to alert the public about the importance of summer reading.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
- Miss McCullough left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- \$seedMA Program/invite
Treasurer Deborah
Goldberg to speak
36. gb #6-162 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 19, 2016)
- To invite Treasurer Deborah Goldberg to a School Committee meeting in May to explain the pilot \$seedMA program whose goal is to encourage Worcester kindergarten students and their families to plan and save for college.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
- Stand for the Silent Anti-
bullying Program
37. gb #6-163 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(April 19, 2016)
- Request that all schools participate in the "Stand for the Silent" anti-bullying program which will take place on April 29th and to thank Mr. Pezzella for spearheading the movement.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
- Donation/Hanover
Insurance Group/
\$2,500
38. gb #6-164 - Administration
(April 19, 2016)
- To accept a donation from The Hanover Insurance Group in the amount of \$2,500.00 to support the South High Community School's Band trip to Philadelphia.
- 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, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

39. gb #6-165 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(April 20, 2016) Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize Sebastian Kopacz, a 12th grade student in the Worcester Technical High School electrical program, on his selection by The Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) as one of 52 Massachusetts students honored at the 30th Annual Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Award Banquet at Mechanics Hall.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 19, 2016.

40. gb #6-166 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(April 20, 2016) Recognition/2016
Employee Payroll
Deduction Campaign

To congratulate the Gates Lane School of International Studies, Chandler Magnet School, Maureen Mohammed (South High Community School), and James Nowosacki (Francis J. McGrath Elementary School) upon their recognition, by the Worcester Educational Development Foundation, for their support of its 2016 Employee Payroll Deduction Campaign.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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