

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Agenda #19

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 5:35 p.m. in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mr. O'Connell,
Miss Ramirez and Mayor Petty

There was absent: Miss Biancheria

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

1. gb #5-239 - Administration
(September 9, 2015)

Policy Manual/
School Committee
chapter

To consider approval of the School Committee's
chapter to be included in the Policy Manual of the
Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the
following proposed change to the School Committee
Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 7	Replaced #21 and renumbered 22, 23, 24 and 25
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the
following proposed change to the School Committee
Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 8	Amend Rule 31, sentence 2 to read as follows: Each School Committee member shall serve on no less than two standing committees.
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 12	Amend Rule 57, sentence 2 to read as follows: All items of whatever description, including Standing Committee reports which may require action by the School Committee, shall be presented to the Clerk no later than 12 noon on the Wednesday in the week preceding the Thursday meeting.
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 14	Inserted #11 as follows: 11. School Committee members, within 1 year after their initial election or appointment, shall complete at least 8 hours of orientation concerning the responsibilities of their office at no cost to individual School Committee members.
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 21	Removed (c) (c) Vice-Chair – Once the school committee shall have organized and at that meeting, the committee shall elect one of its members, by majority vote of all the members elected, to serve as vice-chair. The vice-chair shall preside at all meetings of the committee at which the mayor is not present.
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 22	Duties of the Chair Amended #4 by deleting the words “, subject to Committee approval.”
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 38	Agenda Format Exhibit Deleted page 38
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 41	Replaced 1-7 (see page 42 Citizen Participation)
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 43	Deleted page 43 (BEDH-E)
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It was moved and voice voted to approve the following proposed change to the School Committee Chapter of the Policies Manual:

Page 54	Replaced the first paragraph to read as follows: The School Committee shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of the Worcester City Charter.
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Miss Biancheria arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee chapter of the Policies Manual be held for the School Committee on Thursday, October 1, 2015.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Novick requested that the item be taken as the first item of business and any additional recommendations be forwarded to Dr. Friel.

School Committee/
engage in strategic
planning to review
vision and mission
statements and set
goals for 2016

2. gb #5-177 - Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Novick/Mayor Petty/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(June 26, 2015)

Request that the School Committee and the Administration engage in strategic planning to review vision and mission statements and set goals for 2016 for the district that are properly aligned and part of the Superintendent's goals.

Glenn Koocher, Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, conducted a workshop on goal setting.

Miss Biancheria requested that the School Committee be provided four goal samples from four other school districts.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Mayor appoint a subcommittee to begin to draft the goals and report back to the School Committee.

Mayor Petty appointed Ms. Novick, Mr. O'Connell and Miss Ramirez to a committee to review the topics suggested by the School Committee.

At the end of the workshop, the general topics discussed were:

- Safety/Environment/Facilities
- Communication with the Public
- Student Achievement
- Professional Development

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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