

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Monday April 11, 2016  
Agenda #12

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 4:15 p.m. in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building on Monday, April 11, 2016.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

There was absent: Mr. Foley

Others in attendance: B. Allen, M. Binienda,  
Senator Chandler, Representative  
Donahue, Representative Keefe,  
Representative Mahoney, Senator  
Moore, S. O'Connell,  
Representative O'Day and  
D. Racicot

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| 1. | <p><u>gb #6-59.1</u> - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/<br/>Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/<br/>Miss McCullough<br/>(March 14, 2016)</p> | Legislative Delegation/<br>joint meeting |
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To meet with the Legislative Delegation to:

- discuss items generated by the School Committee
- consider working on the creation of laws that would benefit the children and
- request items from the delegation to be included on the agenda.

Mr. Monfredo stated that adjustments to Special Education, health insurance and the inflation factor would bring additional monies back to Worcester.

Mr. O'Connell stated that inflation adjustments would result in additional help to the Worcester Public Schools.

Miss Biancheria inquired as to the funding in FY17 for Charter Schools.

Senator Moore indicated that the funding proposed in the Foundation Budget will possibly be implemented over the next seven years.

Ms. Colorio asked if the Worcester Public Schools is at full Charter School capacity based on classification?

Senator Moore stated that in the Senate version of the Charter School Bill, Horace Mann and Innovation schools are included in the same classification which would result in Worcester going from beneath the cap to exceeding the cap.

Senator Chandler stated that a Millionaire's Tax (Fair Share Amendment) increase would result, if passed, on the next ballot in 2018, in a 4% tax increase for people earning \$1 million or more.

Miss Biancheria brought up the issue of summer support programs and advocated for support for them.

Mr. Foley arrived at 4:55 p.m.

Senator Chandler suggested that the School Committee and the Legislative Delegation meet more frequently and suggested the Fall, late January or early February and a third meeting for a budget update.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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