

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Thursday, May 5, 2016  
Agenda #16

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, May 5, 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

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

Executive Session

1. gb #6-178 - Administration  
(April 27, 2016)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for all Collective Bargaining Agreements, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

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:

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| For the motion: | Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio,<br>Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,<br>Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,<br>Mayor Petty | 7 |
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| Against the motion: |  | $\frac{0}{7}$ |
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The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:11 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:05 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 Paul Frechette of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

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

2. A moment of silence was offered in memory of Ron Brace, a former student at Burncoat High School.

Moment of Silence/  
Ron Brace

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#### APPROVAL OF RECORDS

3. aor #6-12 - Clerk  
(April 27, 2016)

Minutes/approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Friday, April 11, 2016.

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION

4. gb #6-169 - Administration  
(April 27, 2016)

Student Representative/  
input

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

5. gb #6-170 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty  
(April 22, 2016)

Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the organizers and volunteers of the Working for Worcester initiative, which enlisted the assistance of 1,100 volunteers in projects which benefited the Worcester Public Schools, the young people of Worcester, and the citizens of Worcester generally.

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

Canterbury Street  
Magnet Computer-  
Based School/  
status report on the  
ventilation system

6. gb #6-171 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 25, 2016)

To request a status report from the Administration  
regarding the ventilation system at the Canterbury Street  
Magnet Computer-Based School.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the  
Administration.

Donation/Big Y  
Foods, Inc./\$500

7. gb #6-172 - Administration  
(April 27, 2016)

To accept a donation from Big Y Foods, Inc., in the  
amount of \$500 for Goddard School of Science and  
Technology.

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.

Massachusetts  
Association of  
School  
Committees/  
select voting  
and alternate  
delegate

8. gb #6-173 - Administration  
(April 27, 2016)

To select a voting delegate and an alternate voting  
delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the  
Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Mr. Monfredo nominated Mr. O'Connell as the voting  
delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the  
Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

It was moved to select Mr. O'Connell as the voting delegate and Ms. Colorio as the alternate voting delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

9. gb #6-174 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 27, 2016)

Quinsigamond  
Community  
College/Quest Center/  
enhance partnership with

Request that the Administration enhance its partnership with the Quest Center at Quinsigamond Community College in an effort to involve our students in the course offerings regarding manufacturing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.

10. gb #6-175 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo  
(April 27, 2016)

Career Construction  
Day/provide information  
on

Request that the Administration provide information regarding Career Construction Day to include the date, location and number of students who will attend the event.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide information, either in a Friday Letter or at a meeting, as to whether the Worcester Public Schools will be involved in Career Construction Day.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

11. gb #6-176 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Miss Biancheria/  
Mayor Petty  
(April 27, 2016)

Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize the following donors who graciously contributed funds for the CPR (compression training)/AED program to begin in September in all secondary schools:

- Worcester District Medical Society
- The Hanover Insurance Group
- Greater Worcester Foundation

- Worcester Educational Development Foundation
- CVS Health
- Worcester County Sheriff's Association
- UMASS Medical School
- Spectrum Health Services
- Ryan P. Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament
- Ann Day and Donna Enberg
- Richard and Kathleen Perry
- Elinor Lamberton

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

Academic Support  
Services Work and  
Learning Grant/  
\$74,835

12. gb #6-177 - Administration  
(April 27, 2016)

To accept the Academic Support Services Work and Learning Grant in the amount of \$74,835.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| For the motion: | Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio,<br>Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,<br>Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,<br>Mayor Petty | 7 |
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| Against the motion: |  | $\frac{0}{7}$ |
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The motion carried.

Ms. Colorio asked the Administration for a basic outline regarding the academic portion of the Academic Support Services Grant.

Dr. Rodrigues indicated that tutoring is given to certain students who failed an area of the MCAS test in order to be able to retake it and meet with success.

Ms. Colorio asked if the focus would only be to get students to pass the test.

Dr. Rodrigues indicated that it is a combination of both learning skills and work development.

Ms. Colorio asked the Administration if we have information on how other communities, who received this grant, have used this money.

Dr. Rodrigues stated that he doesn't know about other communities but that he could research outcomes of the students in the Worcester Public Schools who have done better on the MCAS as a result of the tutoring.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the success of the students on the MCAS after receiving the skills to do better on the exam.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

13. It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to allow Miss Biancheria to ask the Administration to look into the available grants, provided through the Governor's Office, which would allow districts to measure the lead content in the water supply in all Worcester Public School buildings.

Lead Content  
in Water/available  
grants

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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