

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Thursday, June 16, 2016  
Agenda #19

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 4:11 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, June 16, 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

FY17 Budget

1. gb #6-153.2 - Administration/Administration  
(June 7, 2016)

To consider the proposed FY17 Budget and the responses to the following motions:

- A. Request that the Administration identify the source for an additional \$25,000 for School Safety Equipment prior to the conclusion of the FY17 Budget hearings.
- B. Request that the Administration provide a list of programs provided in the Staff Development Division prior to the next meeting.
- C. Request that the Administration prepare, on or before the June 16<sup>th</sup> Budget session, its recommendations as to reallocation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from non-instructional accounts directly into the account for instructional personnel.

500-91110 Administration Salaries

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that Account 500-91110 be reduced cumulatively by \$1,000,00 and prepare recommendations as to how funds will be allocated for instructional purposes and report back to the School Committee in July.

On a roll call of 3-4 (yeas-Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. O'Connell), the motion was defeated.

Ms. Colorio stated that her focus would be to increase the number of tutors in schools if we cannot add teachers and also to transfer some funds to the Allied Health Program at Worcester Technical High School since the program is down one teacher.

Mr. Monfredo suggested that the School Committee make a wish list for next year.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the Manager of Human Resources for the City oversee the Human Resources Office in the Worcester Public Schools and further suggested that the liaisons at DAB have classes in the morning.

Mayor Petty stated that the complement of Administrators is low in comparison to the number of teachers.

Mr. Allen indicated that he would provide a report that illustrates that not only does the system spend well below the Foundation Budget allocation for administrators but also has as part of our Seven Point Financial Plan a cap on administrative spending.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that Account 500-91110 be reduced by \$5,000 on page 340 under Superintendent.

On a roll call of 3-4 (yeas-Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. O'Connell), the motion was defeated.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91110 in the amount of \$12,130,258.

On a roll call of 4-3 (nays-Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. O'Connell), the motion was approved.

#### 500-91121 Administrative Clerical Salaries

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91121 in the amount of \$3,065,868.

#### 500-91123 Non-Instructional Support Salaries

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report as to costs expended by the Worcester Public Schools directly

and indirectly for submitting documentation necessary to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for the benefit of the City of Worcester.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration roll out a plan as to how the Administration is going to handle the responsibilities of the Community and Outreach Coordinator position that is not being filled.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the number of the translators in the system.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide an update on the landscape improvements at the Parent Information Center.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide bullet points in future Budgets to differentiate grant funded vs. city funded positions.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91123 in the amount of \$2,202,195.

#### 500-97205 Support Overtime

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-97205 in the amount of \$68,837.

#### 500-91119 Custodial Salaries

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of providing the Civil Service Exam for Custodians so they

can become permanent employees and gain benefits and promotions.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91119 in the amount of \$6,668,155.

500-97203 Custodian Overtime

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-97203 in the amount of \$1,046,865.

500-91120 Maintenance Services Salaries

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91120 in the amount of \$2,060,730.

500-97204 Maintenance Services Overtime

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91120 in the amount of \$150,797.

500152-92000 Facilities Department Non-Salary

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500152-92000 in the amount of \$2,695,925.

500146-92000 Building Utilities

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500146-92000 in the amount of \$6,456,119.

500141-92000 Vehicle Maintenance

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500141-92000 in the amount of \$505,601.

540-91117 Transportation Salaries

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in January 2017 as to the dollar figure from Durham Transportation due to failure to fulfill contract obligations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration compare the credits gained from Durham Transportation due to the failure to fulfill contract obligations to the credits received next year with a new person hired to monitor this process.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Allen indicated that he could provide the response in the next Friday Letter in terms of the settlement that was reached with Durham Transportation this year.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 540-91117 in the amount of \$2,564,061.

540-97201 Transportation Overtime

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 540-97201 in the amount of \$473,736.

540103-92000 Transportation

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on how other cities and towns put monies received by McKinney Vento back into their school district's accounts.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 540103-92000 in the amount of \$14,389,893.

500125-92000 Other Insurance Programs

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500125-92000 in the amount of \$53,491.

500101-96000 Retirement

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500101-96000 in the amount of \$16,751,681.

500129-91000 Workers Compensation Salaries  
500129-92000 Workers Compensation Non Salary  
50012-96000 Workers Compensation Fringe

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500129-91000 in the amount of \$886,300.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500129-92000 in the amount of \$72,305.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500129-96000 in the amount of \$393,700.

500123-96000 Health Insurance

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500123-96000 in the amount of \$44,806,753.

500137-96000 Unemployment Compensation

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500137-96000 in the amount of \$318,226.

500133-92000 Printing & Postage

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration furnish the School Committee, in a Friday Letter, any details it may have in terms of the postage savings program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500133-92000 in the amount of \$224,595.

500138-92000 In-State Travel

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500138-92000 in the amount of \$81,000.

500105-92000 Retirement

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500105-92000 in the amount of \$5,000.

500-91116 Athletic Coach Salaries

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a list of teams fielded at each of the secondary schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the Administration include cheerleading teams in the summary on page 151 in the FY17 Budget book.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a list of crew equipment that would be appropriate for the team to request over the course of the next year with a view to using that list as a means of seeking funds whether it be from the Worcester Foundation or through other opportunities to specifically get what it needs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500-91116 in the amount of \$524,427.

500122-92000 – Athletics Ordinary Maintenance

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 500122-92000 in the amount of \$92,820.

50S502 Nutrition Program

It was moved and voice voted to approve Account 50S502 in the amount of \$13,850,185.

Various – Grant Programs

It was moved and voice voted to approve Grant Programs in the amount of \$35,521,433.

It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the Administration's responses as contained in the backup for the item.

It was moved to approve the FY17 budget in the following amounts:

General Fund:	\$ 322,895,803
Grant Programs:	\$ 35,521,434
Nutrition Program:	\$ 3,850,185
Other Special Revenue	\$ <u>4,850,911</u>
Total	\$ 377,118,333

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,  
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 4

Against the motion: Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio,  
Mr. O'Connell 3

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The motion carried.

It was moved to suspend the Rules of the School Committee.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion:	Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty	6
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Against the motion:	Mr. O'Connell	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

It was moved to reconsider the motion to approve the FY17 budget in the following amounts:

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For the motion:	Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. O'Connell	3
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Against the motion:	Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty	$\frac{4}{7}$
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The motion to reconsider was defeated.

It was moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following items:

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| 2. | <u>gb #6-232</u> - Administration<br>(June 8, 2016) | Executive<br>Session |
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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 #15/16-31.

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 – teachers.



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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 strategy with respect to litigation and strategy for collective bargaining for a denial of access.

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.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:15 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

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

There were present at the second Call to Order:

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The invocation was offered by Reverend Dimitrios Moraitis from St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church.

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

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

3. aor #6-16 - Clerk  
(June 8, 2016) Minutes/  
approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 2, 2016.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 2, 2016.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

4. gb #6-142.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/  
Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/  
Ms. Colorio/Miss Biancheria/  
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty  
(June 7, 2016) Recognition/  
Joseph DiGregorio,  
Anthony Pastrana and  
Donna Quitadamo,  
Teacher of the Year

To recognize Joseph DiGregorio, a teacher at Lake View and Lincoln Street schools and Anthony Pastrana, a teacher at North High School as semi-finalists in the Teacher of the Year selection process and Donna Quitadamo, a teacher at Nelson Place School, as the 2016 Teacher of the Year for the Worcester Public Schools.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented Certificates of Recognition to Joseph DiGregoria and Anthony Pastrana and a plaque to Donna Quitadamo.

5. gb #6-198.1 - Administration/Mr. Foley/  
Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/  
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty  
(June 7, 2016) Recognition/  
University Park Campus  
School/Edutopia

To recognize the University Park Campus School for the recent story in Edutopia under "Schools That Work" that highlights their team approach by the faculty, the support for the students, and the track record of academic success.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. St. Louis.

Recognition/Worcester Telegram and Gazette 2016 Student Achievers

6. gb #6-201.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/  
Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/  
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/  
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty  
(June 7, 2016)

To recognize the following students who have been selected and honored by the Worcester Telegram and Gazette as its 2016 "Student Achievers:"

Laurana Nyman – Burncoat High School  
Jacqueline Alvarez – Claremont Academy  
Aubrey Leary – Doherty Memorial High School  
Rachel Dao – North High School  
Kenneth Adusei – South High Community School  
Sibgha Javaid – University Park Campus School  
Abeeku Bondzie – Worcester Technical High School

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented Certificates of Recognition to the Worcester Telegram and Gazette as its 2016 "Student Achievers:"

Recognition/Shirley McAfee, Nurse of the Year

7. gb #6-214 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/  
Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/  
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/  
Mayor Petty  
(June 8, 2016)

To recognize Shirley McAfee a nurse at Tatnuck Magnet School as the Worcester Public Schools' Nurse of the Year for 2016.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a plaque to Certificates of Recognition to Shirley McAfee a nurse at Tatnuck Magnet School as the Worcester Public Schools' Nurse of the Year for 2016.

#### REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

8. The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 7:35 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

gb #2-36 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(January 25, 2012)

To review the status of the curriculum review process.

6-8-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to approve the following new course request forms for Business Technology and Communications Skills, Presentation Skills and AP Computer Science Principles.

6-16-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

gb #4-294 - Administration (October 27, 2014)

To share information on the elementary Report Card Pilot.

6-8-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Meade-Montaque spoke to the process of developing an electronic report card.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item and request reports in mid-January and April to include:

- information with regard to feedback as to the implementation of the expanded version of the pilot at the elementary level
- a description of Professional Development activities related to the program and also any recommended changes in connection with supplementation as to Staff Development
- presentation of the report card to the Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council and any feedback by late November or early December
- report as to the status of collective bargaining topics regarding the report card. That report can be made in Executive Session, if appropriate.

Curriculum Review  
Process/ new course  
request forms for  
Business Technology and  
Communications Skills,  
Presentation Skills and  
AP Computer Science  
Principles

- recommended changes in connection with the report card or the timing or the method behind the report card itself
- utilization of Channel 11 to summarize and explain the various components of the report card
- related information that would be appropriate with regard to the report card itself
- recommended changes to the report card for the 2017-18 academic year

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee be informed of any Professional Development as far as training for the staff on the new electronic report card.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Dr. Rodrigues stated that he would provide, in a Friday Letter, a list all of the Professional Development that will be rolled out districtwide.

#### 6-16-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that gb #4-294 be held for the School Committee meeting on July 14, 2016.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

9. The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 8:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

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.

## 6-9-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to approve the following amended Rule 13 Policy to be included in the Policies Handbook:

Rule 13. – Cell Phones, Electronic Devices, and Laser Pointing Devices

While on school premises or at a school sponsored event, a student shall not, without expressed permission of appropriate school personnel, use any cell phone, smart phone, tablet, camera or any other type of electronic device which may potentially be disruptive of school activities or a distraction to students. Electronic devices shall include any cell phone, smart phone, tablet or anything powered by electricity and is suitable for communicating any oral, voice, audio or text messages or postings or for recording or communicating any audio, voice, picture, image or video imagery. Students are not permitted to have their cell phones or electronic devices powered while in school.

Use of such devices in violation of this rule may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, out-of-school suspension time. The School Administration reserves the right to confiscate cellular phones or other electronic devices when a student is believed to be violating this rule.

A student shall not use or possess a laser pointing device of any type on school premises or at a school sponsored event, unless such device is distributed by a teacher or its use is authorized by a teacher in connection with school work. Use of a laser pointing device against the face, eyes, or head of another individual may be considered a weapon for disciplinary purposes including, but not limited to, the possibility of long-term suspension.

Enforcement and Penalties:

This cell phone policy may be enforced by the principal, any teacher (including substitutes) or by any other school official or employee designated by the principal.

Enforcement personnel shall have the right to confiscate any cell phone or electronic device possessed or used in violation of the code of conduct.

Penalties for students found in violation of the policy will be as follows:

- First offense: Student's cell phone/electronic device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
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- Student committing repeated violations of this policy may be subject to additional disciplinary action, consistent with the Worcester Public Schools Code of Conduct up to and including suspension from school.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that Rule 13. – Cell Phones, Electronic Devices and Laser Pointing Devices be reviewed in January for possible amendments, if needed.

Request that the Principals review Rule 13. – Cell Phones, Electronic Devices and Laser Pointing Devices with students and parents during the first week of school and include it in their newsletters.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

## 6-16-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Mr. O'Connell stated that he was opposed to the first paragraph because it clearly allows students to have cell phones within schools. The only violation of the rule is triggered when the cell phone is powered. He further stated that the rule the system should have is one that would not allow cell phones within the schools.

Mr. O'Connell requested to replace the first paragraph of Rule 13 with the current rule Rule 13 first paragraph.

Mr. Monfredo stated that the members of the Standing Committee met with the principals who stated that they did not want to have the cell phones in lockers because they get stolen.

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On a roll call 6-1 (nay-Mr. O'Connell), the motion was approved.

It was moved to suspend the Rules of the School Committee.

On a roll call of 6-1 (nay-Mr. O'Connell), the motion was approved.

It was moved to reconsider the motion to approve the following amended Rule 13 Policy to be included in the Policies Handbook:

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On a roll call of 1-6 (yea-Mr. O'Connell), the motion to reconsider was defeated.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

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On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10. gb #6-215 - Administration  
(May 27, 2016)

Donations/Heard Street School

To accept the following donations for Heard Street School:

P&J Vending	\$ 22.42
Target Take Charge of Education	\$ 83.01
Intel Volunteer Grant Program	\$ 300.00
The Winchester Children in Memory of their father Harry Winchester	\$5,000.00

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.

Mr. Monfredo requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to P&J Vending, Target Take Charge for Education, Intel Volunteer Grant Program and the Winchester Children for their generous donations to Heard Street School.

Donation/Hanover  
Insurance Group/  
\$4,200

11. gb #6-216 - Administration  
(May 27, 2016)

To accept a donation from Hanover Insurance Group in the amount of \$4,200.00 for the Worcester Public Schools 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
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Against the motion:		$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Mr. Monfredo requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Hanover Insurance Group for its generous donation to the Worcester Public Schools CPR Project.

Recognitions/video  
contest/League of  
Women Voters

12. gb #6-217 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty  
(May 27, 2016)

To forward letters of congratulations to Gabe Mangrum, Malachi Waller, Trey Carter, CJ Gallagher, Obed Konadu, Aaron Adu and Zane Freeman, students from Doherty Memorial High School, for being awarded honorable mention ranking, among 300 student participants, for their video "I Can Pick", in the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts "YOUth Should Vote!" student video contest.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

Grant/Toolbox for  
Education/\$5,000

13. gb #6-218 - Administration  
(June 1, 2016)

To accept the Toolbox For Education grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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 suspend the Rules of the School Committee to allow John Stewart to speak to the item.

- 14. gb #6-219 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mayor Petty  
(June 6, 2016)

Recognition/  
schools which had low  
chronic absentee levels

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to the following schools which had a low chronic absentee level:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Heard Street School      | Flagg Street School    |
| Midland Street School    | May Street School      |
| Nelson Place School      | Tatnuck Magnet School  |
| Worcester Arts Magnet    | Waweus Road School     |
| Worcester Technical High | Thorndyke Road School  |
| University Park Campus   | Roosevelt School       |
| Woodland Academy         | Burncoat Middle School |

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration rollout a campaign in September and have an "Attendance Awareness Month."

Request that Administration provide a report in August relative to a sustainability plan in conjunction with the "Attendance Awareness Month" with benchmarks and progress reports. He also indicated that Superintendent Binienda could get the South High Community School Marching Band to be part of the kickoff.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Mr. Monfredo stated that he submitted to Dr. Friel some suggestions for the Administration to consider as part of the attendance plan that will be rolled out in August.

- Video 15. gb #6-220 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/  
Miss Biancheria  
(June 6, 2016)
- Request that the Administration work with community groups such as the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Media Outlets, and the Colleges to create a video/dvd about the successes in the Worcester Public Schools and share it with real estate brokers and other agencies in the city.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for completion of a video prior to the end of August.
- Recognition/  
set date 16. gb #6-221 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mayor Petty  
(June 6, 2016)
- To set a date to recognize David Peterson, General Manager of the Worcester Bravehearts Baseball Team, for partnering with the Worcester Public Schools on the many literacy initiatives throughout the year including the distribution of 1,000 tickets to a Bravehearts game to the students who participated in the Home Run Reading Club as an incentive to read.
- It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, July 14, 2016.
- Recognition/  
forward letter/  
Gwendolyn Bui 17. gb #6-222 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/  
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty  
(June 7, 2016)
- To forward a letter of congratulations to Gwendolyn Bui, a Burncoat High School senior, for receiving the WEDF Paul Gervais Memorial Music Scholarship Award.
- It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.
- Free Fun Fridays 18. gb #6-223 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/  
Miss Biancheria  
(June 7, 2016)
- Request that the Administration inform parents of the "Free Fun Friday's" event coordinated by the Highland Street Foundation that provides free entry to 80 museums and cultural events across the Commonwealth.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for implementation.

19. gb #6-224 - Administration  
(June 8, 2016) Donation/Tufts University/  
\$200.00

To accept a donation from Tufts University in the amount of \$200.00 for Chandler Magnet School.

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.

20. gb #6-225 - Administration  
(June 8, 2016) Donation/United Way/  
\$500.00

To accept a donation from the United Way in the amount of \$500.00 for Burncoat Street Preparatory School.

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.

21. gb #6-226 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(June 8, 2016) Screening Brief  
Intervention and Referral  
Treatment

Request that the School Safety Liaison and other school administrators present the 'Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment' pilot program at Sullivan Middle and Burncoat Middle schools.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for a report on August 18, 2016.



- City View and Belmont Street Community School/keep grounds cleared and maintained through the summer and fall
22. gb #6-227 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (June 8, 2016)
- Request that the Administration schedule work with the staff from facilities in the Worcester Public Schools to make certain that the grounds at City View and Belmont Street Community schools are cleared and maintained through the Summer into the Fall.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
- FY17 Budget/file items that have budgetary implications
23. gb #6-228 - Administration (June 8, 2016)
- To consider all items filed by the School Committee that have budgetary implications in light of the FY17 Budget.
- It was moved and voice voted to file the item.
- Meeting Date Change/ July 14, 2016
24. gb #6-229 - Administration (June 8, 2016)
- To approve the School Committee meeting date change from Thursday, July 21, 2016 to July 14, 2016.
- 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             |
| Against the motion: |   | $\frac{0}{7}$ |
- The motion carried.
- Chapter 74 Courses
25. gb #6-230 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (June 8, 2016)
- Request that the Administration provide a review of the new Chapter 74 courses that are being considered for classroom use.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.

26. gb #6-231 - Administration  
(June 8, 2016)

Murphy, Lamere and  
Murphy Contract

To extend the proposed contract of Attorney Paige L. Tobin from Murphy, Lamere and Murphy for three years.

Mr. O'Connell requested that the Administration provide a copy of Attorney Tobin's 2013-16 contract.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with Attorney Tobin to determine whether, given some of the financial limitations, Attorney Tobin will scale back on the increases in her proposed contract for FY18 and FY19.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the School Committee on July 14, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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