

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, August 18, 2016
Agenda #21

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 4:25 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, August 18, 2016.

The invocation was given by Reverend Roosevelt Hughes from John Street Baptist Church.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

There was absent: Miss McCullough

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

TEC (Think,
Explore, Create)
School/approval of

1. gb #6-279 - Administration
(August 9, 2016)

To consider approval of a TEC (Think, Explore, Create) School as a private Montessori school in the Trinity Lutheran Church at 73 Lancaster Street in Worcester MA.

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.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

2. aor #6-18 - Clerk
(July 28, 2016) Minutes/approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, July 14, 2016.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, July 14, 2016.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

3. gb #6-239.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(July 20, 2016) Recognition/
Science from Scientists

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, Science from Scientists, its founder, Dr. Erika Ebbel Angle, an MIT graduate with a doctorate in biochemistry from Boston University School of Medicine, and Dr. Don Gammon, a virologist engaged in postdoctoral research at UMass Medical School, for their support for the education of the children of Burncoat Preparatory School in science.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented Certificates of Appreciation to Dr. Erika Ebbel Angle and Dr. Don Gammon for their support for the education of the children of Burncoat Preparatory School in science.

4. gb #6-248.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(July 20, 2016) Recognition/AbbVie

To recognize AbbVie, with gratitude and appreciation, for the time and effort devoted by its staff to refurbishment of the Burncoat High School Library, as part of its "Week of Possibilities" volunteer initiative.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a Certificate of Appreciation to AbbVie for the time and effort devoted by its staff to refurbishment of the Burncoat High School Library, as part of its "Week of Possibilities" volunteer initiative.

Recognition/
Albert G. Ganem

5. gb #6-262.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(July 20, 2016)

To congratulate Albert G. Ganem Jr., Manager of Professional Learning, on his selection as Superintendent of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the School Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report of the
Superintendent/
School Opening
Readiness

6. ros #6-5 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

SCHOOL OPENING READINESS

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter of thanks, on behalf of the School Committee, to the City's Traffic and Engineering Department and the City Council for the restriping of all of the school crosswalks.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to accept the report and file the item.

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

Executive Session

7. gb #6-290 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors, 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 with respect to collective bargaining for Custodians, 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 with respect to collective bargaining for Teachers, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

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.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 5:02 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 6:11 p.m.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

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

There was absent: Miss McCullough

COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

8. c&p #6-5 - Clerk
(July 22, 2016)

To consider a communication from the Goddard School of Science and Technology's Site Council regarding a request to institute a voluntary school uniform policy.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

Communication and
Petition/Goddard School
of Science and
Technology/voluntary
uniform policy

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

9. The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

Later Secondary
School Start
Times/benefits and
drawbacks

gb #4-175 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell (May 28, 2014)

To consider the possible benefits and drawbacks of later secondary school start times on teaching and learning.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in December 2016 as to the implementation of a change in start times for secondary school students beginning in the Fall of 2017.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide information as to a possible alternative to an early start time in all schools by creating a pilot program involving one or more secondary schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in December 2016 as to a re-tiering of school bus transportation routes that will be provided for all secondary students on the assumption of a changed starting time.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in December 2016 as to the implementation of a change in start times for secondary school students beginning in the Fall of 2017.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide information as to a possible alternative to an early start time in all schools by creating a pilot program involving one or more secondary schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in December 2016 as to a re-tiering of school bus transportation routes that will be provided for all secondary students on the assumption of a changed starting time.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration survey other districts to determine if any have later start times and, if so, indicate how this change impacted sports and after-school activities and indicate how the change in start time was coordinated.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

c&p #5-2 - Clerk (January 28, 2015)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding North High School.

Communication and
Petition/North High
School

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Grade 6-8 Program/
consider expanding

gb #5-181 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(June 30, 2015)

To explore options for expansion of Grade 6-8 programming at Worcester East Middle School, and at any other middle schools interested in implementing or expanding a Grade 6-8 program.

Advanced
Academy/
consider
implementing

gb #6-128 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms.
Colorio/Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough (March 21,
2016)

Request that the Administration consider implementing an advanced academy, based on the Goddard Academy model, at Burncoat Middle School for grade 7 students in either the 2016-17 or 2017-18 academic year which can be expanded to grade 8.

(These items were considered together).

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for a report from the Administration in February 2017 regarding the establishment of a Goddard Academy model at Burncoat Middle School for 2017-18.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file gb #5-181 and hold gb #6-128.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #5-207 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(August 7, 2015)

National Attendance
Awareness Month

Request that the Worcester Public Schools consider sharing information regarding the National Attendance Awareness Month movement sponsored by 40 national partners.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration schedule an Attendance Matters kick-off event to promote the National Attendance Awareness Month in early September.

Request that the Administration notify the Standing Committee regarding the date and time of the scheduled meeting of the Chronic Absenteeism Committee.

Request that the Administration ask the members of the Chronic Absenteeism Committee to consider developing specific benchmarks and guidelines for the individual schools and include them in their Accountability Plans.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward information regarding the Whirlpool Initiative to the Administration to be forwarded for consideration by the Chronic Absenteeism Committee.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter during the month of September indicating the date and time of the kick-off.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Advanced Placement
Examinations/review
scores

gb #5-244 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty (September 10, 2015)

To review the scores achieved by Worcester students in the Spring 2015 administration of the Advanced Placement examinations, in all courses and at all levels.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide an update as to the schools that are accepted for the Capstone Program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide recommendations as to a professional development initiative to assist in enhancing the score performances of the students on all Advanced Placement exams.

Request that the Administration provide recommendations in terms of cost impact for the FY19 Budget.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Career Counseling,
Internship and
Mentoring Initiatives

gb #5-256 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (September 23, 2015)

To expand career counseling, internship and mentoring initiatives within the Worcester Public Schools, at all grade levels, with the assistance and support of the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce and of interested individuals and entities of the greater Worcester business community.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter in March 2017 as to the change in title and duties of the Guidance Counselor Liaison.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #6-23 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough (January 8, 2016)

Recess
Sessions/Playworks/
potential pilot program

Request that the Administration work with Fallon Health and other interested funders to explore the potential opportunity to implement a pilot program developed by Playworks in several elementary schools that train staff and volunteers to run recess sessions that include positive play, greater levels of exercise and better utilization of limited recreational space.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo and Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in October to include a status report as to:

- the feasibility of the expansion of Playworks to other elementary schools in the district and
- an inventory update of current playground equipment to include a status report on the playground equipment at Chandler Elementary School.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Kindergarten
Entrance Age
Policy/re-examine

gb #6-26 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(January 8, 2016)

To re-examine the Kindergarten Entrance Age Policy.

Early Learning
Committee

gb #6-129 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms.
Colorio/Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough (March 21, 2016)

Request that the Administration establish an Early Learning Committee comprised of kindergarten teachers, grade one teachers and Administrators to consider the following:

- gradually advancing 4 year old students yearly, based on readiness skills
- consider a K-1 two year kindergarten program for 4 year old children
- consider seeking support from the Legislative Delegation for full day pre-school program

(These items were considered together).

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that gb #6-129 be referred to the agenda for the meeting with the Legislative Delegation.

Request that the Administration interact with appropriate members of the business community and social agencies to assist in lobbying the State Delegation to include full day pre-school funding in the Foundation Budget.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file gb #6-26.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Civics/consider
offering

gb #6-33 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss
Biancheria/Miss McCullough (January 8, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider offering Civics as an elective course at the high school level for the 2016-17 academic year.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter in January 2017.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #6-79 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough (February 9, 2016)

Mass. Early Warning
Indicator System (EWIS)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the Mass. Early Warning Indicator System (EWIS) indicating how it is utilized in the school and include any positive outcomes.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #6-212 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (May 25, 2016)

2017 Summer Reading
List

To consider amending the 2017 summer reading list by adding to it certain works of literature which appeared on previous summer reading lists, and which are widely recognized as classics and as key elements of a well-rounded elementary or secondary school educational experience.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration provide the Summer Reading Lists from 2010 and 2014 to all members of the School Committee with a suggestion that they recommend to the

Administration any books that they would like to see added to the current list from those lists.

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration provide a report to the Standing Committee with a suggested Summer Reading list in March 2017.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Legislation/proposed legislation by Senator Chandler/unit on Civics

motion - gb #5-93.1 motion (January 15, 2016)

To request that the School Committee review the legislation proposed by Senator Chandler with regard to a unit on Civics and forward it to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the agenda for the meeting of the Legislative Delegation.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

The following motions were made regarding the remaining items on the agenda, after review of the prior action by the School Committee.

Curriculum Review Process

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

To review the status of the curriculum review process.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #2-139 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio
(April 11, 2012)

Boston Debate
League

To consider development of a partnership with the Boston Debate League to support academic debate teams in high schools in Worcester.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in October 2016.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ros #4-12 - Administration (October 8, 2014)

Report of the
Superintendent/District
Literacy Plan

DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in February 2017.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #4-39 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor
Petty (February 4, 2014)

The Gateway Cities Vision
for Dynamic Community-
wide Learning Systems

To review and consider the report which sets forth "The Gateway Cities Vision for Dynamic Community-Wide Learning Systems."

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in February 2017.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Chronic Absenteeism

gb #4-211 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(July 22, 2014)

Request that the Administration review this year's data on chronic absenteeism to determine the impact of the awareness campaign and to schedule a meeting with the stakeholders prior to September in order to update the strategic plan.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Computer Coding

gb #4-226 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss
Biancheria (August 13, 2014)

To review the level of instruction in computer "coding" provided to students of the Worcester Public Schools who would like to explore coding as a potential career.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in February 2017.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Standing Desk
Classrooms/create

gb #4-239 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(September 2, 2014)

To consider creation of "standing desk classrooms" on a pilot basis, modeled on the classrooms put into place in Bryan Collegiate High School, and highlighted in the September 2014 edition of District Administration.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #4-259 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (September 17, 2014)

Mandarin
Chinese

To initiate a course in Mandarin Chinese at the Advanced Placement level, offered either in a customary classroom setting or through Virtual High School.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that students be surveyed, during the Fall of 2016, as to courses that they would like to have considered for inclusion on the Course Selection Sheet for 2017-18 including, but not limited to, instruction in World Languages.

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in December 2016.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ros #5-11.1 - Administration/Administration (October 19, 2015)

Report of the
Superintendent/
Alternative Education
Evaluation Report

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION EVALUATION REPORT

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tenacity Summer
Tennis and Reading
Program

gb #5-14 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss
Ramirez/Miss Biancheria (January 7, 2015)

To invite a representative of Tenacity to meet with the Worcester Public Schools, to consider cooperative opportunities to expand the Tenacity Summer Tennis and Reading Program for the benefit of the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in February 2017.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Teacher
Residency
Program

gb #5-38 - Miss Ramirez/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(January 16, 2015)

To discuss the feasibility of establishing a Teacher Residency Program modeled after the Boston Teacher Residency Program which includes participation in a Master's in Education Program as part of a full year practicum in the Worcester Public Schools under a master teacher who continues to support teachers for the first three years of their career.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

School Choice/
review the policy

gb #5-201 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss
Ramirez/Miss Biancheria (July 31, 2015)

Request that the Administration review the policy on "School Choice" to see if any changes need to be made to keep the Worcester Public Schools the district of choice for all parents.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #5-236 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (September 9, 2015)

Army of Saints for Physical
and Health Education
Curriculum

Request that the Administration consider the feasibility of implementing the curriculum of the Army of Saints for Physical and Health Education in the Worcester Public Schools.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #5-269 - Mr. Foley/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (October 5, 2015)

Unified Theater

Request that the Administration research the opportunities available to Worcester public school students through Unified Theater, an inclusive, student-led creative program that builds relationships and leadership.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in November 2016.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #5-328 - Administration (November 24, 2015)

Coordinated Program
Review

To consider the Coordinated Program Review (CPR).

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

HOLD.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Report of the
Superintendent/The
Opiate Epidemic:
Impact on the
Worcester
Community

ros #6-3 - Administration (March 9, 2016)

THE OPIATE EPIDEMIC: IMPACT ON THE
WORCESTER COMMUNITY

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

HOLD.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Drug and Alcohol
Educational
Program/provide list
of

gb #6-25 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss
Biancheria (January 8, 2016)

Request that the Administration provide a list of Drug and Alcohol Educational Programs and assemblies scheduled for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for the school year 2015-16 academic year.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for a report in a Friday Letter in October.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for a report in a Friday Letter in October.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide in a Friday Letter, as soon as possible, a list of the drug and alcohol educational programs that are offered in the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #6-28.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (February 17, 2016)

Kindergarten
Assessment/
provide list of

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a list of assessments that were administered to kindergarten students for the 2015-16 academic year.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

HOLD.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #6-31 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough (January 8, 2016)

Common Core State
Standards

Request that the Administration provide an update, by school, on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

gb #6-32 - Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough (January 8, 2016)

Professional Development
Training/Common Core
State Standards

Request that the Administration provide a list of the Professional Development training for teachers on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

FILE.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Violent and
Aggressive
Behavior/address
issue

gb #6-37 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough (January 11, 2016)

To address the incidents of violent and aggressive behavior on the part of students toward teachers, administrators and other staff members in school, including staff development training in responses to student aggression, and consideration of appropriate policies and practices to curtail such incidents.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in January 2017.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

SkillsUSA/consider
joining

gb #6-50.1 - Administration/Mayor Petty/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough (March 9, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to consider joining and fully funding Worcester Technical High School's schoolwide participation in SkillsUSA.

8-16-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration respond to the item in October 2016.

8-18-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

10. Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Testing Schedule

Request that the Administration provide the testing schedule for all students at the next School Committee meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was moved and voice voted to suspend the Rules of the School Committee to consider the following items together:

11. gb #6-77.2 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell
(July 7, 2016)

School Choice

Response of the Administration to the request to 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.

gb #6-220.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(August 10, 2016)

Public Relations

Response of the Administration to the request to 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.

Mr. Monfredo suggested that other ideas for marketing the Worcester Public Schools could include:

- a monthly column on achievements of students in local newspapers
- better utilization of Channel 3 and Channel 11
- monthly updates by the Superintendent on the Jordan Levy Show
- publication of the "Worcester Educator"
- presentation of a State of Education Report in May or June at a joint meeting of the City Council
- updates of the website and
- parental feedback

Ms. Colorio recommended that the system initiate a working group of teachers who would volunteer to serve on the committee in order to promote the successes of the Worcester Public Schools. Once established, the group could expand to the Chamber of Commerce led by the TV Production/Communication Specialist and school partners who would work collaboratively to promote the Worcester Public Schools.

Superintendent Binienda provided an update on how she is getting the good news out to the community by:

- appearing on the Jordan Levy Show once a month
- making school visits and having the TV Production/Communication Specialist highlight the good things happening in classrooms in various forms of media
- working collaboratively with the Chamber of Commerce to produce a video that will highlight both the Worcester Public Schools and the City of Worcester
- conducting valedictorian sessions hosted by the Research Bureau which will allow students to speak about the great things that they learned as a student in the Worcester Public Schools and information regarding their future plans

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration schedule one or two events on Channel 11 that would highlight programs at various school sites.

Request that the PTOs, Site Councils and parents be notified of the programming on Channel 11 regarding their child/ren's school programs.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

It was moved and voice voted to accept the report and file the items.

Job
Description/position
to oversee Durham
Transportation

12. gb #6-236.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo
(August 10, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a copy of the job description of the new position created as a compliance position to oversee Durham Transportation and also include:

- a list of the present positions in the Worcester Public Schools' Transportation Department
- a copy of the Durham Transportation contract and
- a payment schedule to Durham Transportation

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement.

13. gb #6-255.1 - Administration
(August 5, 2016)

Friday Letter Items

Request that any items or motions that were referred for responses in a Friday Letter, that are not acted upon within 24 months, should automatically be filed.

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.

14. gb #6-264 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(July 6, 2016)

Gifted Students/enhance
the education of

To consider opportunities to enhance the education of the academically gifted students of the Worcester Public Schools, at all appropriate levels.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

Gun-Free Schools
Act

15. gb #6-265 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(July 15, 2016)

To determine whether the Administration has signed the 2017 Grant Assurances Document of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and, if so, whether and how it complies with its obligations to "expel from school for a period of not less than one year any student who is determined to have brought a firearm to a school under the jurisdiction of the district," subject to due process and case-by-case modifications "on a case-by-case basis", also as mandated by the Gun-Free Schools Act, Public Law No. 107-110 section 4141, 20 United States Code Section 7151.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for a report back in November 2016.

Guard
Shack/restore or
remove

16. gb #6-266 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria
(July 15, 2016)

To determine whether to restore, or to remove, the "guard shack" at Burncoat High School.

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

Recognition/Hought
on
Mifflin Harcourt

17. gb #6-267 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty/
Miss Biancheria
(July 18, 2016)

Request that the Administration forward a letter of thanks to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for its generous donation of over 11,000 books to Worcester: the City that Reads for distribution to our students.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

18. gb #6-268 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty/
Miss Biancheria
(July 20, 2016)

Recognition/UMass
Medical School/\$875,000

Request that the Administration forward a letter to James Leary, Vice - Chancellor of UMass Medical School to express thanks for its check of \$875,000 to support the Worcester Technical High School's Health and Biomedical Science Programs.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

19. gb #6-269 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(July 22, 2016)

Recognition/College
Community Connections
Program

Request that the Administration forward letters of appreciation, on behalf of the School Committee, to the appropriate contacts at each of the sites of the College Community Connections Program.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

20. gb #6-270 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria
(July 22, 2016)

Summer School
Programs

Request that the Administration provide a report on the summer school programs to include:

- academic progress
- attendance
- community involvement
- engagement of colleges in summer activities
- number of ELL students
- number of grade 1 and 2 students

and suggest improvements for next year.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports for a meeting in January 2017.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide information on the College Community Connections Program regarding:

- the list of internships that took place at various sites and
- feedback from the students that attended the Community Connection Program and will be taking the MCAS retest in the Fall.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Compression CPR
Program/Heimlich
Heroes Program

21. gb #6-271 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria/
Mayor Petty
(July 21, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider including training in the Heimlich maneuver as part of the Compression CPR Program and review the Heimlich Heroes Program, which was created by Deaconess Associations, Inc. (DAI) with the support from the Heimlich Institute, for possible implementation in the Worcester Public Schools.

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

Massachusetts
School Building
Authority Public
School Information
Technology Loan
Program/consider
submitting an
application

22. gb #6-272 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria
(July 22, 2016)

To consider submitting an application to participate in the Massachusetts School Building Authority Public School Information Technology Loan Program.

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

Recognition/2016
Mass
Envirothon/Doherty
Memorial High
School and
Worcester
Technical High
School

23. gb #6-273 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty/
Miss Biancheria
(July 25, 2016)

Request that the School Committee forward letters of congratulations to the Doherty Memorial High School and Worcester Technical High School teams which participated in the 2016 Mass Envirothon.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

24. gb #6-274 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty/
Miss Biancheria
(July 25, 2016)

Recognition/Johnetta
Smith and Lisa Leach

To congratulate Johnetta Smith and Lisa Leach on being
awarded Future Symphony Hall Scholars Grants, funded
by members of the Massachusetts Music Educators
Association.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

25. gb #6-275 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria
(July 28, 2016)

Constitution Day

Request that the Administration encourage all of the
schools to participate in Constitution Day activities during
the week of September 12, 2016.

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

26. gb #6-276 - Administration
(July 28, 2016)

Legislation/Substance
Use, Treatment,
Education and
Prevention/review the
policy developed by the
Massachusetts
Association of School
Committees

To consider necessary policy changes concerning the
implementation of the recently enacted Bill relative to
Substance Use, Treatment, Education and Prevention and
review the policy developed by the Massachusetts
Association of School Committees.

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

27. gb #6-277 - Administration
(August 1, 2016)

Friday Letter Items

To consider a request from the School Committee to file
certain Friday Letter items.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

Recognition/set
date

28. gb #6-278 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough
(August 4, 2016)

To set a date to recognize the Eaton Corporation for its donation of \$25,000 to the Worcester Educational Development Foundation which, in turn, forwarded the monies to South High Community School in support of its Band.

Mr. Monfredo made the following amendment to the item:

To set a date to recognize **grant writers Carol Stovall and Johnetta Smith**, the Eaton Corporation for its donation of \$25,000 to the Worcester Educational Development Foundation which, in turn, forwarded the monies to South High Community School in support of its Band.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Donation/United
Way/Worcester
Technical High
School/
\$500.00

29. gb #6-280 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the United Way for Worcester Technical High 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, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty	6
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Against the motion:		0
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Absent:	Miss McCullough	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

30. gb #6-281 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria
(August 10, 2016)

School Committee/
approve bills to be paid

To implement the provisions of the November 1995 letter of the Commissioner of Education, and the Advisory on School Governance which accompanied it, that "the school committee remains the body responsible for approving and transmitting school department expenditures to the municipal accountant for the drawing of warrants. The Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services has advised that all school department bills must be approved by the school committee. When the superintendent, or principal and superintendent, have statutory authority to incur expense, the Department of Revenue advises that the bills must be approved by them as well as by the committee."

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

Mr. Foley requested that the meeting be set up at a convenient time for Mr. O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell requested that, prior to the Standing Committee Meeting, the Administration contact the State to determine what it is willing to accept as a system that in fact would work specifically for compliance with the warrant requirement and that the Administration provide the Standing Committee its recommendation at that time so the discussion is actually focused on a specific recommendation.

31. gb #6-282 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough
(August 10, 2016)

Bus Routes

Request that the Administration provide a report containing a list of the new bus routes.

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

32. gb #6-283 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

Grant/Phase I of the
Career and Technical
Education (CTE)
Partnership Planning
Grant/\$10,000

To approve Phase I of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Partnership Planning Grant from DESE in the amount of \$10,000.

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.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/HMEA/
\$43,460.25

33. gb #6-284 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment for the 2015-16 school year in the total amount of \$43,460.25 made payable to HMEA for services rendered to students between May 28 - June 30, 2016.

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.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/HMEA/
\$605.00

34. gb #6-285 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment for the 2015-16 school year in the total amount of \$605.00 made payable to HMEA for services rendered to students between May 28 - June 30, 2016.

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.

35. gb #6-286 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/Providnece
Nursing Agency, LLC/
\$6,484.00

To approve a prior fiscal year payment for the 2015-16 school year in the total amount of \$6,484.00 made payable to the Providence Nursing Agency, LLC. for services rendered to students on June 27, 2016.

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.

36. gb #6-287 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/Providence
Nursing Agency, LLC/
\$1,120.00

To approve a prior fiscal year payment for the 2015-16 school year in the total amount of \$1,120.00 made payable to the Providence Nursing Agency, LLC. for services rendered to students on June 7, 13 and 14, 2016.

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
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Against the motion:		0
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Absent:	Miss McCullough	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/May
Institute,
Inc./\$570.00

37. gb #6-288 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment for the 2015-16 school year in the total amount of \$570.00 made payable to the May Institute, INC. for services rendered to students on May 31, 2016 and June 21, 2016.

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
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Against the motion:		0
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Absent:	Miss McCullough	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/May
Institute,
Inc./\$1,530.00

38. gb #6-289 - Administration
(August 10, 2016)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment for the 2015-16 school year in the total amount of \$1,530.00 made payable to the May Institute, INC. for services rendered to students on June 10, 16, 28 and 29, 2016.

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
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Against the motion:		0
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Absent:	Miss McCullough	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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