

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester,
Massachusetts
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Agenda #7

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, February 25, 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 in order to discuss the following item:

Executive Session

- 1. gb #6-90 - Administration
(February 17, 2016)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation of a worker's compensation case for a Cook, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation of a worker's compensation case for a Custodian, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

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:		0 7
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The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:01 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

2. aor #6-5 - Clerk Minutes/
approval of
(February 17, 2016)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 4, 2016.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 4, 2016.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

3. gb #5-321.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo Recognition/
Maureen Binienda
(February 8, 2016)

To recognize Maureen Binienda, Principal of South High Community School, on her selection as Grand Marshal of the 2016 St. Patrick's Parade.

Mayor Petty and Dr. Rodrigues presented a Certificate of Recognition to Maureen Binienda, Principal of South High Community School, on her selection as Grand Marshal of the 2016 St. Patrick's Parade.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the item be amended by adding the names of, Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley and Mayor Petty to the item.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Recognition/
Erin Morrissey-
Hendricks,
Mary Sebring and
Tara Vaidya

4. gb #6-14.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(February 8, 2016)

To recognize South High Community School's teachers Erin Morrissey-Hendricks, Mary Sebring and Tara Vaidya on receiving the Mass Insight Partners in Excellence Advanced Placement Teacher Award, "for their demonstrated teaching excellence through student achievement and exemplary leadership in working with Mass Insight Education on the AP STEM program."

Mayor Petty and Dr. Rodrigues presented Certificates of Recognition to South High Community School's teachers Erin Morrissey-Hendricks, Mary Sebring and Tara Vaidya on receiving the Mass Insight Partners in Excellence Advanced Placement Teacher Award.

Recognition/
2015 Posse
Scholarships

5. gb #6-15.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(February 8, 2016)

To recognize the following recipients of the 2015 Posse Scholarships:

Burncoat High School

Alswell Tulasi, Denison University
Madelyn McKenney-Lydick, Denison University

Doherty Memorial High School

Tavian Vassar, Bucknell University
D'mone Walker, Centre College

South High Community School

Ngoc Ngo, Hamilton College

Worcester Technical High School

Esmely Munoz, Bucknell University

Mayor Petty and Dr. Rodrigues presented Certificates of Recognition to the recipients of the 2015 Posse Scholarships.

6. gb #6-72 - Administration
(February 8, 2016)

School Committee's
Student Representatives/
consider input

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

7. ros #6-2 - Administration
(February 17, 2016)

Report of the
Superintendent/
Birth to Grade 3 Initiative

BIRTH TO GRADE 3 INITIATIVE

Ms. Davenport, Edward Street Child Services, made a presentation on the Birth to Grade 3 Initiative and discussed the backup for the item.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide an update on the Birth to Grade 3 Initiative in June 2016.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

8. c&p #6-1 - Clerk
(February 16, 2016)

Communication and
Petition/contest for
students/School
Committee videos on the
City's website

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding a:

request that Worcester's public high schools host a contest for students to design a banner to mount on the telephone poles/street lights near their schools and

- request that the School Committee's videos be archived on the City's website

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

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration ask a representative of the City of Worcester to consider posting the School Committee videos on the City's website, at the request of a student.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

9. The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

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.

2-1-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in March regarding the feasibility of changing the start time for secondary schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Later Secondary
School Start
Times/benefits and
drawbacks

Mrs. Eressy stressed the following areas of difficulties when considering a change in the start time:

- lack of lighting at some fields for sporting events
- travel times for sporting events at other schools
- child care issues

Mr. O'Connell requested that the Administration provide a report regarding the start time in other districts with whom the sporting teams in the Worcester Public School compete.

Miss McCullough inquired as to whether or not other local school districts have implemented a later start time based on these studies.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for discussion in March 2016.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

2-25-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

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

Chronic Absenteeism

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.

2-1-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the item be held for a review of the Action Plan at the Standing Committee Meeting in April 2016.

Request that principals consider including a specific plan to address chronic absenteeism in their school accountability plans.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

2-25-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Mandarin
Chinese

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

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

2-1-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Meade-Montaque made a presentation indicating that 213 students are currently taking Mandarin courses. The Mandarin Part 1 and Part 2 are the middle school level courses and Mandarin I to IV are the high school level courses.

She reported that Doherty Memorial High School has 21 students interested in continuing with Mandarin IV which will be offered next year. All eleven 11th grade students currently taking Mandarin IV are interested in continuing and the question would be whether to offer Mandarin V or AP Mandarin at Doherty Memorial High School.

In the future, if there aren't enough students to offer AP Mandarin courses in one school, a districtwide course could possibly be offered to the students.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration submit a report in April in connection with interest in expanding World Language Programs at both the elementary and secondary levels.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

2-25-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

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

Grade 6-8 Program/
consider expanding

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.

2-1-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with the principals regarding the interest in implementing or expanding a Grade 6-8 program at their respective schools and report back to the Standing Committee in March.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

2-25-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

The School Committee approved 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.

2-1-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Ganem made a presentation regarding the backup for the item.

Mrs. Binienda, Principal of South High Community School, introduced the AP Capstone Program for possible implementation in the Worcester Public Schools. She indicated that Clare Lorenz, a representative from the program, would be available on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at South High Community School inform principals and answer questions about the program.

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

Request that the School Committee:

- vote to apply for participation in the AP Capstone Program
- hold the item for further discussion to include a presentation from a representative from AP Capstone to the Standing Committee at a meeting in March 2016
- ask the Administration, in connection with the AP Capstone Program, to prepare its recommendations in terms of cost impact prior to the Budget

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell requested that the Administration provide the landscape printout of Annex B, page 1.

2-25-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Unified Theater

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

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.

2-1-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration invite a representative of the Unified Theater to make a presentation to include the cost factor.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

HOLD.

2-25-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

PERSONNEL

10. It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel Items 6-7 and 6-8.

6-07 The Superintendent has APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Cafeteria Helper, permanent/intermittent at a salary of \$12.94 per hour, from Civil Service List #315-073, effective as shown:

Cafeteria Helpers/
appointment of

Grimaldi, Donna	2/4/16
Griffiths, Betsy	2/4/16
Riordan, Paula	2/4/16
Fisher, Joan	2/4/16
Benson, Kimberly	2/4/16
Barnes, Meagan	2/4/16
Worster, Nicole	2/4/16
Stapleton, Jillian	2/4/16
Garcia, Nuri	2/4/16
Miller, Helena	2/4/16
Evans, Cynthia	2/4/16
Hazard, Rasheedah	2/4/16

- Principal Account Clerk/ appointment of
- 6-08 The Superintendent has provisionally APPOINTED the person named below to the position of Principal Account Clerk, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$23.10 per hour (minimum) to \$27.83 per hour (maximum) effective as shown:
- Legasey, Marie 2/1/16
Sebring, Caitlin 2/8/16
- GENERAL BUSINESS
- Summer School Program
11. gb #5-150.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/ Miss Biancheria (February 17, 2016)
- Response of the Administration to the request to review the summer school program and provide a report to include the number of students enrolled, attendance percentage for each school and an evaluation of their educational progress.
- Mr. Monfredo suggested that colleges, public libraries, Broad Meadow Brook, museums, United Way, centers of worship, EcoTarium and agencies work together to develop a plan for Summer Reading.
- Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:
- Request that the Mayor's Office and the Administration convene a conference with the community to establish summer learning centers not only in the schools but also in the community.
- Request that the Administration consider adding more grade one and two programs to the summer school program to include:
- math concepts and math activities to be sent home with the summer reading list
 - websites that provide access for summer learning
 - summer learning ideas from the National Association of School Principals. The suggestions are as follows:

Devise a plan. Tell your child that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play.

Transform everyday activities into learning opportunities. Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Gather activity books. Give children their own activity book with crossword puzzles or number games customized for their specific age group. Set a "due date" to keep them on track, but let them work at their own pace.

Initiate a writing project. Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform with siblings or neighbors. Start a family cookbook with your favorite recipes, instructions, and shopping lists.

Strategize screen time. Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but make sure your child is spending enough time away from the screen.

No electric devices. Assign a daily block of time for family members to turn off phones, computers, and the TV, and instead play a board game or read together.

Designate daily reading blocks. Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!) Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member, or sign your child up for your library's summer book

Go global. Set aside several nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that country language. Find the country on a map, and together examine a book or article with information on what life is like there.

Sneak learning into family trips. If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child help you plot out the journey using maps and keep a journal along the way. Older children can tally up miles, keep track of expenses, or compute gas mileage.

Don't forget Math. Finally, try to motivate your child to complete 5 to 10 math problems (from a grade-appropriate workbook) a few times a week, ask him/her mental math problems as one drives in the car and play math problem games (or card games) as the situation arises. Hopefully, the work will be fun (keep it low-level and simple), and the child will do it for enjoyment.

Request that the Administration send ConnectEd messages home about summer reading.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

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

Kindergarten
Assessment/
provide list of

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

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.

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

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration seek input from teachers regarding the number of assessments given to students.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

PARCC/opt
out/
forward letter
to
parents

- 13. gb #6-30.1 - Administration/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(February 17, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to forward a letter to parents indicating their right to opt their child(ren) out of the PARCC assessment.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to parents relative to their right to refuse to take the PARCC assessment.

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

Against the motion: Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 4
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The motion was defeated.

14. gb #6-35.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough
(February 17, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to encourage Worcester secondary schools with robotics programs to consider participation in the 2016 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition.

2016 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)/ participating in

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

15. gb #6-47.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/
Miss McCullough
(February 17, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide the February report for the STEM Program to include upcoming events, locations and participating schools.

STEM Program/provide updated reports

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

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the times and locations for the Stem Programs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Consultants/provide number currently working

- 16. gb #6-48.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/ Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio (February 17, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide the number of consultants that are paid by grant funding or taxpayer dollars currently working in the Worcester Public Schools.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide in a Friday Letter the number of consultants that were paid by grant funding in January and February 2016.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to hold item for additional information.

Grant/Worcester HEARS Grant/\$401,050

- 17. gb #6-55.1 - Administration/Administration (February 11, 2016)

To amend the amount of the HEARS Grant from \$431,700 to \$401,050.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

- 18. gb #6-66.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss McCullough
(February 17, 2016)

After-School Programs/
City Manager's Office
and the District Attorney's
Office

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a detailed update on the After-School Programs that have been established with the collaborative efforts of the City Manager's office and the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Batista provided a detailed report on the After-School Programs that have been established with the collaborative efforts of the City Manager's Office and the District Attorney's Office.

Miss Biancheria requested a progress report on the program.

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

- 19. gb #6-73 - Administration
(January 27, 2016)

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/\$246.69

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$246.69 for mileage reimbursement for a nurse.

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.

- Recognition/set date
20. gb #6-74 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(January 27, 2016)
- To set a date to recognize Ivonne Perez, Principal of Chandler Magnet School, for receiving the Dr. Stephen Mills award from the Worcester Educational Foundation for supporting its mission of "helping students and teachers thrive."
- It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, April 7, 2016.
- Worcester Chamber of Commerce/suggestions for FY17 Budget
21. gb #6-75 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough
(February 2, 2016)
- To consider the suggestions made by the Worcester Chamber of Commerce for possible inclusion in the FY17 Budget of the Worcester Public Schools.
- It was moved to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.
- Mr. Monfredo requested that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce be invited to the meeting when the item is discussed.
- Mr. O'Connell requested that the Administration notify the Chamber of Commerce of the dates of the Budget hearings.
- Recognition/Worcester Historical Museum Valentine Winners
22. gb #6-76 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(February 5, 2016)
- To forward letters of appreciation to the following Worcester Historical Museum Valentine Winners:

Historic

Grade 3	Eliud Vera	McGrath Elementary School
Grade 4	Francie McMahon	Thorndyke Road School
Grade 5	Gabriela Johnson Alex Salerno	City View School Lake View School
Grade 6	Chantelly Pizzaro	Grafton Street School

Contemporary

Grade 3	Yeiralis Irizarry	City View School
Grade 4	Matthew Molle	Worcester Arts Magnet School
Grade 5	Aylina Espejo	City View School
Grade 6	Michael Boateng Donovan Wellington	Worcester Arts Magnet School City View School

Verse

Grade 3	Anja Jane LaJoie	McGrath Elementary School
Grade 4	Melanie Morse	Burncoat Preparatory School
Grade 5	Crystal Abruzzise	Lake View School
Grade 6	Sara Gonzalez Hannah Sholtzberger	Columbus Park School Grafton Street School

Masters

Grade 4	Historic	Riley Driscoll	Worcester Arts Magnet School
Grade 5	Contemporary	Nolan Farrell	Worcester Arts Magnet School
Grade 5	Verse	Carlitos Molina	Worcester Arts Magnet School

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

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| School Choice/set date | 23. | <p><u>gb #6-77</u> - Administration
(February 8, 2016)</p> <p>To set a date in April for a public hearing on school choice.</p> <p>It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, April 28, 2016.</p> |
| Recognition/set date | 24. | <p><u>gb #6-78</u> - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(February 9, 2016)</p> <p>To set a date to recognize Donna Lombardi, Director of School Nutrition, on her selection as the recipient of the Lemuel Shattuck Award for her leadership in Public Health and for her work to reduce health inequities in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, March 17, 2016.</p> |
| Mass. Early Warning Indicator System (EWIS) | 25. | <p><u>gb #6-79</u> - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(February 9, 2016)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.</p> |
| Prior Year Invoices/
\$25,650 | 26. | <p><u>gb #6-80</u> - Administration
(February 11, 2016)</p> <p>To approve prior year invoices totaling \$25,650 for New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) for 2014-15 membership accreditation dues for accreditation of the district's seven high schools.</p> <p>It was moved to approve the item.</p> |

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: 0
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The motion carried.

- 27. gb #6-81 - Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough
(February 11, 2016)

Drug Addiction in
Worcester/provide a
report

Request that the Administration invite Debra McGovern,
Coordinator of School Nurses for the Worcester Public
Schools and Cassandra Andersen, Coordinator of the City
of Worcester's Regional Behavioral Health Program to
provide an update regarding drug addiction in Worcester.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the
Administration for a report back on March 17, 2016.

Ms. Colorio made the following motion:

Request that the item be amended to include District
Attorney Early and Sheriff Evangelidis.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

- 28. gb #6-82 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty
(February 12, 2016)

Recognition/set date

To set a date to congratulate the following individuals who
have been selected for induction into the Worcester Public
Schools' Athletic Hall of Fame:

Jason Goodrow	Commerce High School
Thomas Griffin	Burncoat High School
Charles Horan	Doherty Memorial High School
Thomas Massey	Worcester Boys' Trade High School
Amy (Harper) Munger	Doherty Memorial High School
Robert Phaup	Doherty Memorial High School
Lawrence Powers	Worcester Boys' Trade High School
Reverend George John Ridick	Classical High School
Michael Ross	North High School
Kenneth Troy	Commerce High School 1957 and North High School 1958
Francis Weeks	Outstanding Contributor to WPS Athletics

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Recognition/American Antiquarian Society, the Worcester Cultural Coalition, the United Bank Foundation and the Worcester Educational Development Foundation

29. gb #6-83 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/ Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/ Mayor Petty (February 12, 2016)

To forward letters of recognition to the American Antiquarian Society, the Worcester Cultural Coalition, the United Bank Foundation and the Worcester Educational Development Foundation for bringing Isaiah Thomas, and the educational program "Isaiah Thomas - Patriot Printer," to the fifth grades of the Worcester Public Schools, through the Culture LEAP ("Learning through Education and Arts Partnerships") Initiative.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters.

30. gb #6-84 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough/
Mayor Petty
(February 16, 2016)
- Recognition/
Dr. Richard Blase

To forward a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the School Committee, to Dr. Richard Blase for his donation of gloves to students at five of the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letter.

31. gb #6-85 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough
(February 16, 2016)
- Go Fund Me
Website/publicize South
High Community School
Band

To publicize the "Go Fund Me" website of the South High Community School Band, which is raising funds to enable the band to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the celebration of the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to play with an ensemble of the United States Navy in Annapolis, Maryland on May 20 - 23, 2016. The website is

<https://www.gofundme.com/SouthHighBand>

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

32. gb #6-86 - Miss McCullough/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(February 17, 2016)
- Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize the following winners of the Worcester Technical High School Tech Fair 2016 and its Coordinator, Jocelyn Coughlin:

1ST Place

Plumbing and Pipe fitting	Soamy Morales Xavier Sotomayor Tyler DaSilva	Pathogen Growth in Different Types of Pipes
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2ND Place

Environmental Tech	Angel Shenette Tehya Casey	You're Safe, but is the Water- Testing the Health of Bodies of Water
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3RD Place

Welding & Metal	Julian Daneik Stephanie Delgado Heidi O'Connor	Virtual Welding vs. Real Life Welding
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4TH Place

Biotech	Melany Acosta Tatiana Beckford Jahlyn Hampton Adja Sackor	Can Worcester Support Microbial Growth in Water
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5TH Place

Programming and Web Development	Kendrick Henriquez Aaron Ofosuhene	Cross Platform Development
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Honorable Mention (in no particular order)

Allied Health	Sophia Avril Emilee Avril	The Relationship of Your Dominant Hand and Eating
Allied Health	Hoag Vo Casey Colon	Nail Polish at a Price
Painting and Design	Shanna Harden Yvonne Bui	Testing Mixtures of Oil Based and Water Based Paints

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, April 7, 2016.

33. gb #6-87 - Miss McCullough/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(February 17, 2016)
- Legal Opinion/
responsibility for
evaluating and managing
positions
- Request that the School Committee seek a legal opinion regarding its responsibility for the evaluation and management of the following positions based on its hiring authority:
- assistant/associate superintendent
 - school business administrator
 - administrator of special education
 - school physicians
 - school nurses
 - legal counsel
 - supervisors of attendance
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Law Department for a legal opinion to be forwarded in a Friday Letter.
34. gb #6-88 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss McCullough
(February 17, 2016)
- List of Schools and the
designated level of the
school
- Request that the Administration provide a list of schools indicating the designated level of each school (Levels I, II, III, IV or V) and specify ways to improve these levels.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
35. gb #6-89 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
(February 17, 2016)
- Social Media Policies and
Procedures/review of
- Request that the Administration review the Social Media Policies and Procedures and indicate what additional training is provided regarding Twitter, Facebook and other social media outlets for staff, students and parents.

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

Ms. Colorio asked what the consequences are for the employees who violate the Social Media Policies and Procedures.

Superintendent of Schools/ review applications for position of

- 36. gb #6-91 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo (February 23, 2016)

To review applications for the position of Superintendent of Schools, to develop an interview schedule and process, to consider interview questions, and to make such other decisions as are advisable to advance the selection process, including the possible selection of semi-finalists or finalists, in either public or executive sessions, as legally appropriate.

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:	0
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The motion carried.

It was moved to suspend rules to reconsider 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:	0
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The motion carried.

It was moved to reconsider the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: 0

Against the motion: Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,
Mayor Petty 7
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The motion was defeated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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