

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Agenda #8

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, March 3, 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

The invocation was given by Reverend Noel Williamson of Pleasant Street Baptist Church.

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

COMMUNICATION AND PETITION

Communication and
Petition/substitute
teachers

1. c&p #6-2 - Clerk
(February 23, 2016)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the current compensation for substitute teachers in the Worcester Public Schools.

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

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

School/Program
Relocation Plan

2. gb #6-100 - Miss Biancheria
(February 24, 2016)

To discuss the proposed School/Program Relocation Plan.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that he be recused from discussion of this item due to a conflict of interest since he is a member on the Board for the YMCA.

Mr. Foley left the meeting from 7:13 p.m. to 7:53 p.m.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion:	Miss Biancheria, Ms. Colorio, Mr. Monfredo, Miss McCullough, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty	6
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Against the motion:		0
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Absent:	Mr. Foley	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Dr. Rodrigues made a presentation regarding the item as contained in Annex A of the backup.

The following individuals addressed the School Committee regarding their support of the proposed relocation plan:

Jessica Boss, Principal, Chandler Elementary School
Steve Alzamora, Principal, Dr. James A. Caradonio New Citizen Center
Lisa Houlihan, Principal, Burncoat Middle School

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

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

- The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

gb #5-172 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria (June 22, 2015)

FY16 Budget

To review the status of the FY16 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

2-29-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

It was moved to approve the following transfers to balance deficit accounts through the Second Quarter of the fiscal year and provide funding for the recommended spending:

Amount	From Account	Account Title	To Account	Account Title
\$700,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500-92204	Instructional Materials
\$93,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500I36SS-92000	Misc Ed. OM - School Safety
\$10,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500I36SN-92000	Misc Ed OM - School Nurse
\$300,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500152-92000	Facilities OM
\$220,000	500-91119	Custodial Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime
\$40,000	500-911123	Non-Instructional Salaries	500-97204	Maintenance Overtime
\$100,000	500-91123	Non-Instructional Salaries	540103-97201	Transport Overtime

On a roll call of 3-0, the motion was approved.

3-3-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

It was moved to approve the following transfers to balance deficit accounts through the Second Quarter of the fiscal year and provide funding for the recommended spending:

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\$100,000	500-91123	Non-Instructional Salaries	540103-97201	Transport Overtime

On a roll call of 7-0, the motion was approved.

gb #5-290 - Administration (October 16, 2015)City View School/
radon

To review and discuss the communication from the Bureau of Environmental Health of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding their discontinuance of the required continuous monitoring and maintenance of the radon mitigation system at City View Discovery School and to discuss the Administration's recommendation for future radon sampling and surveys.

2-29-16 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

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3-3-16 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. gb #5-327.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(February 26, 2016)

Textbooks

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on:

- the number of classroom textbooks that are sent out to be rebound each year
- the number of textbooks that are needed for classroom use versus the available supply
- the access of textbooks on the computer
- the number of students who don't have textbooks and a response as to whether or not the district has a systemwide textbook inventory

Ms. Colorio requested that the Administration provide a report on the number of schools that use the Go Math Program and indicate the number of schools that are not using it.

Dr. Rodrigues indicated that all schools should be using the Go Math Program and asked Ms. Colorio to speak to him regarding any information she has to the contrary.

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

Gymnastics Teams

- 5. gb #6-38.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/ Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough (February 24, 2016)

Response of the Administration to the request to determine whether sufficient student interest exists to form gymnastics teams, in individual schools or on a citywide basis, in cooperation with any private Worcester gymnastics centers willing and able to assist the teams to minimize costs.

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

Donation/Worcester County Deputy Sheriffs Office and Spectrum Health Systems/CPR Mannequins

- 6. gb #6-93 - Administration (February 24, 2016)

To accept a \$500 donation from the Worcester County Deputy Sheriffs and \$100 from Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. for purchase of CPR mannequins for the district.

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.

Donation/Pappas Family/ Annual Scholarship/ Worcester Technical High School football player

- 7. gb #6-94 - Administration (February 24, 2016)

To accept donations in the amount of \$5,000 from The Pappas Family to set-up an Annual Scholarship for a Worcester Technical High School Senior football player in the amount of \$200.00.

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

Against the motion: 0
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The motion carried.

Mayor Petty requested that the Administration, on behalf of the School Committee, send a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Pappas family for setting up an annual Scholarship fund in the total amount of \$5,000 to be awarded to a football player each year in the amount \$200.00.

- 8. gb #6-95 - Administration
 (February 24, 2016)

Environmental
 Management System/
 five year contract

To authorize the Administration to enter into a contract for five years for environmental engineering consultation in accordance with the district's Environmental Management System.

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

- 9. gb #6-96 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
 Mr. O'Connell
 (February 24, 2016)

Read Across America

Request that the Administration provide a report on the celebration and success stories of Read Across America Day in our schools.

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

Teachers and
Substitute Teachers

10. gb #6-97 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(February 24, 2016)

Request that the Administration provide information regarding the assignment of a full time teacher rather than a substitute, in order to provide continuity of instruction when a teacher leaves a position during the school year.

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

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report to include the number of substitute teachers currently available systemwide and also the number of teacher vacancies that currently exist in the system.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Recovery Program

11. gb #6-98 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(February 24, 2016)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the Recovery Program.

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

Donation/Ryan P.
Quinn Memorial
Golf Tournament
Fund/
CPR Mannequins

12. gb #6-99 - Administration
(February 24, 2016)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from The Ryan P. Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament Fund for the purchase of CPR mannequins for the district.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Miss McCullough requested to be recused from voting on the item due to a potential conflict of interest.

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:		0
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Recused:	Miss McCullough	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

It was moved to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

13. gb #6-101 - Administration
(February 24, 2016)

Executive Session

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.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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