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## A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Monfredo and Chairman O'Connell

Ms. Novick and Miss Biancheria were also in attendance.

Representing Administration were: Dr. Rodrigues and Dr. Friel

### gb #2-134 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (April 10, 2012)

To consider reactivation of the television/media studio, originally installed in the Woodland/Claremont facility.

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

Request that the Administration provide opportunities to students who indicate interest in taping events at their respective schools which could then be rebroadcast on Channel 11.

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter in June 2014 and include the backup (Annex A) with the response.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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### gb #2-228 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (July 25, 2012)

Request that the Administration consider the establishment of a bowling club in Worcester's high schools.

gb #2-228 (continued)

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the secondary principals discuss interest in establishing a bowling club with students at their respective schools.

Request that the Administration meet with the secondary principals to determine interest in establishing a bowling club, and if there is interest, interact with community or college partners to support the program.

Request that the Administration consider offering a stipend for the position of bowling advisor.

Request that the responses be provided in a Friday Letter.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

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gb #2-280 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick (October 10, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the Worcester Public Schools' internship programs for college students and indicate the names of the colleges and the number of students involved in these internships.

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

Request that the Administration respond to the following motions that were made on January 22, 2013 and provide an update on them in June 2014:

Request that the Administration interact with principals to create expanded internship programs for students in conjunction with local colleges and universities, especially for students in Level 3 and Level 4 schools.

Request that the Administration develop an informational packet for each intern to include, but not be limited to, information regarding the school system, internship opportunities, employment opportunities and a recognition letter from the School Committee.

gb #2-280 (continued)

Request that the Administration review with appropriate school personnel opportunities for expanded internships for students in ELL and for those in Adult Education Programs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a list of the Internship and Tutoring Program for 2013-14 modelled on the format of Annex A of the backup for the item.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #2-281 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell (October 10, 2012)

Request that the Administration apply for additional Chapter 74 funds for Career Pathways Programs at the high school level with an emphasis on finance and STEM programs.

The Administration stated that it continues to explore how existing and new resources can augment the selection of offerings in each comprehensive high schools.

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gb #2-314 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio (November 9, 2012)

To consider whether the students of the Worcester Public Schools should be encouraged or required to demonstrate an appropriate mastery of basic civics prior to their graduation, and, in this regard, to consider administering the civics portion of the United States Naturalization Test to seniors, or to a representative sample of seniors, on a pilot basis.

gb #2-314 (continued)

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

Request that the Administration provide to all Social Studies teachers a link to the naturalization test to be shared, when appropriate, with their classes and also to make students aware of the ways in which an immigrant becomes a citizen.

Request that the Administration provide a response in March 2015 to the above mentioned motion.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration administer the civics portion of the United States Naturalization Test to seniors, or to a representative sample of seniors, on a pilot basis.

On a roll call of 1-2 (yea-Mr. O'Connell), the motion was defeated.

gb #3-83.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell (July 15, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a list of the apprenticeship agreements to include the sites and partners.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration discuss at a Superintendent's meeting with principals a possible way in which to promote apprenticeship agreements at South High Community and Burncoat High schools and provide a report in June 2014 in a Friday Letter.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #3-158.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo  
(September 11, 2013)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report of the vocational funding provided to the district and the funding provided to each Ch 74 vocational course per school site and per student course enrollment.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide the Chapter 74 Enrollment by School and Program modelled on the format of Annex A of the backup for the item.

Request that Dr. Rodrigues and Miss Biancheria meet with Mr. Allen to determine, if possible, the breakdown of allocations from Chapter 74 revenue among the programs in the Worcester Public Schools.

Request that the responses be referred to the FY15 Budget.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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