

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, November 1 2018
Agenda #23

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, November 1, 2018.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell and Mayor Petty

There were absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

- 1. gb #8-329- Executive Session (Administration) Executive Session
(October 24, 2018)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Plumbers and Steamfitters - IUPE, 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 Tradesmen - IUPE, 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 Aides to the Physically Handicapped and Monitors, 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, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley 2
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The motion carried.

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

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

There were absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley

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

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Minutes/
approval of

2. aor #8-20 - Clerk
(October 23, 2018)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2018.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2018.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Recognition/
UMASS Medical
School

3. gb #8-299.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(October 23, 2018)

To recognize the University of Massachusetts Medical School for its donation of twenty-seven "micro-grants" to teachers of the Worcester Public Schools.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a certificate to Kola Akindele, Assistant Vice-Chancellor for City and Community relations at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

4. gb #8-300.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/ Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mayor Petty
(October 23, 2018)
- Recognitions/
Francis J. McGrath and
Wawecus Road
Elementary schools

To congratulate the Francis J. McGrath Elementary and Wawecus Road schools for their recognition by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for high achievement, high growth, or significantly exceeding their targets on the Spring 2018 administration of the MCAS.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented certificates to the Paula Gibb-Severin and Joanna Loftus.

5. gb #8-308.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mayor Petty
(October 23, 2018)
- Recognition/
SOFA

To recognize the board of the "Support Our Fine Arts" (SOFA) program for its generous donation of \$8,052 in mini-grants to staff members of the Burncoat quadrant, during the Spring of 2018, and to forward letters to the recipients of the mini-grants.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a certificate to Brian Hacker, a volunteer for SOFA.

6. gb #8-315 - Administration
(October 23, 2018)
- Student
Representatives

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report of the
Superintendent/
2017-18
Assessment and
Accountability

7. ROS #8-13 - Administration
(October 23, 2018)

2017-18 ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Superintendent Binienda presented an informative PowerPoint presentation highlighting the 2017-18 Worcester Assessment and Accountability Results.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in March 2019 on the Science curriculum broken down by elementary, middle and high schools in order to assess the needs for this curriculum prior to the 2020 Budget deliberations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report this winter on any plans for supplemental service, resources or supports provided to schools to include budget recommendations prior for the 2020 Budget.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

8. PERSONNEL

It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel Item 8-45.

Job Descriptions

- 8-45 To review for informational purposes the Job Descriptions for:

Assistant Director of Finance and Operations for Nutrition.

Marketing, Communication, Initiative and Outreach Coordinator.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. gb #8-123.5 - Administration/
Miss Biancheria
(October 22, 2018) Perkins Grant FY19/
budget allocations

Response of the Administration to the request to provide the FY19 Budget allocation for the Perkins Grant.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide an allocation of funds for the Perkins Grant each year.

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

10. gb #8-301.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo
(October 2, 2018) Homeschooling/
approval process

Response of the Administration to the request to provide an update on the education plan approval process for homeschooled children and specify when the process will be completed for the current academic year, including an update on plans to expedite the process to assure its rapid and efficient completion for 2019-20.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration adopt a Homeschooling Policy, if one is not already developed, detailing procedures and guidelines that are in full compliance with the 1987 SJC decision, *Care and Protection of Charles*.

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

Political
Fundraising/
state guidelines

11. gb #8-309 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. Foley/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(October 10, 2018)

Request that the Administration interact with the City Manager and City Solicitor to make certain that all City of Worcester employees are fully informed about the State's guidelines regarding appointed and public employees' public participation in political fundraising efforts and endorsement process and requested that the unapproved proposed plans be approved.

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

Recognition/
forward letter

12. gb #8-316 - Administration
(October 10, 2018)

To forward a letter of congratulations to Elm Park Community School for exiting from Level 4 status.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

Donations/
various donors

13. gb #8-317 - Administration
(October 10, 2018)

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$1381.09 to Worcester Arts Magnet School from the Parent Teacher Group for the purchase of a new water fountain
- \$1090.00 to Tatnuck Magnet School from various donors through fundraising efforts
- \$2500.00 to the Worcester Public Schools from DonorsChoose.org

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty	5
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Against the motion:	0
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Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley	$\frac{2}{7}$
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The motion carried.

14. gb #8-318 - Administration
(October 12, 2018)

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/
Wheelabator Millbury,
Inc.

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$7,724.18 to Wheelabator Millbury, Inc.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty	5
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Against the motion:	0
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Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley	$\frac{2}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/
Home Depot
Credit Services

15. gb #8-319 - Administration
(October 12, 2018)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$238.39 to Home Depot Credit Services.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley $\frac{2}{7}$

The motion carried.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/
Northeast
Electrical
Distributors

16. gb #8-320 - Administration
(October 12, 2018)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$241.65 to Northeast Electrical Distributors.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley $\frac{2}{7}$

The motion carried.

- 17. gb #8-321 - Administration (October 12, 2018) Prior Fiscal Year Payment/
Signet Electronic Systems, Inc.

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$172.50 to Signet Electronic Systems, Inc.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley 2
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The motion carried.

It was moved and voice voted to consider the following items together.

- 18. gb #8-322 - Miss McCullough/Mr. Comparetto/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell (October 15, 2018) Elementary Schools/
lunch times

Request that the Administration consider the feasibility of developing a policy regarding the amount of time for lunches, especially at the elementary level.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration create guidelines for lunch times and make certain that they are followed.

Ex- Officio member of the School Committee, Kwaku Nyarko, requested that the Administration also study and possibly adjust school lunch times at the secondary levels.

Miss Biancheria requested that her name be added to the item.

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

Recess Policy

19. gb #8-324 - Miss McCullough/Mr. Comparetto/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(October 16, 2018)

To review the Worcester Public Schools Recess Policy to insure that it is being adhered to districtwide.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration specifically focus on the 30 minute requirement for recess and indicate how most principals implement it.

Miss Biancheria requested that her name be added to the item.

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

IT Policies/
security of
information

20. gb #8-323 - Miss McCullough/Mr. Comparetto/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(October 15, 2018)

Request that the Administration review IT policies regarding password creation and information that is shared both within the system and outside the Worcester Public Schools to insure it is utilizing appropriate safety and security measures.

Miss Biancheria requested that her name be added to the item.

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

- 21. gb #8-325 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
(October 17, 2018) Burncoat Street
Preparatory School/
overcrowding

To consider acquisition of modular classrooms for Burncoat Street Preparatory School, to alleviate the impact of overcrowding and congestion at the school.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration look into options for more space at Burncoat Street Preparatory School.

Miss Biancheria requested that her name be added to the item.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for a report and recommendations.

- 22. gb #8-326 - Administration Grant/Project HERE
(October 22, 2018)

To accept the Project HERE Substance Use Prevention Curriculum Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mr. Foley 2
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The motion carried.

Recognition/
set date

23. gb #8-327 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mayor Petty
(October 22, 2018)

To set a date to recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the donation of \$25,000.00 by the Worcester Rotary Club for the construction and installation of the new playground at Canterbury Street Magnet Computer Based School.

Miss Biancheria requested that her name be added to the item.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, November 15, 2018.

Recognition/
forward letter

24. gb #8-328 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(October 24, 2018)

To forward a letter of congratulations to Drew Weymouth, Director of Innovation Pathways, and the staff for a very successful ribbon cutting ceremony which will expand career field exploration through technical education at Worcester Technical High School.

Miss Biancheria requested that her name be added to the item.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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