

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, November 15, 2018
Agendas #24

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 7:03 p.m. in the Esther Howland Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo and Mr. O'Connell

There was absent: Mayor Petty

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

Two Hour Delay

1. Mr. Foley announced that, due to the inclement weather, the Worcester Public Schools will have a 2 hour delay on Friday, November 16, 2018.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Minutes/
approval of

2. aor #8-21 - Clerk
(November 7, 2018)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 1, 2018.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 1, 2018.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Held

3. gb #8-327.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty/
Miss Biancheria
(November 7, 2018)

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.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

4. gb #8-330 - Administration (November 5, 2018) Student Representatives

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. gb #7-163.1 - Administration/Miss McCullough/ Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/ Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (November 6, 2018) No Live Lice Policy

Response of the Administration to the request to review the new No Live Lice Policy to ensure that schools are following the reentry procedures.

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

6. gb #7-402.1 - Administration/Administration (November 6, 2018) School Calendars

To approve the proposed 2019-20 and the 2020-21 School Calendars.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the following amendments be made to the calendars:

- Add Day to Martin Luther King in both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 calendars
- Change the capital letter on School to a lower case s for Last Day of School in both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 calendars
- Place June 1, 2021 date after the May 31, 2021 in the 2020-21 calendar
- Delete the following line on the 2020-21 calendar:

If the number of snow days extends by 8 days, subsequent days will be taken from April's Vacation.

On a voice vote the motion was approved.

On a roll call, the calendars for 2019-21 and 2020-21 were approved as amended:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, 6
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

High Stake
Standardized
Testing/
cost of

- 7. gb #8-310.1 - Administration/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss McCullough
(October 26, 2018)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report regarding costs to the City of Worcester to administer high stake standardized testing to the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

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

Recognition/set
date

- 8. gb #8-331 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty/
Miss McCullough
(October 31, 2018)

To set a date to recognize Anna Maria College, with gratitude and appreciation, for its "OpporTUNEity" program, which offers to the students of Lincoln Street School specialized instruction in choral singing and piano, as well as music therapy, under the direction of the College's music students.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, December 6, 2018.

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

9. gb #8-332 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell
(October 31, 2018) Resolution/
Foundation Budget

Request that the School Committee forward the enclosed Resolution to the local legislators, House Speaker DeLeo, Senate President Spilka and to Governor Baker urging them to pass the Foundation Budget and join in with the fourteen other districts that have passed a similar resolution.

Mr. O'Connell made the following amendments to the Resolution in Annex A of the backup for the item:

- in the fourth paragraph add:

WHEREAS, an updated foundation budget formula, based on the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, would bring Worcester up to...

- in the last paragraph add:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Worcester School Committee urges the Legislature to approve and fully fund a new foundation budget formula, based on the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, by May 1, 2019.

On a voice vote, the Resolution as amendments was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the meeting of Thursday, December 6, 2018.

Recognition/forward letter

10. gb #8-333 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty/
Miss McCullough
(November 1, 2018)

To forward a congratulatory letter to Maddie Rich, a student at Burncoat High School, on her acceptance into The International High School Honors Women's Choir, and to extend best wishes to her on her scheduled February 11, 2019 performance with the Choir in Carnegie Hall.

It was moved and voice voted for forward a letter of congratulations.

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

Action Plan/
reading on grade
level

11. gb #8-334 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough
(November 5, 2018)

Request that the Administration, based on the latest data, establish as one of its top priorities reading on grade level by the end of grade three and develop an Action Plan with benchmarks to be forwarded to the School Committee by January.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide the budget amount allotted for early childhood reading programs and if there are available funds prepare an Action Plan with benchmarks.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

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

12. gb #8-335 - Administration
(November 5, 2018) Grant/Federal
Emergency Impact Aid

To accept the Federal Emergency Impact Aid Grant in the amount of \$2,075,906.00.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a breakdown on how these monies will be spent.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

13. gb #8-336 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty/
Miss McCullough
(November 5, 2018) Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize Christine Foley, Coordinator of Andy's Attic at South High Community School, for her role in assisting those in need within the community.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, December 20, 2018.

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

Instruction/
laptop computers

14. gb #8-337 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
(November 6, 2018)

To permit staff members to utilize laptop computers in school for instructional purposes as appropriate for software compatibility or instructional efficacy.

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

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

Donations

15. gb #8-338 - Administration
(November 7, 2018)

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$347.50 from Dogfather Vending LLC/Mark Gallant to WTHS
- \$1,000.00 from Gomez Enterprises LLC/McDonald's to Roosevelt Elementary School
- \$1,000.00 from Gomez Enterprises LLC/McDonald's to the Worcester Public Schools to be used as a scholarship to a deserving student
- \$2,000 from the Pappas Scholarship Fund to be divided equally to a student at South High Community School and another at Worcester Technical High School

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

16. gb #8-339 - Administration
(November 7, 2018) Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/
transportation

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the total amount of \$697.50 to parents/guardians for transportation reimbursements.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

17. gb #8-340 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss McCullough
(November 7, 2018) Articulation
Agreements

Request that the Administration provide a list of the Chapter 74 programs that have active Articulation Agreements and a list of apprenticeships available to students through organizations.

Miss Biancheria made the following amendment to her item to read as follows:

Request that the Administration provide a list of the Chapter 74 programs that have active Articulation Agreements and a list of apprenticeships available to students through organizations, **unions and colleges**.

On a voice vote, the item was approved as amended.

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

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

- Bus Stops 18. gb #8-341 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(November 7, 2018)
- Request that the Administration review the process by school for requesting changes or additions to bus stops.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
- Prior Fiscal Year Payment/
custodian 19. gb #8-342 - Administration
(November 7, 2018)
- To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$35.20 for a custodian.
- On a roll call, the vote was as follows:
- For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell 6
- Against the motion: 0
- Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$
- The motion carried.
- Executive Session 20. gb #8-343 - Executive Session (Administration)
(November 7, 2018)
- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.
- Since the Executive Session was cancelled the items were filed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

21. ROS #8-14 - Administration
(November 7, 2018)

Report of the
Superintendent/End-
of-Cycle Summative
Evaluation Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S END-OF-CYCLE SUMMATIVE
EVALUATION REPORT**

Superintendent Binienda presented an excellent PowerPoint relative to her End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report based on her Goals.

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

22. Miss Biancheria announced that the Bullying Conference, that was scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018 at North High School, has been rescheduled to Friday, November 30, 2018.

Bullying Conference

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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