

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Agendas #5 and 5A

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, March 21, 2019.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

There were absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mayor Petty

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

Executive Session 1.

qb #9-115 -Executive Session
(Administration)
(March 13, 2019)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation for an Instructional Aide, 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 for a Worker's Compensation for a Bus Monitor, 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 collective bargaining and to conduct collective bargaining regarding Grievance #18/19-6.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the case of Jane Doe v. Worcester Public Schools.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto and Mayor Petty 2
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The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:15 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Petty arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Comparetto arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Robert Jackson First Congregational Church.

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

There were present at the second Call to Order:

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

2. Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to deny Grievance #18/19-6.

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, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried to deny the Grievance.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

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| 3. <u>gb #9-69.1</u> - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Mayor Petty
(March 11, 2019) | Recognition/
Sean Lovely |
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To recognize Officer Sean Lovely on his selection as the 2019 Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a certificate to Officer Lovely.

Recognition/
Worcester Railers

4. gb #9-79.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty
(March 11, 2019)

To recognize, with gratitude and appreciation, the work of the Worcester Railers in painting and refurbishing the library of Vernon Hill Elementary School.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a certificate to Jackie Avelo representing the Worcester Railers.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Minutes/
approval of

5. aor #9-4 - Clerk
(March 13, 2019)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 28, 2019.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Minutes/
approval of

6. aor #9-5 - Clerk
(March 13, 2019)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 7, 2019.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Student
Representatives

7. gb #9-84 - Administration
(March 13, 2019)

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

8. Mayor Petty moved to allow Roger Nugent, EAW President to introduce Dr. Lisa Adrianopolous and Cathy Ranaghan to speak on the need for increasing School Psychologists to address the social and emotional needs of students.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration prepare a recommendation in May prior to the 2020 Budget adding more psychologists and related personnel to assist with the students who have social and/or emotional needs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to take the following items out of order:

9. gb #9-105 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration consider incorporating into high school curricula LGBTQI history.

John Trobaugh and Jeffry Wright spoke to the item.

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

High School
Curricula/consider
incorporating LGBTQI
history

10. gb #9-109 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration consider hiring a consultant to study racial equity in the Worcester Public Schools.

Ruth Rodriguez and Rev. Jose Perez spoke to the item.

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

Racial Equity
Consultant/
consider hiring

It was moved and voice voted the take the following item out of order:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

- 11. The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

FY19 Budget Status

qb #8-233 -Administration (July 18, 2018)

To review the status of the FY19 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

Mr. Allen provided an update on the Second Quarter Report for the FY19 Budget.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

Amount	From	From	To Account	To Account Title
\$813,250	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500-92204	Instructional Supplies
\$110,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500136-92000	Miscellaneous OM (School Safety)
\$100,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500152-92000	Facilities OM (Building Repairs)
\$65,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500152-92000	Facilities OM (Environmental)
\$300,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	540103-97000	Transportation Overtime
\$210,000	500-91120	Maintenance Service Salaries	500-97201	Custodial Overtime
\$155,000	500146-92000	Building Utilities	500152-92000	Facilities OM (Trash Removal)

3-11-19 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

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

Hold for the third quarter report.

3-21-19 SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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

gb #8-259 - Administration (August 28, 2018)Contracts/lease of
property

To authorize the Administration to enter into contracts for the lease of property for a possible term of 10 years or up to twenty years for the operation of student transportation for a contract term to begin in June 2020.

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

FILE.

gb #8-260 - Administration (August 28, 2018)Contracts/
lease of buses

To authorize the Administration to enter into contracts for the lease of school buses, special education school buses, and wheelchair buses for a term of up to five years for the operation of student transportation for a contract term to begin in June 2020.

3-11-19 - STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION

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

FILE.

gb #8-291.1 Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(September 26, 2018)Snow Removal
Equipment

Request that the Administration provide a report on the availability of snow removal equipment for individual school sites or available for school use to include snow blowers and plow trucks.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide, in a Friday letter, a list of snow removal equipment broken down by year, size and estimated cost for possible replacement.

Request that the Administration provide, in a Friday letter, a list of snow blowers currently at the schools.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

FILE.

Transportation
Services

gb #9-59 - Administration (February 13, 2019)

To review bid specifications for student transportation services and award contract to lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a contract term to begin in June 2020.

Mr. Allen gave a report on the backup for the item. Superintendent Binienda suggested that the Worcester Public Schools phase in a self-operating buses transportation system over the next few years by adding up to 42 vans.

Attendees Karen Valentine-Gorins and Tracy Novick spoke to the item.

Miss McCullough made the following motion:
Request that the Administration provide a more detailed breakdown of the cost savings of having a self operating district transportation system along with an estimated cost of entering into such an undertaking.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration prepare a two year contract allowing for an optional third year.

Request that the Administration prepare a five year contract bid for transportation services, effective the first day of summer school 2020.

Request that the Administration invite viable vendors to submit Request for Proposals.

Request that the Administration submit a cost estimate to self operate district transportation.

On a roll call of 3-0, the motions were approved.

It was moved to approve the report of the Standing Committee as amended.

3-21-19 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

Mayor Petty relinquished the chair to Vice-chair McCullough in order to speak to item gb#9-59.

gb #9-59 - Administration (February 13, 2019)

Transportation Services

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration prepare a two year contract allowing for an optional third year.

On a roll call of 7-0, 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, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Request that the Administration prepare a five year contract bid for transportation services, effective the first day of summer school 2020.

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

Request that the Administration invite viable vendors to submit Request for Proposals.

On a roll call of 7-0, 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, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	<u>0</u> 7
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The motion carried.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration delete the last motion from the item which states:

Request that the Administration submit a cost estimate to self operate district transportation.

On a roll call of 4-3 (nays Miss Biancheria, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell), the motion to delete the above mentioned motion was approved. Therefore this motion was defeated.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty	4
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Against the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell	<u>3</u> 7
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The motion carried.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty	4
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Against the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell	<u>3</u> 7
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The motion carried.

At the request of Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty called for a vote on her initial motion which he amended as follows:

Request that the Administration provide a more detailed breakdown of the cost savings of having a self operating district transportation system along with an estimated cost of entering into such an undertaking, that it include the pros and cons of a self operating system, and that it provide this breakdown with a timetable, by or during July 2019.

On a roll call of 4-3 (nays Miss Binienda, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell), the motion as amended was approved.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley,
Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty 4

Against the motion: Miss Biancheria,
Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell $\frac{3}{7}$

The motion carried.

12. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ROS #9-4 - Administration
(March 13, 2019)

Report of the
Superintendent
ELL Students

EMERGING AND SUSTAINED STRATEGIES TO BOOST
OUTCOME FOR ELL STUDENTS

Carmen Melendez provided a PowerPoint on the Emerging and Sustained Strategies to Boost Outcome for ELL Students as contained in Annex A of the backup.

Miss Biancheria left at 8:20 p.m..

Miss McCullough left at 8:33 p.m.

Miss Biancheria returned at 8:35 p.m.

Miss McCullough returned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Petty left at 8:40 p.m.

Miss McCullough chaired the meeting from 8:40 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Petty returned at 8:45 p.m. and allowed a person to speak to a different topic.

It was moved and voice voted to allow Ken Bergin to speak to gb 9-59 from the Standing Committee item on bus contracts.

Discussion on the ROS resumed.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in December 2019 on the progress being made at both the schools that did not meet the target and those who showed no progress as contained in Annex A, page 18.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria left at 9:30 p.m. and returned at 9:38 p.m.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the trends in graduation and dropout rates of English Language Learner students and indicate whether the interventions were successful.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a summary of the teachers who are SEI endorsed.

Superintendent Binienda reported that all teachers are SEI endorsed and the motion was filed.

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

It was moved and voice voted to allow Hilda Ramirez to speak to item gb #105.

It was moved and voice voted to allow Cara Berg Powers to speak on numerous topics.

13. PERSONNEL

It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel Items 9-14 and 9-15

- 9-14 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION for Purposes of RETIREMENT of the person named below: Resignation

Vancelette, Thomas, Teacher, Elementary, McGrath, effective March 1, 2019.

- 9-15 The Superintendent has APPROVED the LEAVE OF ABSENCE of the person named below: Leave of Absence

Firmin, Kristen, Teacher, Elementary, Canterbury, effective April 5, 2019 - June 30, 2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS

14. gb #8-350.2 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Foley
(March 11, 2019) Online Grading

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report, at its earliest convenience, outlining the anticipated costs of implementing a system of online grading prior to the 2020 Budget discussion.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Mr. Foley left at 9:52 p.m.

15. gb #9-20.1 - Administration/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(February 22, 2019) Advanced Placement

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the Advanced Placement course offerings and include student/parent feedback, guidelines and costs for the exams.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a copy of the Advanced Placement scores.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report that includes student and parent feedback on the Advanced Placement Scores.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

Read Across
America Day

14. gb #9-41.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell
(March 14, 2019)

Response of the Administration to have all students in K-6 participate in the NEA's "Read Across America Day" on March 1st honoring Dr. Seuss with a variety of motivational reading activities in their classrooms and to encourage parents to do the same.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Mr. Foley returned at 10:00 p.m.

Claremont
Academy/
catchment area

16. gb #9-50.1 - Administration/Mr. Foley/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(March 11, 2019)

Response of the Administration to the request to work with the site council and staff at Claremont Academy to develop a geographic catchment area for students who wish to attend Claremont.

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

17. gb #9-85 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(March 11, 2018) Recognition/
set date

To set a date to recognize the Doherty Memorial High School's Powerlifting Team and its coach Bradley Dustin for placing:

- first at the Elite High Open Cup held in Middleton
- third overall in the Statewide Ryan Moore New England Open and
- first in Central Mass.

Alwaleed Al Habeeb	Jason Amantea
Michael Boutros	Anthony Migridichian
Kyle Monfredo	Michael Monfredo
Jordan Nguyen	Kwaku Nyarko
Fabian Valencia	

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, April 25, 2019.

18. gb #9-86 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(March 11, 2018) Recognition/
forward letter

To forward a letter of congratulations to Worcester Technical High School's Boys Basketball Team and its coach Sean Lynch for capturing the Central Mass Championship and the Division IV State Semi-Final titles.

Mr. Monfredo made the following amendment to the item:

To set a date to recognize the Worcester Technical High School Basketball team and their coach Sean Lynch for becoming the first Worcester Public School Team to win the State Basketball Championship.

Nicholas Cruz	Jaheim Simpson	Malcom Gaines
Zaire Peart	Jasiel Latorre	Andrew Enlow
Cooper Nyanue	Innocent Nortey	Jose Bonilla
Deron Kumah	Brendon Hamilton	John Babb
Eduardo Moreira	Frederick Siayor	Cesar Flores

Managers Rodney Maldonado and Justice Bautista
 JV Coach: Don Cummings
 Assistant Coaches: Anthony Barbosa, Duane
 Anderson, Ray Sanchez

Mayor Petty stated that the city is planning something special for the team.

It was moved and voice voted to set a date to be determined.

Public School
 Week

19. gb #9-87 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
 Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell
 (March 11, 2018)

Request that the Administration alert schools and the community that the week of March 24th is Public School Week, sponsored by the National Education Association.

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

100 Males to
 College Program

21. gb #9-88 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
 Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell
 (March 11, 2018)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the 100 Males to College Program.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a presentation in the Spring 2019 on the 100 Males to College Program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

22. gb #9-89 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
(March 12, 2019) Massachusetts
Educational Recruiting
Consortium Career Fair

To participate in the 2019 Massachusetts Educational Recruiting Consortium Career Fair on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the George Sherman Union, Boston University.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

23. gb #9-90 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Mayor Petty
(March 12, 2019) Recognition/
forward letter

To forward a letter of congratulations to the staff and students of Doherty Memorial High School on their successful production of the musical Once Upon a Mattress.

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

24. gb #9-91 - Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mayor Petty
(March 13, 2019) Recognition/
forward letter

Request that the Administration forward a letter of congratulations to Brody Simoncini, the IHOP Kid Champion for 2019.

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

New Doherty
Memorial High
School/
update

25. gb #9-92 - Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the funding, progress of sites reviewed, construction, and structural design of the new Doherty Memorial High School to include a timeframe of construction and indicate the location for current students when construction begins.

Mayor Petty stated that there will be a meeting in May to continue discussions on the new Doherty Memorial High School and that it may be at least one year before a site is chosen, but it was still on target for a 2024 opening.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Mr. Foley left at 10:30 p.m.

Fremont Street/
maintenance and
staff concerns

26. gb #9-93 - Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration, through the Human Resource Department, provide an update regarding the concerns of the bus maintenance staff and bus drivers at the bus yard located at Fremont Street.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration to be referred to Executive Session.

Mr. Foley returned at 10:35 p.m.

Monitoring Bus
Arrivals

27. gb #9-94 - Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration monitor the arrival times of all busses to schools.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the number of successes with Dashboard along with the feasibility of purchasing the program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

- 28. qb #9-95 - Miss Biancheria/Miss McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019) Air Conditioning and
water for hot days

Request that the Administration survey the schools without air conditioning to verify their supply of fans for classrooms and availability of bottled water for students and staff for excessively hot days.

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

- 29. qb #9-96 - Administration Donations
(March 13, 2019)

To consider approval of the following donations:

-\$25,000.00 from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation to The Hanover Insurance Academy for the Arts at Burncoat Middle School

-\$20,000.00 from Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) to the Worcester Public Schools to be used as scholarships to graduating seniors.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

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,
Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: 0
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The motion carried.

MOU between WPS
and WPD

30. gb #9-97 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration review the Memorandum of Understanding between the Worcester Public Schools and the Worcester Police Department and make any necessary changes.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Clerk of the School Committee send the current Memorandum of Agreement between the Worcester Public Schools and the Worcester Police Department to the School Committee.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

It was moved and voice voted to take the following item out of order:

Claremont
Academy/SRO

31. gb #9-117 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration reconsider assigning a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Claremont Academy.

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

Feminine Hygiene
Products/
availability of

32. gb #9-98 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration ensure that feminine hygiene products are available in all bathrooms in grades 6-12.

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

33. gb #9-99 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019) White & Brite Cleaners/
contaminants
- Request that the Administration review the action taken by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection against White & Brite Cleaners in Worcester and take necessary precautions to ensure that the students and staff at Gates Lane School are safe from exposure to contaminants.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
34. gb #9-100 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019) Housing for Homeless
Students
- Request that the City Manager and City Council consider creating a program that prioritizes housing for all homeless students and their immediate families.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
35. gb #9-101 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019) Homeless Students/
support services
- Request that the Administration consider creating an initiative to provide more services and support for the system's approximately 2500 homeless students.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration.
36. gb #9-102 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019) School Committee
Listening Sessions
- Request that the Administration consider creating by-weekly School Committee listening sessions modeled on those in other urban school districts.
- It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

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| School Site Councils | 37. <u>gb #9-103</u> - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019) |
| | Request that the Administration collaborate with the MASC and community organizations to strengthen school site councils. |
| | It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration. |
| High School Curricula/consider incorporating ethnic studies | 38. <u>gb #9-104</u> - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019) |
| | Request that the Administration consider incorporating into high school curricula African-American, African, Puerto Rican and Latino studies. |
| | It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports. |
| Elementary School Curriculum | 39. <u>gb #9-106</u> - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019) |
| | Request that the Administration examine the first few years of the elementary school curriculum and make certain that there is a balance of history, science, arts, etc. |
| | It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports. |
| "Ethics of American Youth" | 40. <u>gb #9-107</u> - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019) |
| | Request that the Administration examine "Ethics of American Youth" and consider ways to add more ethics training into the curriculum of the Worcester Public Schools. |
| | It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports. |

41. gb #9-108 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)
- Request that the Administration examine the report by the Houston Education Research Consortium entitled Investigating Causal Effects of Arts Education Experiences: Experimental Evidence from Houston's Arts Access Initiative and consider implementing a similar initiative in the Worcester Public Schools.
- I It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.
- Investigating Casual Effects of Arts Education Experiences: Experimental Evidence from Houston's Arts Access Initiative
42. gb #9-110 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)
- Request that the City Manager consider creating a home-buyer program for educators to purchase homes in Worcester.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the City Manager.
- Home Buyer Program for Educators
43. gb #9-111 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)
- Request that the Administration consider creating a program to support Instructional Assistants in their efforts to receive the appropriate education and licensing to become teachers.
- It was moved and voice voted to file the item.
- Instructional Assistants/support for

Recess/
consider
increasing time

44. gb #9-112 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration consider increasing recess time in elementary schools.

Mr. Comparetto made the following motion:

Request that the Administration consider increasing the time allotted for recess in kindergarten.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

Early Learning
Challenge
Competitive Grant
Program

45. gb #9-113 - Mr. Comparetto
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration review the US Department of Education's Preschool Development Grant Program and the Early Learning Challenge Competitive Grant Program and develop a Pre-School Program for every elementary school that does not currently have one.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the local delegation in support of a full day pre-school.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

Markerspaces

46. gb #9-114 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell
(March 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration consider the report Makerspaces in School Libraries and identify local and federal grant opportunities for a pilot program in one of our school libraries.

It was voice voted to file the item.

- 47. gb #9-116 - Administration
(March 19, 2019)

Textbooks.
approval of

To consider approval of the following textbooks
for the 2019-20 school year:

High School – Science
Biology
Physics–Principles and Programs
Living by Chemistry

Middle School - Social Studies
Building Citizenship Civics and
Economics - Grade 8

Middle School – Math
Big Ideas Math Modeling Real Life -
Grade 7
Big Ideas Math Modeling Real Life -
Grade 8

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

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,
Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: $\frac{0}{7}$

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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