The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell and Mayor Petty

There was absent: Miss Biancheria and Miss McCullough

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

Executive Session 1.

gb #9-83 - Executive Session (Administration) (February 27, 2019)

To conduct strategy in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel – Superintendent.

To discuss the deployment of Security Personnel or devices or strategies with respect thereto.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for an Instructional Aide, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for a Bus Monitor, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining 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 #18/19-3.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to conduct collective bargaining regarding Grievance #18/19-6.
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.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 5

Absent: Miss Biancheria and Miss McCullough 2

Against the motion: 0

The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 6:07 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Miss Biancheria arrived at 6:15 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor Lou Soiles of Journey Community 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, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O’Connell and Mayor Petty

There was absent: Miss McCullough
Memorandum of Agreement/Plumbers and Steamfitters - IUPE

2. Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to ratify the amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement between the School Committee and the Plumbers and Steamfitters - IUPE, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent Miss McCullough), the Memorandum of Agreement was approved.

Memorandum of Agreement/Tradesmen - IUPE

3. Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to ratify the amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement between the School Committee and the Tradesmen - IUPE, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

On a roll call of 6-0-1 (absent Miss McCullough), the Memorandum of Agreement was approved.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Student Representatives

4. gb #9-77 - Administration (February 22, 2019)

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

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Technology Plan

ROS #9-3 - Administration (February 27, 2019)

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Robert Walton and Sarah Kyriazis provided a PowerPoint presentation.

6. Mayor Petty asked the Student Representatives to introduce themselves and asked what collage they plan to attend next year.
Mayor Petty left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. O'Connell chaired the meeting from 7:45 p.m. to 8:25 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration refer the report to the FY20 Budget for discussion with the budget hearings.

Request that the Administration consider the option of the leasing of Chromebooks and other technology on a multi-year basis and have one dollar purchase option at the conclusion of the lease.

Request that the Administration provide a report as appropriate, regarding accommodations made for students who are physiologically sensitive to Wi-Fi communications.

Request that the Administration consider providing fully wired technology in the schools.

Request that the Administration provide a report as to the possibility of expanded use of technological capacities for Channel 11 for broadcasting student events and activities as well as other appropriate communications for the community.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration survey students to determine how many have computers in their homes.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.
Mr. Monfreso made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report in October 2019 as to the above mentioned motions and other recommendations in connection with the Technology Plan.

Request that the Administration investigate the feasibility of seeking additional community support for acquisition of Chromebooks and other appropriate technological devices.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

7. PERSONNEL

It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel Items 9-12 and 9-3.

Appointment/Teacher 9-12 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the person named below:


*prorated

Resignation 9-13 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the person named below:


GENERAL BUSINESS

Advanced Placement Courses 8. gb #9-20.1 Administration/Miss McCullough/ Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfreso/Mr. O'Connell (February 22, 2019)

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.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019.
9. gb #9-35.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/
    Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
    Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
    (February 26, 2019)

Response of the Administration to the request to
develop a process, for use with Worcester Public
Schools construction and "accelerated repair"
projects, to ensure that contractors participating in
these projects, as general contractors or as
subcontractors, pay their employees all wages to
which those employees are entitled by law, including,
but not limited to, regular wages, overtime, holiday
pay, and, where applicable, minimum wage, all
calculated, as appropriate, at prevailing wage rates.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration forward a letter,
on behalf of the School Committee, to the City
Manager inquiring as to the adherence to state law
which requires contractors, performing work for
any public construction project to pay their
employees prevailing wages.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter to
the City Manager.

10. gb #9-68 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
    Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
    Mr. O'Connell
    (February 15, 2019)

Request that the Administration ask the City
Manager to provide a report on the Shannon
Initiative Grant in the amount of $656,525.14 and
indicate how it will impact youth violence and gang
activities and work, in conjunction with the
Worcester Public Schools, to implement it.
Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration indicate how the allotment of monies is currently supporting the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to forward a letter to the City Manager.

Courses/approval of

8. gb #9-78 - Administration
   (February 20, 2019)

To consider approval of the following courses:

Acting Character Study Magnet
Language and Literature Through the Arts
Advanced Acting I Magnet
Machine Operations
Advanced Acting II Magnet
Media Arts III
Advanced Technical Theater
Media Arts IV
African American Literature
Meteorology
American Literature
Musical Theater for Performance Majors
CNA and Health Care Skills
Neuropathophysiology and Film
Comparative Mythology
News and Media Literacy OCPL
Construction Techniques and Specifications Course
   Application
Personal Financial Literacy OCPL
Computer Science Discoveries (For Middle School)
Playwriting Magnet
Directing I Magnet
SAT Math Preparation
Directing II Magnet
Shakespeare- Tragedies and Comedies
Economics
Miss Blancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in November or December 2019 with regard to the individual enrollment figures by course.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in November or December as to the number of high schools providing instruction in Personal Financial Literacy.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Blancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell 5

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty 2

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The motion carried.

9. **gb #9-79** - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Blancheria/
    Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
    Mayor Petty
    (February 20, 2019)

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

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, March 21, 2019.
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| 10. | **gb #9-80** - Administration  
(February 20, 2019) |   |
|   | To accept the Gateway Cities English Learner Enrichment Academies Grant in the amount of $150,000.00. |   |
|   | 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, Mr. Monfredo,  
Mr. O'Connell | 5 |
|   | Against the motion: | 0 |
|   | Absent: Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty | 2 |
|   | The motion carried. |   |
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| 11. | **gb #9-81** - Administration  
(February 27, 2019) |   |
|   | To accept the History and Social Science Instructional Planning and Implementation Grant in the amount of $7,540.00. |   |
|   | 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, Mr. Monfredo,  
Mr. O'Connell | 5 |
|   | Against the motion: | 0 |
|   | Absent: Miss McCullough, Mayor Petty | 2 |
|   | The motion carried. |   |
12. gb #9-82 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Blancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
(February 27, 2019)

To apply to participate in the Massachusetts State
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate
Diploma Program (AP/IB) Fee Subsidy Program
(Subsidized Exam Fee: $15), for the benefit of
Worcester students.

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

13. gb #9-83 - Executive Session (Administration)
(February 27, 2019)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective
bargaining for an Instructional Aide, if an open
meeting may have a detrimental effect on the
bargaining position of the School Committee and
the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective
bargaining for a Bus Monitor, if an open meeting
may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining
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.

These items were held for the School Committee
meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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