

Committee Members
John F. Monfredo, Chairman
Dianna Biancheria, Vice-chairman
John Foley

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 5:37 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Mr. Foley and Chairman Monfredo

There was absent: Miss Biancheria

Miss Biancheria arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Representing Administration: Dr. Friel, Superintendent Binienda, Dr. O'Neil

Others in attendance: Mr. O'Connell

It was moved and voice voted to consider items gb #9-39, gb #8-174, gb #9-62 and gb #9-71 together.

gb #9-39 - Administration (January 25, 2019)

To consider approval of the 2019-20 Student Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. Monfredo read the proposed changes as contained in Annex A and each change was accepted on a voice vote. The following amendments were proposed:

- Page 6, bullet 8 - replace the word **ay** with **may**
- Page 12, second paragraph – replace **student's** with **student's**
- Page 13, (Nondiscrimination) capitalize the word **manager**. Add the word **members** after the word staff in the last paragraph
- Page 13 (In-School Suspension) reverse the words **consistently** and **adhere**
- Page 13 (Due Process) change the MGL reference to read 37 H1/2 throughout the document
- Page 13, (Parent/Guardian Meeting) put a space between the words **If** and **the** in line 4.
- Page 13, (Notice for any Out of School Suspension) remove the period between set and forth in entry Line 1
- Page 13, (Principal Hearing), remove random periods in entry Line a, and delete the word **public** in Line d
- Page 13, (Superintendent's Appeal Hearing) replace the letter l with then number 1 in Line g and put a space between the words **If** and **the**
- Page 13, (Section III) replace the word **their** with **his/her** in entry Line 2
- Page 13, (Educational Services and Academic Progress), remove the space between the dash in system-wide.

gb #9-39 (continued)

- Page 14, (Sexual Harassment) replace the word we with the Worcester Public Schools in line 3
- Page 16, (Child Abuse) remove the letter **s** from the word **requires**
- Page 34, (Bullying) replace the word **that** with **which** in paragraph 2
- Page 55, (Student Absence Notification Program) replace the word **they** with **he/she** in paragraph 2, line 2
- Page 55 (Dropout Prevention) insert the word **that** before the word **the** in line 8 and replace **and** with **but** in Line 9
- Page 62 (Class Rank Grade Point Average) change the word **third** to **second** in line 3
- Page 63 (Seal of Biliteracy) in paragraph 2, replace the word **our** with **its**, the words **we are** with the **Worcester Public Schools**, replace **recognizing** with **recognizes**, **honoring** with **honors** and **encourage** with **encourages**. In paragraph 4, change the spelling of **Biliteracy** with **Biliteracy**
- Page 65 (ELPAC) Line 7, replace the word **are** with **is**

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a Report of the Superintendent on Title IX requirements and training.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report indicating the process for monitoring the adherence of the eight feet rule.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following suggestions:

- that the following language be added to the Home School change:
"The Worcester Public Schools shall do whatever is feasible to expedite the approval process."
- that the word Committee be changed to Council in the title of English Learner Parent Advisory Committee.

It was moved and voice vote to approve the 2019-20 Student Handbook as amended.

gb #8-174 - Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo (May 15, 2018)

Request that the Administration review the overall Dress Code Policy and update it, if appropriate.

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gb #9-62 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough (February 13, 2019)

Request that the Administration consider changes to the Student Handbook regarding headwear.

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gb #9-71 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough (February 19, 2019)

Request that the Administration seek input by April 2, 2019 from secondary principals regarding changes to the cell phone policy.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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