

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
 Worcester, Massachusetts  
 Thursday, August 15, 2019  
 Agenda #14

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 4:20 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

There were absent: Miss Biancheria and  
 Mr. Comparetto

The invocation was given by Reverend Richard  
 Trainor of Blessed Sacrament Church.

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

1. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #9-14 - Clerk  
 (July 3, 2019).

Minutes/  
 approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School  
 Committee Meeting of Thursday, July 18, 2019.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the  
 Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of  
 Thursday, July 18, 2019.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. gb #9-219.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/  
 Mr. Foley/Miss McCullough/  
 Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell  
 (July 18, 2019)

Worcester Technical  
 High School/admissions  
 criteria

Response of the Administration to the request to  
 review the admissions criteria for Worcester  
 Technical High School and the process for  
 establishing the wait list.

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s updated Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Admission Policies.

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.

Recognition/  
forward letter

- 3. gb #9-244 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. O’Connell/Mayor Petty  
(July 11, 2019)

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to the following members of the "Worcester: Future Teachers Instructional Team" for a very productive summer program at Worcester State University:

Worcester State University - Instructors  
Ray Lewis  
Margaret Mann

Worcester Public Schools - Instructors  
Sara Grajales                      Carlo DiBonaventura  
Migdalia Platt                      Laurie Dennis

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of congratulations.

Prior Fiscal Year  
Payment/  
LearnWell

- 4. gb #9-245 - Administration  
(July 11, 2019)

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the total amount of \$2,392.50 to EI US, LLC dba (doing business as) LearnWell for services rendered on invoices dated January 22, 2018, which were not paid due to a change in the company’s name.

Mr. O 'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward an e-mail to the School Committee, explaining why, if the bill was received under the name of EI US, LLC, it was not paid at that time.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto  $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

- 5. qb #9-246 - Administration  
(July 11, 2019)

Prior Fiscal Year  
Payment/ Providence  
Nursing Agency

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the total amount of \$896.00 to Providence Nursing Agency for services rendered on June 17 and June 18, 2019 to two certified Nursing Assistants (CNA).

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto  $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

- 6. qb #9-247 - Administration  
(July 11, 2019)

Prior Fiscal Year  
Payment/Stevens  
Children's Home Inc.

To approve a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$538.84 to Stevens Children's Home Inc. dba (doing business as) Stevens Treatment Programs for

services rendered to a student from June 27 through June 30, 2019 due to a placement change by the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley,  
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,  
Mr. O’Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto  $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Supplemental  
Nutrition  
Assistance  
Program/proposed  
revision of  
Categorical  
Eligibility

- 7. gb #9-248 - Mr. O’Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(July 26, 2019)

To comment on the proposed “Revision of Categorical Eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)” issued by the US Department of Agriculture.

Mr. O’Connell stated that if the Administration chooses to submit a comment that it should also be forwarded to the School Committee.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for submission by the September 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

Staff Diversity  
Recruitment  
Initiative/consider  
development of

- 8. gb #9-249 - Mr. O’Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(July 26, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide a proposed budget for a multi-faceted staff diversity recruitment initiative, and to allocate funds to implement it from the additional state aid furnished by the FY20 State Budget as enacted during July.

Mr. O'Connell suggested that \$500,000 be set aside from the proposed adjustments so that when the Chief Diversity Officer is hired, he/she will have the funds necessary to do a Diversity Plan.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

9. gb #9-250 - Administration  
(August 8, 2019) FY20 Budget  
Adjustments

To consider adjustments to the FY20 Budget based on the final State budget.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley,  
Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo,  
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: Mr. O'Connell 1

Absent: Mr. Comparetto  $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

10. gb #9-251 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/  
Mr. O'Connell State Budget/  
allocation of funds  
(August 1, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide its plans for the allocation of the new funding from the State.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

11. gb #9-252 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/  
Mr. O'Connell Health Educator/  
hiring of  
(August 1, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide information regarding the hiring of a Health Educator with the new funding from the State, to deal with students on drug related issues and vaping.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a Report of the Superintendent on Drug Education to include a presentation on vaping (gb#9-153.1).

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

Recognition/  
set date

12. gb #9-253 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty  
(August 5, 2019)

To set a date to recognize Sarah Kyriazis, Manager of Instructional Technology and Digital Learning, on her selection as recipient of the 2019 Administrator Award from MassCUE (Massachusetts Computer Using Educators).

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, September 5, 2019.

Donations

13. gb #9-254 - Administration  
(August 5, 2019)

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$6,498.50 from various fundraising efforts at Woodland Academy
- \$500.00 from EOS Foundation to Francis McGrath Elementary School for the 2019 Healthy Start Award
- \$365.25 from Lifetouch to Chandler Magnet School
- \$155.00 from various donors to the Patricia Falcone Memorial Scholarship

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mr. Comparetto  $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

- 14. gb #9-255 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(August 5, 2019)

Vertical Banners/  
consider installation of

Request that the Administration consider installation of vertical banners in the vicinity of schools, highlighting the colors and iconic symbols of the schools, funded where feasible by donations of the schools' corporate partners and supportive businesses and citizens.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with the principals regarding the level of interest in securing vertical banners for their schools and provide the response to both the School Committee and Evan Corrigan.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the banners could also be placed at the athletic fields.

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

- 15. gb #9-256 - Mr. Monfredo  
(August 7, 2019)

Recognition/  
forward letter

Request that the Administration forward a letter of appreciation to Scott Parkman and Michelle Putnam for the enhancement work both inside and outside of Flagg Street School.

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of Appreciation.

State's Foundation Funding

- 16. gb #9-257 - Mr. Monfredo  
(August 7, 2019)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the State's Foundation Funding and its impact on the district.

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

Executive Session

- 17. It was moved to recess to Executive Session and Mayor Petty stated they would not be coming back out to the floor.

gb #9-258 - (Administration)  
(August 7, 2019)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for EAW CAS Petition Bus Drivers, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion:	Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty	6
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Against the motion:		0
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Absent:	Mr. Comparetto	$\frac{1}{7}$
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The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 5:15 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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