

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Worcester, Massachusetts
Thursday, January 16, 2020
Agenda #4

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 6:05 p.m. in the Esther Howland Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick and Mayor Petty

The invocation was given by Reverend Bernard Poppe of All Saints Episcopal Church.

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

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

- 1. aor #0-1 - Clerk Minutes/approval of
(January 10, 2020)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2019.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2019.

- 2. aor #0-2 - Clerk Minutes/approval of
(January 10, 2020)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020 Agenda 1 - Straw Vote for the Vice-Chairperson and Seating Order.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020 Agenda 1 - Straw Vote for the Vice-Chairperson and Seating Order.

Minutes/
approval of

3. aor #0-3 - Clerk
(January 10, 2020)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020 Agenda 2 - Inauguration.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020 Agenda 2 - Inauguration.

Minutes/
approval of

4. aor #0-4 - Clerk
(January 10, 2020)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020 Agenda 3 - Acceptance of Rules.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020 Agenda 3 – Acceptance of Rules.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Recognition/held

5. qb #9-398.1 -Administration/Administration
(December 6, 2019)

To recognize Senator Harriette Chandler for having received the 2019 Outstanding Woman State Legislator Supporting the Arts Award.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Recognition/
Susan Gallagher

6. qb #9-420.1 -Administration/Administration
(December 11, 2019)

To recognize Susan Gallagher, Special Education Department Head of Intervention Services, for having achieved a Meritorious Instructor status from the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI).

Mrs. Seale announced that Ms. Gallagher was one of only 539 Certified Instructors throughout the world to earn such a distinction. Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a Certificate of Achievement to Ms. Gallagher.

Mayor Petty and Superintendent Binienda presented a certificate to Susan Gallagher.

7. gb #0-6 - Administration (January 10, 2020) Student Representatives

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

Student Representative Daniella Obenewaa and Ex-Officio member of the School Committee Kwaku Nyarko both voiced their appreciation for having the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Massachusetts College and Career Celebration (MCCC) who provided insight into college career opportunities for students and helpful information on how to conduct themselves in college interviews.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Mayor Petty suspended the rules to take the following items together and out of order:

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

c&p 0-1

c&p 0-2

c&p 0-3

c&p 0-4

c&p 0-5

Gordon Davis, Chair of the Education Committee, Worcester Branch NAACP, Gwen Davis, member of the Progressive Labor Party and Ruth Rodriguez spoke to the Communications and Petitions filed by Mr. Davis regarding suspensions and the adverse impact on the black and Latino community.

8. c&p #0-1 - Clerk (January 2, 2020) Communication and Petition/suspensions

To consider a communication from Gordon T. Davis, Chair of the Education Committee, Worcester Branch NAACP, relative to a policy regarding clear and uniform districtwide standards for suspensions.

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

- Communication and Petition/
age appropriate touching
9. c&p #0-2 - Clerk
(January 2, 2020)
- To consider a communication from Gordon T. Davis, Chair of the Education Committee, Worcester Branch NAACP, relative to a uniform districtwide policy on age appropriate touching.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
- Communication and Petition/
adequate number of counselors and teachers
10. c&p #0-3 - Clerk
(January 2, 2020)
- To consider a communication from Gordon T. Davis, Chair of the Education Committee, Worcester Branch NAACP, relative to a policy of an adequate number of counselors and teachers.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
- Communication and Petition/
emergency removals/
policy for
11. c&p #0-4 - Clerk
(January 2, 2020)
- To consider a communication from Gordon T. Davis, Chair of the Education Committee, Worcester Branch NAACP, relative to a clear and uniform policy for the Worcester School District regarding emergency removals that do not have a racially adverse impact.
- It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.
- Communication and Petition/
establishment of a residents' advisory commission
12. c&p #0-5 - Clerk
(January 2, 2020)
- To consider a communication from Gordon T. Davis, Chair of the Education Committee, Worcester Branch NAACP, relative to the establishment of a Residents' Advisory Commission which can formally petition the Worcester School Committee and to which the Worcester School Committee would be required to provide a response.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Petty suspended the rules to take the following items out of order:
gb #0-32 and gb #0-33.

13. gb #0-32 - Mr. Foley/Mrs. Clancey/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020) Buses/daily or weekly
reports on

Request that the Administration, upon the successful implementation of MyStop, monitor the movement of public school buses, to have the administration report daily (or weekly) to the school committee on any morning and afternoon late bus delays or "no shows". This information from both Durham and Worcester Public school operated buses should include the route number, the destination school, the total minutes each bus was late and any routes that were not run by Durham and/or were picked up by Worcester buses. This daily information should also include any driver shortages experienced. This information should also be posted daily (or weekly) on the Worcester Public Schools' website.

Mr. James Marks , Teamsters Local 170, cited some of the issues that possibly contribute to Durham buses being late. The WPS does not notify Durham in a timely manner when drivers are needed. He further stated that a number of calls have been made to entice drivers to work for the City of Worcester.

Mr. Foley stated that the Framingham public schools provide daily reports and suggested that the WPS provide weekly reports.

Mayor Petty suggested that the report should also include WPS buses.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the reports be done on a bi-weekly basis due to the fact that traffic and weather conditions may contribute to buses being late.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide on the transportation website, a mobile friendly form that parents and students can fill out and also a form where Administrators can enter information regarding late buses.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

- Transportation Update 14. gb #0-33 - Mr. Foley/Mrs. Clancey/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020)

To include a standing item for "Transportation Update" at each Finance and Operations committee meeting with information provided regarding the problems facing student transportation and improvements experienced.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- New South High Community School/update on construction 15. ros #0-1 - Administration
(January 10, 2020)

UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SOUTH HIGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Eric Moore and Peter Caruso, representing Lamoureux and Pagano Associates provided an update on the ongoing construction of the school.

Mayor Petty suggested that the information on the project be placed on the WPS website.

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

Mayor Petty suspended the rules to take the following item out of order:

16. qb #9-153.3 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo
(January 6, 2020) Vaping

Response of the Administration to the request to invite Tina Grosowsky, Project Coordinator for the Central Massachusetts Tobacco Free Community Partnership, to give a short presentation on the issue of vaping.

Tina Grosowsky, Project Coordinator for the Central Massachusetts Tobacco Free Community Partnership, provided information on vaping which highlighted the dangers posed to youths and how teachers and administrators should be aware of the different products and the impact on the students.

Mayor Petty asked for more information on Juul devices. In response, Ms. Grosowsky stated that one Juul pod is equivalent to one pack of cigarettes.

Miss Biancheria asked if the new Drug Educator will be working with the city departments.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the Drug Educator will be working with the University of Massachusetts and the Department of Public Health.

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

Mayor Petty suspended the rules to take the following item out of order:

17. qb #0-11 - Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo District's Evidence
Based Three Year
Plans/disparities in
achievement
(January 3, 2020)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the district's evidence based three year plans that address persistent disparities in achievement among student subgroups to include the four areas outlined in the new law which must be submitted to DESE by April 1, 2020.

Superintendent Binienda shared a PowerPoint which was presented at the Urban Superintendent's meeting on January 10, 2020 relative to the timelines for the Student Opportunity Act. The approval for the plan will be placed on the School Committee agenda for approval on March 19, 2020.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration schedule four School Committee meetings to take place at different locations in February and March to gather information from the community.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley suggested that the Administration solicit feedback online, encourage stakeholders to write to the School Committee members and compile information from educators, principals and site councils.

Mayor Petty stated that the updates will be presented at the February 6, 2020 meeting.

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

18. PERSONNEL

Appointments

0-1 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

Candalino, Bonnie, Teacher, Special Education, Systemwide, MA+15, Step 8, \$78,904, effective January 2, 2020. Licensed: Moderate Disabilities PreK-8.*

Dionne, Anna, Teacher, Mathematics, Claremont, BA, Step 1, \$48,310, effective January 2, 2020. Licensed: Mathematics 5-8. *

Kashmanian, Cortney, Occupational Therapist, Special Education, Systemwide, MA, Step 1, \$54,650, effective January 2, 2020. Licensed: Occupational Therapist.*

Platzer, Christopher, Teacher, Automotive Technology, Technical, VL3, Step 8, \$77,489, effective January 2, 2020. Waiver: Automotive Technology – Chapter 74. *

Seeger, Katelynn, Teacher, Special Education, Woodland, MA, Step 3, \$61,091, effective January 6, 2020. Licensed: Moderate Disabilities PreK-8. *

*prorated

Resignations

0-2 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

McIntire, Adam, School Adjustment Counselor,
Systemwide, effective January 3, 2020.

Thomas, Denelee, Teacher, Special Education,
Systemwide, effective January 3, 2020.

- 0-3 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below: Retirements

Baker, Denise, Teacher, Special Education, Systemwide,
effective December 31, 2019.

Mawson, David, Teacher, Social Studies, Doherty,
effective December 31, 2019.

It was moved and voice voted to file Personnel items
0-1-0-3.

19. gb #8-181.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
(January 6, 2020) FY19
Budget/combining
city and school
departments

Response of the Administration to the request to
provide a copy of the report contained in the FY19
Budget, prepared by an outside consultant,
regarding the feasibility of combining certain city
and school departments.

Ms. Novick questioned why there were 40 roofs
that have deferred maintenance.

Mr. Allen stated that most of the accelerated
repair projects were windows and that roofs and
boilers were the projects going forward and there
is room for improvement on addressing
outstanding work orders.

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

20. gb #9-195.7 - Administration/Miss Biancheria
(January 6, 2020) FY20 Budget/early
retirement

Response of the Administration to the following
motion from the FY20 Budget:

500101-96000 Retirement
Request that the Administration consider adopting
a city based comprehensive Early Retirement
Program. Mr. O'Connell

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

Columbus Park 21.
Preparatory
Academy/update
on environmental
issues

gb #9-260.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. O'Connell
(January 6, 2020)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide an update on the mold problem at Columbus Park Preparatory Academy and indicate whether or not the City Health Department has provided any recommendations for remediation of this problem.

Mr. Monfredo requested that the short-term solutions be provided, if possible, in March and updates be provided on the long-term solutions by December.

Ms. Novick asked how many Worcester Public Schools have classrooms in the basements.

Mr. Allen responded that one half of the school buildings have classrooms in the basement.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Facilities Master Plan be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

Mayor Petty took the following items together as requested by Ms. Novick:

gb #0-7,
gb #0-9
gb # 0-13
gb #0-20
gb # 0-34

Ms. Novick stated the responsibility of the School Committee is not only to approve the grants but also to receive the allocations and there was no allocation included with these items.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that items gb #0-7, gb #0-9, gb #0-13, gb #0-20 and gb #0-34 be held until the proper backup for the allocation of the grants is received.

On a roll call of 2-5 (yeas Mr. Foley and Ms. Novick) the motion was denied.

Ms. Novick made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide the backup for items gb#0-7, gb#0-9, gb#0-13, gb#0-20 and gb#0-34 at the meeting on Thursday, February 6 2020.

Request that the Administration provide a report of all expenditures to date as part of the Finance and Operations quarterly budget report.

Request that the Administration provide a final report on the allocation of all Grants for the past five years.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that all subsequent grants, going forward, contain the Grant allocation information.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

On a roll call of 6-1 (nay Ms. Novick) the items were approved.

- 22. gb #0-7 - Administration Grant/College, Career and Technical Education
(December 18, 2019)

To accept the College, Career and Technical Education Grant in the amount of \$15,000.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty	6
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Against the motion: Ms. Novick	<u>1</u> 7
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The motion carried.

- Grant/Increased Access to Quality Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs 23. gb #0-9 - Administration (January 2, 2020)
- To accept the Increased Access to Quality Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs Grant in the amount of \$47,000.
- On a roll call, the vote was as follows:
- For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey,
Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 6
- Against the motion: Ms. Novick $\frac{1}{7}$
- The motion carried.
- Grant/Gateway City for High Quality-Intensive ELL Programs 24. gb #0-13 - Administration (January 6, 2020)
- To accept the Gateway City Grant for High Quality-Intensive ELL Programs in the amount of \$161,867.
- On a roll call, the vote was as follows:
- For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey,
Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 6
- Against the motion: Ms. Novick $\frac{1}{7}$
- The motion carried.
- Grant/Gateway City for High Quality-Intensive ELL Programs 25. gb #0-20 - Administration (January 6, 2020)
- To accept the Gateway City Grant for High Quality-Intensive ELL Programs in the amount of \$72,133.
- On a roll call, the vote was as follows:
- For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey,
Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 6
- Against the motion: Ms. Novick $\frac{1}{7}$
- The motion carried.

26. qb #0-34 - Administration Grant/Alternative ELE
(January 8, 2020) Programs

To accept the Alternative ELE Programs Grant in the amount of \$90,000.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey,
Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: Ms. Novick $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

27. qb #0-8 - Administration Donations
(December 23, 2019)

To consider approval of the following donations:

-\$561.47 to Lake View Elementary School
from the Boon Supply Fundraiser

-\$1,000.00 to Worcester Technical High
School to be used for Unified Sports
(specifically Josh Menard's participation
costs) from the Nashoba Regional School
District Athletic Department on behalf of
the Z-Murphy Scholarship Fund.

-\$2,845.08 from the Worcester Technical
High School Homecoming account to the
ALS Association in memory of Mr.
Scanlon, history teacher at Worcester
Technical High School

-\$186.40 from Box Top for Education to
City View Discovery School

-\$142.65 from the Thorndyke Road School
PTG to Thorndyke Road School

-\$300.00 from Penske to the South High
Community School Diesel Tech Program

-\$27.00 from a donor to the Worcester
Public Schools

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey,
Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick
Mayor Petty 7

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

The motion carried.

Worcester
Delegation/
schedule meeting

28. gb #0-10 - Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo
(January 3, 2020)

Request that the Administration and School Committee consider setting up a meeting in March 2020 with the Worcester Legislative Delegation.

Ms. Novick suggested that local delegation be invited to attend a School Committee meeting instead of scheduling a Legislative breakfast.

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

Master of
Trades/data
collected

29. gb #0-12 - Ms. McCullough/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/Mr.
Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(January 6, 2020)

Request that the Administration provide data for the last 7-10 years on the number of students in the WPS who have mastered a particular trade and succeeded in securing a position in it and review this data in an effort to provide additional opportunities for students interested in pursuing trades.

Superintendent Binienda stated that Worcester Technical High School only keeps one year of data on the students who have secured a position in their chosen trade.

Ms. McCullough requested that the item be amended from 7-10 years to one year of data.

On a voice vote, the item was referred to the Administration as amended.

30. gb #0-14 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo
(January 6, 2020) Student Advisory
Committee/set dates

To set dates to meet with the Student Advisory Committee at least every other month, as required by MGL Ch. 71, Sec. 38M.

Ms. Novick suggested that the student representatives set the agenda for the Student Advisory Committee meetings and also suggested that the representatives hold a hearing on the Budget.

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

31. gb #0-15 - Administration
(January 6, 2020) FY20 General Budget
Fund/approval of
increase

To approve the final FY20 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$369,535,329, reflecting an increase of \$4,607,306 over the budget amount approved in June 2019, based on the final state budget and request that the School Committee appropriate these funds into the accounts in accordance with the attached backup.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey,
Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,
Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick
Mayor Petty 7

Against the motion: 0
7

The motion carried.

32. gb #0-16 - Administration
(January 6, 2020) Special Education
Buses/contract for
lease

To authorize the Administration to enter into a contract for the lease-purchase of special education school buses for a term of up to five years for the operation of student transportation for a contract term to begin in June 2020 as part of the five-year fleet replacement cycle of existing school buses.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	<u>0</u> 7
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The motion carried.

Statements of Interest/MSBA repair projects

- 33. gb #0-17 - Administration (January 6, 2020)

To authorize the Administration to submit Statements of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the following Accelerated Repair Projects for 2020:

Vernon Hill School	Boiler Replacement
Worcester Arts Magnet School	Roof Replacement

Ms. Novick wondered if there should be a third tier when it comes to Accelerated Repair Projects for things that don't rise to the level of major renovations. She suggested that this may have to go through the local delegation as it could result in a change in the law. She also suggested that the School Committee explore this idea with other School Committees.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	<u>0</u> 7
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The motion carried.

On a roll call of 7-0, the item was approved to submit to the Worcester City Council for approval.

Burncoat Middle and High Schools/need for shades

- 34. gb #0-18 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (January 6, 2020)

Request that the Administration consider placing shades at the Burncoat Middle and Burncoat High schools' classrooms this school year due to the fact that the sun's rays may impact learning.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide report regarding installing shades at Burncoat Middle and Burncoat High schools at the February 27, 2020 meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley stated that the shades were eliminated due to PCB concerns and that due to the fact that there are many substantial needs for the schools and a fixed budget, that having requests for singular items may not be in the best interest of the WPS.

35. gb #0-19 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough
(January 6, 2020) "Black History Month"

Request that the Administration encourage the schools to incorporate studies in black history during February's "Black History Month."

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

36. gb #0-21 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Ms. McCullough
(January 6, 2020) 42nd Annual
Valentine's Day
Contest

Request that the Administration encourage elementary students in grades 3-6 to participate in the 42nd Annual Valentine's Day contest, sponsored by the Worcester Historical Museum.

It was moved and voice voted to forward information to the principals.

37. gb #0-22 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mayor Petty
(January 7, 2020) Recognition/set date

To set a date to recognize Worcester Arts Magnet School for being one of seventy-three schools in the country to be named as a National Elementary and Secondary Act's Distinguished School based on performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years by DESE.

Mr. Monfredo requested that the Worcester Arts Magnet School Chorus perform the National Anthem as the February 27, 2020 meeting.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Polycom
Devices/explore
use of

38. gb #0-23 - Ms. McCullough/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo
(January 7, 2020)

To explore the use of Polycom devices that can be used during presentations, teacher meetings and other school functions/meetings in order to enhance communication with non-English speakers.

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

WRTA/fare free
transportation
system

39. gb #0-24 - Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/
Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(January 7, 2020)

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the City Manager and City Council, on behalf of the School Committee, in favor of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority fare free transportation system which will greatly impact the students of the WPS.

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

WRTA Fare Free
Service/benefits of

40. gb #0-25 - Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/
Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo
(January 7, 2020)

Request that the Administration provide a report first to the School Committee and then to the City Council indicating the benefits of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority's fare free transportation and provide such services to students in the Worcester Public Schools to include those on internships and Chapter 74 courses.

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

41. gb #0-26 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
(January 8, 2020) School Committee
Code of Ethics

To accept and abide by the state School Committee Code of Ethics.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

42. gb #0-27 - Mayor Petty/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020) MASC/schedule a
retreat

Request that the Administration interact with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and schedule a retreat for the members of the Worcester School Committee to develop strategic goals and clear metrics for the committee.

Ms. Novick recused herself due to the potential conflict of interest because she is employed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

At 10:00 p.m., Mayor Petty relinquished the chair to Vice-Chair Foley.

Mayor Petty stated he is looking forward to engaging with the School Committee and the Superintendent to work together for the benefit of the students in the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to schedule a retreat.

43. gb #0-28 - Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020) School Committee
Rules, Meetings and
Agendas/consider
changes to

To create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Worcester School Committee to consider changes to the school committee rules, meetings and agendas to make the work of the School Committee and our meetings more effective and better aligned with the focus on the strategic direction of the district. These changes should reflect best practices and address the recommendations included in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's report from 2017.

Mayor Petty requested that the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues in order to have a transparent meeting where Mrs. Clancey can bring in experts from other cities and towns.

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

Student
Opportunity
Act/schedule
public forums

44. gb #0-29 - Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020)

To charge the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations with the responsibility to develop and conduct public forums that will solicit community input for the planned expenditure of new funding for public education as required by the Commonwealth under the Student opportunity Act. It should also recommend to the school committee alternative means for soliciting community-based input for this funding.

Mayor Petty requested that the item be amended to include the entire School Committee.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration invite certain people and discuss the format for these meetings and provide a report at the February 6, 2020 meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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

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

45. qb #0-30 - Mayor Petty/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020)
- Student Opportunity
Act/monitor
benchmarks and
metrics

Request that the Standing Committee on School and Student Performance monitor the benchmarks and metrics for the district, and in particular the new investment under the Student Opportunity Act, to gauge the success of our work and to identify the challenges still facing the district.

Mr. Foley stated that the State will be looking at the metrics and results and therefore keeping it in the Standing Committee will insure that the item stay alive.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on School and Student Performance.

46. qb #0-31 - Mayor Petty/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020)
- FY21 Budget/
Sexual and Health
Curriculum

Request that the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports recommend a comprehensive, inclusive, evidenced-based sexual and health curriculum and an appropriate level of increased classroom time for health education to the school committee for the FY21 budget.

Mayor Petty announced that the Senate passed the Sex Ed curriculum bill and it is now at the House for deliberation.

Superintendent Binienda requested that the content of this bill be aligned with the frameworks from DESE.

Mr. Monfredo made a motion to hold the item.

Mayor Petty suggested that Ms. McCullough invite representatives from the Public Health Department to the Standing Committee meetings.

Mayor Petty stated that this has been an issue for too long and that the state and Administration have done nothing and the students are the ones who are the recipients of the failure to come up with a

comprehensive plan. He has waited a year for the state and thinks that having the transparent discussions in the Standing Committee is the right thing to do. He opposed the request to hold the item. He stated that he wants a Sex Ed curriculum by September 2020.

Mr. Monfredo withdrew his motion to hold the item and made the following motion:

Request that the Administration create a plan for a Comprehensive Sex Ed Curriculum.

Ms. McCullough stated that in conversation with the Clerk, that all items pertaining to the Sex Ed curriculum be taken along with this item.

Superintendent Binienda believes that the Administration can write its own curriculum by grade level by June 2020 and combine it with what the law states.

Mr. Monfredo withdrew his second motion.

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

Mayor Petty returned to the chair at 10:25 p.m.

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| 47. | <u>qb #0-35</u> | Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Ms. Novick
(January 8, 2020) | Dual Language
Expansion/
update on initiative |
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Request that the Administration provide an update on the Dual Language expansion initiative made possible through grants awarded to the Worcester Public Schools.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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