

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 20 IRVING STREET
 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

The School Committee will hold a virtual and/or in-person meeting:

on: **Thursday, April 4, 2024**
 at: 5:30 p.m. Regular Session
 in: Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall
 virtual: [Click here to view the meeting on Zoom](#)
 Also accessible by telephone, to dial in call: +1 301-715-8592 or +1 305-224-1968

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session

B. Call to Order

C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

D. Roll Call

E. Consent Agenda

i. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the School Committee meeting held on March 21, 2024.](#)

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the School Committee meeting held on March 22, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To approve a donation of \$15,000 from the Digital Federal Credit Union to support the common communities served by both the DCU and the Worcester Public Schools.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

The Superintendent has approved the personnel records provided in backup.
[New Hire Non-Instructional Staff](#)
[Teacher and Instructional Staff Resignations and Retirements](#)

Initial Filing of Individual Recognitions

McCullough

(April 4, 2024)

To recognize the Forest Grove Middle School Girls Basketball team for winning the City-Wide Basketball league championship and an undefeated season.

Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize

McCullough

(April 4, 2024)

To recognize the South High Lady Colonels on their historic appearance at the Division 2 State Championship game and congratulate them on an incredible season as the Division 2 runner ups.

Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize

McCullough

(April 4, 2024)

To recognize the North High Boys basketball team on their 2024 State basketball championship win. To congratulate them on their back to back wins, an undefeated season and a 45 game win streak.

Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize

Roy

(April 4, 2024)

To recognize all the individuals who were instrumental in offering support to the staff and students of Columbus Park School after the death of their classmate and student, Zella Nunez and her mother, Chasity Nunez.

[Click to view the individuals included in this recognition.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize if able to attend in person or Send Letters

Clerk

(April 4, 2024)

To consider awarding an honorary high school diploma to Mr. Richard F. Gaffney, Sr, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) in honor of his 90th birthday.

Recommendation: Set a date to award an honorary diploma

iv. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public**F. Item for Reconsideration****G. Held Items****H. Recognitions**McCullough

(March 7, 2024)

To recognize the South High Robotics Team and their advisor for their success at regionals.

[Click to view a write up from the Robotics Administrator.](#)

[Click to view the Regional team rosters.](#)

I. Public Comment

[Any member of the public may address the Committee regarding any item before them for two \(2\) minutes. Those speaking will state their name, their residence, and the item on which they wish to speak for the record. Those speaking may do so in](#)

[person or via remote participation. Those wishing to address the Committee in a language other than English are asked to notify the Clerk of the Committee in advance, so the Committee may be provided with an interpreter. Members of the Committee may not respond to the comments of the public at the meeting.](#)

J. Public Petition

K. Report of the Superintendent

ros 4-6 Administration

(April 4, 2024)

Prioritizing Special Education Program Needs

L. Reports of the Standing Committees

[March 20, 2024 Teaching, Learning and Student Success Standing Committee](#)

M. Student Advisory Committee Items

N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items

O. General Business

ros 4-4 Administration

(March 7, 2024)

Response from Administration

Member Biancheria made a motion to receive a report on what can be provided for funding in order to give students needing physical education courses at GCC for the evening program, for the opportunity to complete those required credits in order to graduate. This item was unanimously approved on a voice vote, 9-0.

[Click here to view the response from Administration regarding Member Biancheria's motion](#)

Recommendation of maker: Approve and file

4-22 Binenda

(February 15, 2024)

Response from Administration

To provide a report that includes the number of 1/5 teachers per school and subject, including cost per teacher per school. Member Binienda presented the item "as it reads." She made a motion to refer her item to the Administration. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved, 9-0.

[Click here to view the response from Administration regarding Member Binienda's motion](#)

Recommendation of maker: Approve and file

4-33 Administration

(March 7, 20224)

Response from Administration

Member Mailman made a motion to receive additional information on what

schools asked to have Portuguese, Astronomy, as well as Advanced Placement African American Studies.

[Click here to view the response form Administration regarding Member Mailman's motion](#)

Recommendation of maker: Approve and file

4-43 Johnson

(April 4, 2024)

To request an update on any grants that are being requested to supplement any programs that may be impacted by the budget. Please list if applicable what programs.

Recommendation of maker: Send to Administration

4-44 Administration

(April 4, 2024)

To approve an easement to National Grid for property situated on the northwesterly side of Huntley Street and the southerly side of Midland Street.

[Click to view the Grant Easement Rational](#)

[Click here to view the Grant of Easement Information](#)

Recommendation of maker: Approve and file

4-45 Administration

(April 4, 2024)

To consider approval of the 2022-2023 Annual Report from Central Mass Collaborative.

[Click here to view the Annual Report from Central Mass Collaborative](#)

Recommendation of maker: Approve and file

4-46 Biancheria

(April 4, 2024)

To request Administration provide an update report in reference to the budgeting and financing for Worcester East middle school, including projects, and timelines on completion.

Recommendation of maker: Send to Administration

4-47 Biancheria

(April 4, 2024)

To request that the Administration provide an update on school choice, including funding, number of requests, and the number of students, as well as the budget for the School Choice account.

Recommendation of maker: Send to Administration

Recommendation of Administration: Send to FOG

4-48 Binienda

(April 4, 2024)

To modify the FY25 budget schedule to include a report on the proposed cuts to schools and personnel due to the FY25 budget deficit at the April 25, 2024 school committee meeting or in executive session.

Recommendation of maker: Send to Administration

P. Announcements

Meeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- April 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street
- April 25, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall
- April 29, 2024, 4:45 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street

Q. Adjournment

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