

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Worcester, Massachusetts
 Thursday, May 7, 2020
 Agenda #17

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The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 5:33 p.m. in the Esther Howland Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

There were present at the Call to Order:

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

Mayor Petty stated that the School Committee will recess into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

Executive
 Session

1. gb #0-170 - Administration
 (April 29, 2020)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation - Cook, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Coronavirus/COVID-19 Related Issues – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A & B (Educators/Administrators); Aides to the Physically Handicapped, Monitors and Drivers; Instructional Assistants; Parent Liaisons; Tutors; and Therapy Assistants.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

There were present at the Call to Order:

On a roll call of 7-0, the School Committee recessed
 to Executive Session from 5:36 p.m. to 6:33 p.m.
 and from 9:38 p.m. to 11:03 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session
 at 6:38 p.m.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Mayor Petty requested a Moment of Silence in
 memory of James J. Lukes, beloved husband of
 Konstantina "Konnie" Lukes, former School
 Committee Member, City Councilor, Vice Chair and
 Mayor of the City of Worcester.
3. On a roll call, the vote to take items gb #0-169 and
 gb #0-154 out of order was as follows:

On a roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

Textbooks/
approval of

4. gb #0-169 - Administration
(April 29, 2020)

To consider approval of the following textbooks:

- Discovering World Geography (McGraw Hill)-
grade 6 Social Studies
- Studysync (McGraw Hill)-grades 7 and 8 ELA

Ms. Novick questioned why the process of referring the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports was not followed.

Dr. Ganius introduced Dr. Kelly, the Social Studies Liaison and Ms. Dyer, the ELA Liaison. Both liaisons provided an overview of the yearlong pilot programs that took place in these subject areas.

Mr. Foley questioned whether or not the item could be held for the School Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

Dr. Ganius stated that the Administration would like the item approved to allow time to train the teachers before the end of the school year. This will also allow the teachers to share what they have learned with their students.

It was moved to approve the following textbooks:

- Discovering World Geography (McGraw Hill)-
grade 6 Social Studies
- Studysync (McGraw Hill)-grades 7 and 8 ELA

On a roll call, the vote to approve the textbooks and refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss 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.

5. gb #0-154 - Administration
(April 29, 2020)

Student
Representatives and
Student Advisory
Council/input from

To consider input from the School Committee's student representatives and the Superintendent's student advisory council.

The Mayor moderated the meeting with the following students:

Sokol Hoxha- Doherty Memorial High School

- Will the curriculum be modified for next year to account for material that was lost during this time?
- Does the 4th quarter grade policy apply to AP and dual enrollment classes?
- Can teachers modify grades from the past 3 quarters?
- What is the plan concerning the students who have PE off campus?
- Are there any plans in the near future to allow students back into the schools to get their materials from their lockers?
- Are there any plans to modify the start of the school year- in particular, any plans to start early? Are there any plans concerning the administration of SAT tests during the next school year?
- Will there be any metrics for the next school year to measure how well this Remote Learning has gone?
- Does the State have any plans to compare the MCAS scores for this year to previous years?
- How will the COVID-19 pandemic gong to effect the WPS Budget for next year?

Lovely Anaglate – North High School

- Is there a chance that we should continue to work on school assignments online, if social distancing is encouraged to be practiced until 2022?
- If we were to go to school, what changes would be made to decrease the chances of spreading the virus?

- Would clubs and other meetings that require a high number of students and teachers being together be shut down?
- For students like me who are in programs that require internships be cancelled?

Kimberly Surrette (Advisor) – Claremont Academy

- If a student has no internet and insufficient data, what can they do to access the internet to take their AP exams?
- Is it possible for students to earn more than the 4 percentage points, especially if they need more points to pass for the year?
- In that same vein, Boston Public schools, citing inequitable circumstances, has announced that they will be passing every student on to the next grade unless a parent asks that their child stay behind. Is this something WPS is looking into?
- When can students access the schools to retrieve their things?
- Is there anyway AP students can get into the buildings to get their notebooks for the exams?
- Can something be done for seniors after Massachusetts reopens - a physical ceremony of some sort?
- Will students have to repeat the grade that they're in because of the closure?
- Will school run as normal next year - ie buildings will be open and AP classes/dual enrollment will run?

Kwaku Nyarko - Doherty Memorial

- Are there any plans for an in-person celebration of WPS seniors when it would be safe to do so?
- When and how can AP students expect refunds for their money?
- How many WPS students readily have access to a laptop and internet at home? What is WPS currently doing to bridge that gap?
- What are the most common criticisms you're hearing from teachers and parents about the current learning style and how do you plan to address that moving forward?

- Do you know how many students don't have laptops or internet access at this point?
- If Chromebooks are being passed out on May 15th, what about the students who have AP test before that?
- Are AP students still getting grades for the 4th quarter?
- Do students who are failing classes essentially have to do work for that class only? If not how is the system handling students who are failing a class to pass to the next year or graduate.

Austin Lauzierre – Burncoat High School

- I heard talk about social distancing for the next school year. Will the grading system become a regular grading system if studies continue online?
- What is being done for the Life Skills students? They don't learn in the traditional manor. In what way is the system going to accommodate for those students?
- Will family members that are quarantined in a different location be able to view the graduation?
- Will the coaches be allowed to use the online services to put together a team, in the summer months, to have kids work out and get ready for when sports can take place again?

Genna Goggin – South High Community School

- Some students do not have cable in their homes, only internet to view TV. Will the online graduations be live stream or will it be on cable only?

Jasmine Owuso – North High School

- In the event that the virus diminishes and hopefully goes away, will AP exams resume as they did in previous years. If so, would that put the students who took the exam this year at a disadvantage?
- How will the system reimburse juniors who took the AP exams?

Superintendent Binienda responded to all of the questions.

Ms. Novick asked if the students could give their perspective on any issues their classmates are running into in terms of accessing the curriculum at this point.

Sokol, Kwaku and Austin stated that many students have said that the biggest challenge has been the communication with teachers. They felt it would be helpful to have set schedules for online classes. Also, some students stated that having to take care of their siblings makes it difficult to get their school work done.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the system is moving forward to schedule timeframes for students to interact with teachers and will be using either Google Classroom or Google Chat.

On a voice vote the item was discussed and filed.

6. Mayor Petty suspended the rules to allow the public to speak.

On a roll call, the vote to suspension the rules to allow the public to speak was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Mr. Brennan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Shultz and Ms. Frasier all discussed how time consuming the teachers daily log is and how it takes time away from teaching their students. They also discussed the pressure of trying to take care of their own families while teaching the students. They urged the School Committee members to attend a bargaining session.

Mr. Guardiola, Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy from the Worcester Chamber of Commerce stated that the "Chamber of Commerce believes it is fair and reasonable to have basic accountability measures in place that allow Worcester Public Schools (WPS) Administrators, Principals and Department Heads to ensure that all WPS employees are contributing to the educational mission of serving kids and families in this period of remote learning. Daily logs, chronicling employee engagement with students and families is one such reasonable accountability measure. Moreover, this accountability tool is fair in that the hours that WPS employees have been asked to work has been reduced to 22 hours per week while employees continue to receive full-time compensation."

7. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #0-18 - Clerk
(April 29, 2020)

Minutes/approval of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 16, 2020.

On a roll call, the vote to accept and file the item was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

aor #0-19 - Clerk
(April 29, 2020)

Executive Session
Minutes/approval of

To consider approval of the Executive Session Minutes of March 1, 2018, April 26, 2018, May 3, 2018, June 7, 2018, June 21, 2018, July 19, 2018, August 20, 2018, November 1, 2018, September 19, 2019, November 21, 2019, April 2, 2020 and April 8, 2020.

On a roll call, the vote to accept and file the item was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Individualized
Education Plan/
consider holding

8. gb #0-147.1 - Administration/Ms. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(April 28, 2020)

Response of the Administration to the request to consider holding Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings during the shutdown.

Mrs. Clancey questioned who will keep track of the compensatory services that will be owed to students.

Mrs. Seale stated that, with guidance from DESE, the district is not obligated to provide compensatory services based on missed services due to the circumstances that all school districts are encountering.

On a roll call, the vote to accept and file the item was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

9. gb #0-148.1 - Administration/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(April 29, 2020) Work Assigned During
the Shutdown

Response of the Administration to the requests to provide a report on the source of work assigned during the shutdown and any ongoing information for families on the website.

- gb #0-161 - Mrs. Clancey/Miss Biancheria/
- Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(April 29, 2020) Extended
Learning/enhance

Request that the Administration provide a report on the district's plan to enhance extended learning for the remainder of the school year that will ensure students are meeting the standards and are ready for the next grade level.

(These items were considered together)

Ms. Novick asked for clarification on what students received for instructional materials from their teachers or samples from the overall school plans that the district has chosen.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the new Remote Learning Plans were completed and will be posted. Teachers will have a set schedule to teach class/es which will enable students to have better access to their teachers. The Commissioner of Education will forward a letter to parents regarding the 3rd stage of learning. She stated that what the district is doing now is a hybrid of Remote Learning and online learning.

Mrs. Clancey stated that she was concerned about the scheduled time for classes due to the fact that not all families can be on the computer at the same time. She also stated that not all families have the technology to access the curriculum. She suggested that teachers record their lessons so students can access them at a more convenient time.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the Administration, principals and teachers are aware of the issue of students not being able to access their classes and stated that students can email their principal who will make different accommodations for those families.

Ms. McCullough stated that she was also concerned with a scheduled classroom time. One of the many concerns is the difficulty of multiple learners trying to access their classes at the same time along with parents that are working from home. The broadband or the network will not accommodate all family members to be on at the same time. She also suggested that teachers record their lessons so that students can access them when it is conducive for their families.

Mr. Foley stated that his concern is that there are still many students who do not have a Chromebook and are not able to access their classes. He would like to know why the system cannot drop the Chromebooks off to these students.

Superintendent Binienda stated that they had planned to distribute them earlier but, due to the surge in the virus it was advised by the City Manager and Dr. Michael Hirsh to wait. Therefore, the Chromebooks will be distributed to the students on May 15, 2020.

Ms. Novick stated that her concern regarding synchronized instruction is that many families have to arrange their schedules around each other so they can do their work. The WiFi can only handle one or two family members on at a time. She also would like to know what the system has done for the students who have no access to the internet and received only one packet for school work. She wanted to know how the students were going to earn the 1-4 for the 4th quarter marking period. She further requested information on why the City's Health Department wouldn't allow the Chromebooks to be delivered to the students who need them the most right away.

Miss Biancheria stated that she didn't feel that during the surge of the virus that it was safe for the school system to deliver the Chromebooks to homes and felt that the Department of Public Health made the right decision to postpone the deliveries. She further stated that this is a very difficult and trying time and it is the first time that the City has dealt with a pandemic and everyone should be commended for all their efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the Chromebooks cannot be delivered any earlier than May 15th due to the fact that the principals need to make phone calls to the families and this is also when all the volunteers will be available. She also stated that the system is doing both synchronous and asynchronous learning. She further stated that there are very few students who have not received their work and the Administration is able to see if a student has not connected on the Google Chat or Google Classroom. If a student don't attend class, a phone call would be made to their home.

Ms. McCullough questioned whether or not teachers are held responsible if a student decides not to attend classes.

Superintendent Binienda stated that teachers are not held accountable for students who decide not to attend classes but they are encouraged to contact them to become engaged in the classroom.

On a roll call, the vote to accept and file gb #0-148.1 and refer gb #0-161 to the Administration was as follows:

On a roll call the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Grant/High School
Voter Registration
and Pre-
Registration

10. gb #0-155 Administration
(April 21, 2020)

To accept the High School Voter Registration and Pre-Registration Grant in the amount of \$5,714.00 for the School Year (April 14, 2020 to June 30, 2020) and \$6,286.00 for the Summer (July 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020).

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide, in a Friday Letter, a report on the development of the civics plans from each of the seven high schools and also share any success stories.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the motion was as follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the item was as follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Mayor Petty $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Ms. Novick made the following amendment to Mr. Monfredo’s motion:

Request that the Administration **consider** reallocating some funds from the FY21 Budget for online summer learning.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the motions as amended were as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

On a roll call, the vote to refer the item to the Administration was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Seniors/
reimbursements
for trips, events,
graduations and
other costs

- 13. gb #0-158 - Ms. McCullough/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(April 27, 2020)

Request that the Administration provide a report with a breakdown by high school for seniors regarding reimbursements for all trips, events, graduations and any other costs. In addition, provide an additional report for all student events and trips that have been paid for and need to be reimbursed.

On a roll call, the vote to refer the item to the Administration for a report in a Friday Letter was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

14. gb #0-159 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/Ms. Novick
(April 29, 2020) Emergency Education
Connection Act of
2020/letter of support

To forward a letter to Congressman McGovern to
support the Emergency Education Connection Act of
2020 to ensure that K-12 students can be connected
and continue online learning and instruction.

On a roll call, the vote to forward a letter was as
follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

15. gb #0-160 - Administration
(April 29, 2020) Student Survey

To consider the results of the student survey.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the item was as
follows:

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

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Ms. Novick $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Prior Fiscal Year
Payment/principal

16. gb #0-162 - Administration
(April 29, 2020)

To consider approval of a prior fiscal year payment in the amount of \$7,750 for a principal who wrote the new Doherty Memorial High School's Education Plan for submittal to the MSBA.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the item was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

Seniors
Eligibility/modified
competency
determination/

17. gb #0-163 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo
(April 29, 2020)

Request that the Administration report on the number of seniors eligible for the modified competency determination as passed by the Massachusetts Board of Education on April 28 and the process through which their application for competency will be submitted.

On a roll call, the vote to refer the item to the Administration for a report back in a Friday Letter was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

18. gb #0-164 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo
(April 29, 2020) Chromebooks/
distribution of

Request that the Administration consider the number of Worcester Public Schools' students in a family in the distribution of district Chromebooks.

Superintendent Binienda stated that every family that has two children will receive one Chromebook. The next distribution will take place during the week of May 25th through May 29th which will be to elementary and middle school students. The final distribution will be for students in grades 9, 10 and 11. If the system does receive the Federal Stimulus monies, which will be approximately 9 million dollars, one of the first purchases for the system will be Chromebooks so that every student will have one. If the system moves forward with online learning, each student will need to have a Chromebook of their own.

On a roll call, the vote to refer the item to the Administration was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

19. gb #0-165 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/
Ms. McCullough
(April 29, 2020) Assigned Work Versus
Expended Work

To clarify the structure of the feedback rubric vis-à-vis district assigned work versus extended work.

Ms. Novick requested that the rubric be added to the FAQ page on the website so parents will know when the 1-4 points start for the 4th quarter marking period.

Mrs. Clancey questioned how the students who receive the paper packets, are going to get feedback and how their families will know what to do as well.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the non-tech packets have been posted on the website and the teachers have been instructed to look at them. If a student does not sign into their classroom, by using their phone, the teachers are to call and discuss with the student what he/she needs to do with their packet. Students can take a picture of their work assignments and email them to the teacher or forward them through Google Classroom.

On a roll call, the vote to discuss the item with a request to add the Rubric to the district's FAQ was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

Survey/students,
families and staff 20.

gb #0-166 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough
(April 29, 2020)

To create and administer a survey for students, families, and staff regarding current remote learning, to inform Phase III remote learning planning and work.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Superintendent Binienda stated that there were over 800 students that did respond to the survey and that Mrs. Kyriazis could provide an overview of the responses from the students and a description of the survey itself.

Mrs. Kyriazis discussed the student survey questions and the themes.

On a roll call, the vote to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

21. gb #0-167 - Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick
(April 29, 2020) Land Purchase/
information on

Request that the Administration provide information from the City Manager in reference to land purchased on Grafton Street near Roosevelt School which will provide accommodations for parking and traffic flow.

On a roll call, the vote to refer the item to the Administration was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

22. gb #0-168 - Ms. McCullough/Miss Biancheria/
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick
(April 29, 2020) Teacher/Student
Interactions/recording
of

To clarify the district's directive requiring the recording of teacher-student interactions.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the Administration had discussions with Attorney Tobin regarding the filming and sharing on social media teachers and/or students' faces or their work. She stated that there is a statement that teachers have to read to the students before interaction can take place with the students through videos.

Mrs. Kyriazis stated that there is a weekly remote learning plan that is posted on the extended learning resources webpage of the WPS. There are two approved video conferencing applications that have the student's privacy agreements which are Google Meet and EBU version of Zoom. There is also a script that teachers read before the video conference which is also emailed to the parents/guardians to notify them of this. The script states that the teachers are going to begin a remote learning opportunity and by participating in this remote learning, the students agree that they may not save, record, share, post or take pictures of the session. A one to one video conference session should be rare and, if a teacher determines that he/she needs one, they will need permission from their principal.

Ms. McCullough requested clarification and an example of the district's directive regarding the documentation of student/teacher interactions.

Superintendent Binienda stated that there is a form that every principal has to fill in every Monday which includes:

- the name of the school
- the student enrollment per school
- the total number of students that were contacted that week
- the total number of students attempted to be contacted but not reached that week
- the total number of students that have not yet been reached since closure and
- any other comments that they might want to make

An example might be that four siblings have not been able to be reached since the closure but they have been able to reach other students.

Ms. McCullough asked if a teacher has to write on the template every time he or she contacts a student during the week and indicate how time consuming this must be.

Superintendent Binienda stated that the principals were given the autonomy to fill out the form the way in which they wanted to get the data back from the teachers. Many teachers have stated that it is just like taking attendance and at the end of the week they just record the number of students who have attended or who were absent from their class. They have also stated that it did not take them long to fill out the form.

Ms. Novick requested the weekly update on the students who were contacted thus far.

Superintendent Binienda stated that, between the week of April 27th through May 1st, there were 23,189 students contacted and there are still 189 students that are still trying to be tracked down. The week before, there were 372 students that the Administration tried to track down. The Administration is hoping that by Monday, the numbers will be cut in half again.

Mayor Petty stated that the School Committee will recess into Executive Session to discuss the following item and stated that they will not be returning to open session:

On a roll call, the vote to file the item was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick, Mayor Petty	7
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Against the motion:	$\frac{0}{7}$
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The motion carried.

Executive Session 23. gb #0-170 - Administration
(April 29, 2020)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Coronavirus/COVID-19 Related Issues – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A & B (Educators/Administrators); Aides to the Physically Handicapped, Monitors and Drivers; Instructional Assistants; Parent Liaisons; Tutors; and Therapy Assistants.

On a roll call, the vote to go into back into Executive Session was as follows:

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

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

The motion carried.

There were present at the Call to Order:

The School Committee recessed to Executive Session from 9:38 p.m. to 11:03 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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