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CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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AGENDA #29

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

on:  Thursday, November 17, 2022
at:  5:00 p.m.  Executive Session
      6:00 p.m.  Regular Session
in:  Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.  General Business Items taken in Executive Session
    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 –
Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A/B.

    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 –
Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Instructional Assistants
Unit.

    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 –
Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Therapy Assistants Unit.

B.  Call to Order

C.  Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

D.  Roll Call
E. **Consent Agenda**

   i. **Approval of Minutes**

   AOR 2-30 – Clerk
   (November 9, 2022)

   To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, November 10, 2022.

   ii. **Approval of Donations**

   iii. **Notification of Personnel Records**

   iv. **Initial filing of individual recognitions**

**Recommendation of Administration**

   v. **Notices of interest to the district or to the public**

F. **Items for Reconsideration**

G. **Held Items**

H. **Recognitions**

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 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 Petitions**

K. **Report of the Superintendent**

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   **Recommendation Administration**

L. **Reports on the Standing Committee**

M. **Student Advisory Committee Item**
N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items

gb 2-290 Administration
(November 9, 2022)

To consider approval of the $22,000 Youth Reach Returning Grant from the Mass Cultural Council (FY23 – yr – 17726).

Recommendation Administration
Approve on a roll call

gb 2-291 Administration
(November 9, 2022)

To consider approval of the $35,000.00 Parent Child and Support Grant from the Popplestone Foundation.

Recommendation Administration
Approve on a roll call

O. General Business

gb 2-18.17 - Administration/Novick/Clancey/Johnson/Kamara/Mailman
(October 24, 2022)

Response of the Administration to the request to update the community on the Worcester Public Schools and COVID.

Recommendation of Administration
Provide an update and hold for the next meeting.

gb 2-292 Johnson
(November 9, 2022)

To explore the feasibility of extending lunch time in secondary schools by ten (10) minutes.

Recommendation of Administration
Refer to the Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning
Request that the Administration work with the City Clerk’s office to find alternate polling locations that are not within the Worcester’s public school buildings.

**Recommendation of Administration**
Refer to the Administration

To adopt policy language governing district engagement with the Worcester Police Department.

**Recommendation of Administration**
Refer to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.

Request that the Administration review the current policy regarding service and support animals in school and make changes if necessary.

**Recommendation of Administration**
Refer to the Administration

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**P. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Assistant to the Superintendent/Clerk of the School Committee

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ITEM:

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School committee Meeting of Thursday, November 10, 2022.

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKE:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Approve on a roll call.
ITEM:

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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:
ITEM:

To consider approval of the $22,000.00 Youth Reach Returning Grant from the Mass Cultural Council (FY23 – yr – 17726).

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

Annex A (4 pages) contains a copy of the Grant Information

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Approve on a roll call
ITEM:

To consider approval of the $35,000.00 Parent Child and Support Grant from the Popplestone Foundation.

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

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RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Approve on a roll call
ITEM:

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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

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ITEM:
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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:
Refer to the Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning
ITEM:

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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

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