

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

AGENDA #8

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, March 17, 2011
at: 6:00 p.m. - Executive Session
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Susan Nachtigal
Trinity Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-7 - Clerk
(March 8, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 3, 2011.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE

ACTION

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ros #1-4 - Administration
(March 8, 2011)

DISTRICT REDESIGN PLAN AS PART OF THE LEVEL 4
APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL REDESIGN GRANT

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE NONE

IX. PERSONNEL

1-11 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below to the following positions:

Lito, Irgena, Mathematics Department Head, Worcester East Middle, stipend of \$1,591, effective March 1, 2011

Meyers, David, Head Guidance Counselor, Forest Grove Middle, stipend of \$2,652, effective March 1, 2011

Olney, Katherine, Facilitator/Instructional Coach, Forest Grove Middle, stipend of \$2,841 effective March 1, 2011

Quist, Joanne, Facilitator/Instructional Coach, Sullivan Middle, stipend of \$2,841, effective March 1, 2011

Reitzell, Ann, English Department Head, Burncoat High, stipend of \$2,122, effective March 1, 2011

1-12 The Superintendent has provisionally appointed the person named below to the position of Word Processor, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$20,041.76 (minimum) to \$24,378.10 (maximum), effective as follows:

Vega-Muñiz, Maribel

2/22/11

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-283.1 - Administration/Mr. Foley
(March 9, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to inform the members of the Worcester Public Schools and the Worcester community about the opportunity to nominate someone for the Worcester Research Bureau's prestigious Thomas Green Awards.

gb #1-66.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(March 9, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the initiatives in Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) taking place at all grade levels in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-71.1 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(March 9, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report containing the student enrollment profile to include special education, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and free and reduced lunch and also student performance at the Sevens Hill Charter School.

gb #1-73 - Mr. Monfredo
(February 24, 2011)

Request that the Administration review the National P.T.A. Parent Guide entitled "Parent Guide to Student Success" in response to the Common Core State Standards and see if there is merit in sharing the information with our schools and with our parents.

gb #1-74 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(February 25, 2011)

Request that the Administration disaggregate 2009-10 MCAS scores across the grades 3-10 in ELA and Math by student birthdate - grouping students within grades by those born prior to August 31 and those born post September 1.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-75 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Miss Biancheria
(February 28, 2011)

To set a date to congratulate Paige Allen, of Burncoat High School, and Patricia Feraud, of South High Community School, on their recognition by the City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women through its 12th Annual Young Women of Consequence Award.

gb #1-76 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell
(March 4, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the number of documented homeless students, their assigned school and the current wraparound services offered to them.

gb #1-77 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(March 4, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide to parents and guardians opportunities to fill out CORI forms at student registrations and through summer mailings.

gb #1-78 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell
(March 4, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on admissions' policies at vocational technical schools throughout the state.

gb #1-79 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(March 4, 2011)

To consider selecting one student representative to the School Committee to attend the MASC Day on the Hill.

gb #1-80 - Mrs. Mullaney
(March 4, 2011)

Request that the City Manager consider initiating a "Young Men of Consequence" award as a complement to the Young Women of Consequence award; or, in the alternative, that the school department consider doing it.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #1-81 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(March 7, 2011)

Request that the Administration forward a congratulatory letter to the staff and students at Doherty Memorial High School for the outstanding performance of "The Music Man."

gb #1-82 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(March 7, 2011)

To set a date to recognize Louise Clarke, Grant Development Specialist, for being selected for the prestigious Thomas Green Award by the board of directors of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau.

gb #1-83 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/
Mr. O'Connell/Mayor O'Brien
(March 7, 2011)

Request that the Administration forward congratulatory letters to the winners in the Science and Engineering Fair which was held at the EcoTarium on March 3rd and express appreciation to Kathleen Berube, Science Liaison and other staff members who made the event very successful.

gb #1-84 - Administration
(March 8, 2011)

To consider approval of the 2011-12 Policies Handbook of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-85 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(March 8, 2011)

Request the Superintendent provide an updated status report on the MCAS Testing Administration Action Plan for Worcester Public Schools and the Goddard School of Science and Technology.

gb #1-86 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(March 8, 2011)

To consider adoption of Policy JFABC as proposed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on "Admission of Transfer Students."

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-87 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(March 8, 2011)

To consider adoption of Policy IMG as proposed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on "Animals in School."

gb #1-88 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(March 8, 2011)

To consider adoption of a policy on Concussions/Head Injuries as proposed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

gb #1-89 - Administration
(March 8, 2011)

To set a date in April for a public hearing on school choice.

gb #1-90 - Administration
(March 11, 2011)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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