

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

AGENDA #19

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, July 21, 2011
at: 4:00 p.m. – Regular Session
5:00 p.m. – Executive Session
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Jose Encarnacion
Christian Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #1-17 - Clerk
(July 12, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 16, 2011.

aor #1-18 - Clerk
(July 14, 2011)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Monday, July 11, 2011.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ACTION

ros #0-18.1 -Administration/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(July 13, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the following motions:

- Request that the Administration provide a summary of the number of students in the School Choice Program to include the cities and towns from which they come.
- Request that the Administration provide the statistics of the October 1st Report.

VII. COMMUNICATION AND PETITION - NONE

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 6:11 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2011 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEET CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #8-180.2 - Administration/Mayor Lukes
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request for a report as to potential costs and staff support needed to implement a National Elementary Honor Society.

gb #9-197.1 - Administration/Mayor Lukes
(July 13, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on how the policy on the prohibition of use of cell phones and other electronic devices on school busses by bus drivers/monitors is implemented and enforced.

gb #0-58.2 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien/Mr. O'Connell
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the motions to provide an update on the capital needs of all school buildings and identify items that could potentially be managed through the ESCo Service Contract.

gb #0-101.7 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor O'Brien
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the following motions:

- Request that the Administration provide a recommendation in connection with the funding of the Clark Master's Program stipend.
- Request that the Administration provide a report on the School Clerical Account indicating where the cuts have taken place.

gb #0-202.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report regarding the continuation of the CPR/AED training program.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #0-237.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the requests to implement a plan to increase administrative coverage in the schools for the Summer of 2011 and beyond, in a budget neutral manner adhering to contractual obligations and including principal input.

gb #0-296.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to reconsider the use of food as a reward in the classroom.

gb #1-5.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to consider applying for services from the Solid Foundation Program, federally funded through PIRC, to assist the school system in meeting the letter and the spirit of parent involvement required by Title I Section 1118 and the No Child Left Behind Act.

gb #1-23.1 - Administration/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. Monfredo
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide an update, to include a timeframe, for plans to install security cameras at South High Community School.

gb #1-89.2 - Administration/Mayor O'Brien
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a report on the number of students who entered and exited from the Worcester Public Schools under the School Choice option and indicate the positive or negative impact on the budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-181.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick
(July 12, 2011)

Response of the Administration to the request to provide explanatory data to the School Committee regarding the competitive grant in the amount of \$45,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for a High School Graduation Initiative – Planning Phase Grant.

gb #1-195 - Mayor O'Brien
(June 22, 2011)

Request that the Administration outline capital and technological improvements that will be implemented in 2011 and 2012 at the School Committee meeting on July 21, 2011 using city Capital Funds and ESCo funds.

gb #1-196 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(June 27, 2011)

To consider adoption of the National School Board Association's "Resolution Concerning Regulatory Relief for America's Schools."

gb #1-197 - Administration
(June 27, 2011)

To accept a donation in the amount of \$300.00 made payable to Clark Street Developmental Learning School.

gb #1-198 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell
(July 6, 2011)

Request that the Administration forward a notice to all principals encouraging participation in National Walk to School Day on October 5, 2011.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-199 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo
(July 11, 2011)

To confer with appropriate local colleges and universities as to their interest in applying for the second round of Promise Neighborhoods funding from the United States Department of Education "to develop or execute plans that will improve educational and developmental outcomes for students in distressed neighborhoods."

gb #1-200 - Mr. Monfredo
(July 11, 2011)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of implementing in the Worcester Public Schools, Thrive in 5, a community developed Boston plan, which has as its goal to ensure that all children succeed in the first five years of life.

gb #1-201 - Administration
(July 11, 2011)

To approve an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.51 per mile to \$0.555 per mile, effective July 1, 2011, for all non-represented and represented personnel in accordance with the revised 2011 standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

gb #1-202 - Administration
(July 11, 2011)

To approve prior year invoices in the amount of \$6,584.61 for special education translation services.

gb #1-203 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo
(July 13, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the timeline for the completion of the new North High School to include the interior and exterior physical plant.

gb #1-204 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(July 13, 2011)

To consider the summer reading assignments.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-205 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell
(July 13, 2011)

Request that the Administration create and install standard signage at schools regarding entrance to buildings and use of facilities during non-school hours.

gb #1-206 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/
Mr. Monfredo
(July 13, 2011)

To review the emergency management plans, crisis manuals, protocols, policies, procedures and practices currently in place in the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #1-207 - Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(July 13, 2011)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the process of hiring principals to include the hiring process or promotion within the WPS system and external recruitment.

gb #1-208 - Administration
(July 13, 2011)

To approve prior year invoices in the amount of \$145.00 to provide a reimbursement to bus driver employees.

gb #1-209 - Administration
(July 13, 2011)

To select the voting delegate, and alternate delegate, to the November 9 meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

gb #1-210 - Mayor O'Brien
(July 13, 2011)

To set a date to recognize Bancroft School for the Bancroft-Elm Park School Summer Partnership Program.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #1-211 - Administration
(July 15, 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