

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The School Committee will hold a virtual and/or in-person meeting:

on: **Thursday, January 18, 2024**
 at: 5:00 p.m. Executive Session
 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

Nelson Place student, Angelo Gray, is scheduled to sing the National Anthem.

D. Roll Call

M. Student Advisory Committee Items

sa 4-1 Student Advisory
 (January 18, 2024)

To review and improve on the rules and regulations regarding transportation through buses and the accessibility for all students, regardless of their distance from the school. Also, to consider changes to the amounts of students allowed on buses in order to provide a safe and comforting everyday experience for all students.

E. Consent Agenda

i. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the School Committee meeting held on December 21, 2023.](#)

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the School Committee meeting held on January 2, 2024.](#)

Approval of Donations

[To consider approval of a donation from the Living World Church Worcester in the amount of \\$4,597.00 to Worcester Technical High School.](#)

ii. Notification of Personnel Records

The Superintendent has approved the personnel records provided in backup.

[Click to view the New Hire Instructional Staff 2023-2024](#)

[Click to view the New Hire Non-Instructional Staff 2023-2024](#)

[Click to view the Teacher and Administrator Resignations and Retirements](#)

iii. Initial Filing of Individual Recognitions
McCullough

(January 18, 2024)

To send a letter to recognize South High student Kelvin Brown.

Kelvin is ranked number 1 in Boxing in New England and is the 2023 Silver Glove Champion. He will be attending regionals in Albany, New York!

McCullough

(January 18, 2024)

Congratulations to Maryjane Bitar on receiving the 2024 Dr. Storms Community Service Award!

This award is given to a youth, twenty years old or younger, who exemplifies the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King through distinguished community service and academic achievement. Way to go Maryjane!

iv. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public

F. Item for Reconsideration

G. Held Item

H. Recognitions

To congratulate Brian Allen, Sara Consalvo, Mohammed Siddiqui, Ivanna Then, Nancy Blomstrom, Akshay Guru Rajkumar, Liam Young, Stephanie Carrasco, Kate Ota, and Emma Kearney for the recognition of the 2023-24 Worcester Public Schools budget with the Association of School Business Officers, International for the eleventh consecutive time.

To recognize the Worcester Vikings Youth Football Team for their success as Central Mass Super Bowl Champions, Massachusetts State Champions, and New England Regional Finalist.

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

c&p 4-1 Kamara

(January 18, 2024)

After appropriate community consultation, to redesign the Worcester East Middle School into a full service/ educational innovation Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Math (STEM) school with components of the WPS Spark program that includes project-based learning.

K. Report of the Superintendentros 4-1 Administration

(January 18, 2024)

[From Here, Anywhere... Together: Multilingual Program Audit Report and Priorities](#)**L. Reports of the Standing Committees**ror 4-1 Clerk

(January 18, 2024)

[To consider approval of the Minutes from the Governance and Employee Issues meeting held on December 20, 2024.](#)**N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**[To consider approval of a grant for Financial Literacy in the amount of \\$11,600 awarded to Dr. Colleen Kelly.](#)[To consider approval of the STARS Resident Grant with Motoko in the amount of \\$6,100.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.](#)[To consider approval of the STARS Residencies support grant in the amount of \\$2,500.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.](#)[To consider approval of a prior year payment to Helix Human Services in the amount of \\$600.00 for student support services.](#)

To consider approval of a prior year payment to On-site Truck Inspections in the amount of \$21,300 for invoices just received.

O. General Businessgb 3-156.3 Clancey

(June 1, 2023)

To consider renaming St. Casimir's to The Dr. Michael O'Neil Program at the Alternative School.

gb 3-237.2 Administration

(October 11, 2023)

To consider dedicating the auditorium at the Durkin Administration Building in honor of Dr. Helen Friel who dedicated her professional life to the Worcester Public Schools.

gb 4-4 McCullough

(January 18, 2024)

To ensure that open houses and similar opportunities are not scheduled on the same nights for the same pool of students.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to the Administration

Recommendation of Administration: Concurs

gb 4-5 Binienda

(January 18, 2024)

A list of 2023-24 allocation requests from all principals by school and for all

department heads for 23-24 funding. Please bold on the list, all requests that were funded in 23-24.

Recommendation of Administration: Refer to the Administration

gb 4-6 Binienda

(January 18, 2024)

A report on the rental costs for all buildings, including the original rental for the bus yard and all increases and dates of increase. Include cost for all additional build outs at the bus yard for other departments and the cost of the gas station for the buses.

Recommendation of Administration: Refer to the Finance, Operations and Governance Standing Committee (FO & G)

gb 4-7 Binienda

(January 18, 2024)

A report on the number of weapons/drugs confiscated, and the number turned into the Worcester police for the 22-23 and 23-24 school year.

Recommendation of Administration: Refer to the Administration

gb 4-8 Binienda

(January 18, 2024)

A report of the table of organization, names, salary and certification of all included.

Recommendation of Administration: Refer to the Administration

gb 4-9 Biancheria

(January 18, 2024)

Request the administration provide a report with the updates for improvement for the Roosevelt School transportation and parking issues including time frame for work to be completed in the spring of 2024.

Recommendation of Administration: Refer to the Finance, Operations and Governance Standing Committee (FO & G)

gb 4-10 Administration

(January 18, 2024)

[To adopt the final FY24 Budget in the amount of \\$461,862,571, reflecting a reduction of \\$830,550 based on the final state budget.](#)

Recommendation of Administration: Accept and file

gb 4-11 McCullough

(January 18, 2024)

To review budgetary needs and community partners for wraparound coordinators.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Budget

gb 4-12 Administration

(January 18, 2024)

[To approve and file an updated calendar of the Report of the Superintendent.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Approve and file

P. Announcements**Meeting Dates:****School Committee Meetings:**

- February 1, 2024, 5:30 p.m., Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall
- February 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m., Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall

Q. Adjournment

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