

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

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

on: **Thursday, March 21, 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**

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Worker Compensation Settlement - Crossing Guard.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Worker Compensation Settlement - Painter.

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 – Massachusetts Nurses Association for and on behalf of Worcester School Nurses.

**B. Call to Order**

**C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem- SuDreya Pryce, grade 6, Worcester Arts Magnet School**

**D. Roll Call**

**E. Consent Agenda**

i. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the School Committee meeting held on March 7, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider approval of a donation for Chandler Magnet School from John and Cecilia Kane in the amount of \$50.

To consider approval of a donation for Chandler Magnet School from Reading for Education in the amount of \$328.88.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

The Superintendent has approved the personnel records provided in backup.

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

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

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

iv. Initial Filing of Individual Recognitions

McCullough

(March 21, 2024)

To recognize the 365Z Foundation for their support in providing a NEADS service dog that is being utilized at South High Community School. Honey's handler, Kristen Ford, is an educator at South and her family members are founding members of the 365Z Foundation.

**Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize**

McCullough

(March 21, 2024)

To recognize the Worcester Tech/North boys team for being Division 3 Indoor State Championship Runner up.

**Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize**

v. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public**F. Item for Reconsideration****G. Held Items**

qb 4-14 Biancheria

(February 1, 2024)

Response from the Administration on:

Request the administration provide an update on the Safety Centers for elementary and secondary including the criteria for entry, number of students referred last year to this year (*included in the Report of the Superintendent March 21, 2024*)

[Click to view the response from Administration.](#)

[Click to view 5 years of data from the Safety Centers.](#)

**Recommendation of Maker: Approve and File**

**H. Recognitions**

McCullough

(February 15, 2024)

Congratulate the Burncoat High School spirit team, and their coaches for placing third in the nation at nationals.

**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 Public Petition

(March 21, 2024)

To consider adding electric car chargers to the Forest Grove Middle School parking lot, free of charge, in partnership with MasseVIP.

[Click to view MasseVIP Program Requirements.](#)

[Click to view the Education Flyer.](#)

[Click to view the parking lot spaces.](#)

**K. Report of the Superintendent**

ros 4-5 Administration

(March 21, 2024)

[Vision of a Learner in Practice: College & Career Readiness](#)

**L. Reports of the Standing Committees**

**M. Student Advisory Committee Items**

sa 4-3 Student Advisory Committee

(March 21, 2024)

To explore and provide resources that will support teachers/staff with their mental health such as counseling services, mindfulness training, as well as support groups that discuss stress management and coping skills that will support a positive school environment.

**N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**

[To consider approval of the Homeless Emergency Support Grant from DESE Student and Family Support in the amount of \\$125,000.00.](#)

[To consider approval of the ParentChild+ Grant from the ParentChild+/Wellington Management Foundation in the amount of \\$27,000.00.](#)

[To consider approval of the ParentChild+ Grant from the ParentChild+/Wellington Management Foundation in the amount of \\$28,000.00.](#)

[To consider approval of the Perkins Equipment and Program Improvement Grant from DESE in the amount of \\$92,660.00.](#)

[To consider approval of the History Field Trip Grant Program from the American Battlefield Trust in the amount of \\$2,000.00.](#)

[Click to view the Grant Acceptance Form.](#)

**O. General Business**gb 4-37 Administration

(March 21, 2024)

To approve an easement to Verizon for property located 299 Highland Street (Doherty Memorial High School)

[Click to view the Grant of Easement Information.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Approve

gb 4-38 Biancheria

(March 21, 2024)

To request administration provide a report in reference to funding and necessary arrangements to provide therapy dogs at school sites.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

Recommendation of Administration: Send to FOG

gb 4-39 Biancheria

(March 21, 2024)

To request the administration, provide a report in reference to home schooling, including number of participants and grade levels.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

Recommendation of Administration: Send to TLSS

gb 4-40 Administration

(March 21, 2024)

[Annual Report of Other Post Employment Benefits \(OPEB\) Trust Fund](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Finance, Operations, and Governance Standing Committee

gb 4-41 Guardiola

(March 21, 2024)

Request the administration to provide a report on school meals and nutrition including current vendors used by Worcester Public Schools.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-42 Administration

(March 21, 2024)

[Request approval of the Student Opportunity Act Plan.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Approve

**P. Announcements**Meeting Dates:

## School Committee Meetings:

- April 1, 2024, 4:45 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street
- April 4, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall
- April 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on FTeaching, Learning and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street

- April 25, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall
- April 29, 2024, 4:45 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street

## **Q. Adjournment**

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