

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

AGENDA #11

on: Thursday, March 5, 2020  
at: 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session  
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session  
in: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER

**7:08 p.m.**

INVOCATION – Reverend Richard Trainor  
Blessed Sacrament Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

**Miss Biancheria, Mrs. Clancey, Mr. Foley, Ms. McCullough,  
Mr. Monfredo, Ms. Novick and Mayor Petty**

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS - NONE

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION

gb #9-403.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/  
Miss McCullough/Mayor Petty  
(February 24, 2020)

**Certificate  
presented**

To recognize Colleen Ferguson, a physical education teacher at McGrath Elementary School, for being recognized by the American Heart Association as a 2020 Heart of Gold honoree at the Heart and Stroke Ball.

gb #0-82 - Administration  
(February 26, 2020)

**Filed**

To consider input from the School Committee's student representatives.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE

ACTION

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

c&p #0-10 - Clerk  
(February 26, 2020)

**Referred to the  
Administration  
(See notes)**

To consider a communication from a citizen, on behalf of the Worcester Education Justice Alliance, relative to the report from the community led discussion on the WPS budget that was held on February 19th at Worcester State University.

c&p #0-11 - Clerk  
(February 28, 2020)

**Approved**

To consider a communication from the EAW relative to a request to enter into negotiations over a successor collective bargaining agreement for the following contract:

Units A and B

c&p #0-12 - Clerk  
(February 28, 2020)

**Approved**

To consider a communication from the EAW relative to a request to enter into negotiations over successor collective bargaining agreements for the following contracts:

Instructional Assistants  
Parent Liaisons  
ESL Tutors

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

IX. PERSONNEL - NONE

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #0-12.1 -Administration/Ms. McCullough/Miss Biancheria/  
Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick  
(February 26, 2020)

**Accepted and filed  
(See notes)**

Response of the Administration to the request to provide one year of data on the number of students in the WPS who have mastered a particular trade and succeeded in securing a position in it and review this data in an effort to provide additional opportunities for students interested in pursuing trades.

gb #0-56.1 - Administration/Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(February 24, 2020)

**Approved**

Response of the Administration to the request that the City Solicitor prepare and share with all in the city and school systems subject to the public records law a statement to that end to append to emails.

gb #0-83 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/  
Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/Ms. Novick/Mayor Petty  
(February 26, 2020)

**Forward letters**

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to:

- Doherty Memorial High School Girls' Basketball team for winning the Inter-high basketball championship
- South High Community School Boys' Basketball team for winning the Inter-high basketball championship and
- Worcester Technical High School Boys' Basketball team for winning the State Vocational Tournament for the second straight year and for being co-champions in the Colonial Athletic League

gb #0-84 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/  
Ms. McCullough/Ms. Novick/Mayor Petty  
(February 26, 2020)

**Forward letters**

Request that the Administration forward letters of congratulations to the following members of the "South High WGBH Quiz Team" for performing well in the preliminary round of the WGBH's High School contest:

- Seniors: Jacob Boatright and Jessica Clivio
- Juniors: Sam Posner and Julio Morales-Mena
- Sophomore: Tiffany Rose
- Coaches: Kayla Avellino and Kitren Farrell

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)ACTION

gb #0-85 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(February 26, 2020)

**Referred to the  
Administration for a  
report, in a Friday  
Letter, by March 13,  
2020  
(See notes)**

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter on how home teams needing field access for practices were accommodated during the building of North High School and the current construction at South High Community School.

gb #0-86 - Ms. Novick/Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(February 26, 2020)

**Referred to the  
Administration for a  
report, in a Friday  
Letter, prior to  
March 23, 2020  
(See notes)**

Request that the Administration provide a summary of the changes to the Doherty building project for the March 19 meeting.

gb #0-87 - Mrs. Clancey/Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/  
Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick  
(February 26, 2020)

**Referred to the  
Standing Committee  
on School and  
Student  
Performance  
(See notes)**

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the feasibility of offering a Drug Education Program to students in lieu of suspension.

gb #0-88 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 26, 2020)

**Referred to the  
Administration  
(See notes)**

Request that the Administration schedule a presentation by Mr. Pezzella at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the nurses on the issues of vaping and opioids.

gb #0-89 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Ms. McCullough/Mr. Monfredo  
(February 26, 2020)

**Refer to the  
Administration for a  
report at the School  
Committee Meeting  
on Thursday, March  
26, 2020  
(See notes)**

Request that the Administration forward to the School Committee all the information it receives relative to the coronavirus.

gb #0-90 - Miss Biancheria/Mrs. Clancey/Ms. McCullough/  
Mr. Monfredo  
(February 26, 2020)

**Referred to the  
Administration  
(See notes)**

Request that the Administration provide an update on the funded programs for the Summer of 2020 to include the College Community Connection.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #0-91 - Administration  
(February 26, 2020)

To authorize the Administration to resubmit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for Burncoat High School (district priority project) for major renovation or replacement for 2020.

**On a roll call of 7-0, the item was approved and to be submitted to the Worcester City Council for approval**

gb #0-92 - Administration  
(February 22, 2020)

To consider the deletion of the following policies as proposed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees:

- IHA – Basic Instructional Program
- JLA – Student Insurance Program
- JLD – Guidance Program
- JP – Student Gifts and Solicitations

**On a roll call of 7-0, the item was approved**

gb #0-93 - Administration  
(February 24, 2020)

To consider approval of the following updated MASC policies proposed to be included in the MASC Policy Manual:

- BEDH Public Comment at School Committee Meetings
- IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar
- IE Organization of Instruction
- IGA Curriculum Development
- IGB Support Services Programs
- IHAM Health Education
- IHB Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations
- JC Attendance Areas
- JCA Assignment of Students to School
- JH Student Absences and Excuses
- JLCB Immunization of Students

**Referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues**

gb #0-94 - Administration  
(February 26, 2020)

To consider approval of the following courses:

- Historia de Latin America
- Introduction to Computer Science & Digital Literacy
- Innovation Pathways Capstone
- Introduction to Horticulture
- Website Development

**On a roll call of 7-0, the item was approved**

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #0-95 - Administration  
(February 26, 2020)

**On a roll call of 7-0,  
the Agreement of  
the Central  
Massachusetts  
Collaborative was  
approved as  
amended**

To consider approval of the Agreement of the Central Massachusetts Collaborative to include the proposed amendments as contained in Annex A of the backup, effective July 1, 2020.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

gb #0-96 - Administration  
(February 26, 2020)

**Held from 6:36 p.m.  
to 7:05 p.m.  
(See notes)**

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 – International Union of Public Employees, Local 125 - Plumbers and Steamfitters.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**7:50 p.m.**

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