

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, February 15, 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](#)
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session

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.

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

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 – International Union of Public Employees, Tradesmen, Local -135.

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 – Anna Karam v. Worcester Public Schools, et al., Worcester Superior Court, Civil Action No. 2185-CV-0048-D.

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 – American Arbitration Association No. 01-23-002-6196, Coordinator of School Nurses/Director of Nursing and Health Services and Worcester Public Schools.

B. Call to Order

C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

D. Roll Call

M. Student Advisory Committee Items**sa 4-2 Student Advisory Committee**

(February 15, 2024)

To consider a variety of strategies that will improve communication amongst students and teachers, which can include a suggestion box or mandatory meeting that will provide a sense of comfort and understanding in a classroom setting.

E. Consent Agendai. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the School Committee meeting held on February 1, 2024.](#)

[To consider approval of the Minutes for the Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance meeting held on February 5, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To approve a donation of pickleball equipment valued at \$259.96 from the Selkirk Growth Program to the Physical Education Department.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

The Superintendent has approved the personnel records provided in backup.

[New Hire Instructional 2023-2024 February 15, 2024](#)

[New Hire Non-Instructional 2023-2024 February 15, 2024](#)

[Teacher and Administrator Resignations or Retirements February 15, 2024](#)

iv. Initial Filing of Individual RecognitionsMcCullough

(February 15, 2024)

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

Recommendation of Maker: Set a date to recognize

McCullough

(February 15, 2024)

[Send letters to WAMS students: Congrats to Worcester Arts Magnet Crescendo! For your great showing at the Shepherd Hill Show Choir Festival!](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Send Letters

McCullough

(February 15, 2024)

Congratulate Burncoat students Armig and Noushig Badizbanian, and Michaela (Mickey) Bonsu for performing in the Honors Youth Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Recommendation of Maker: Send Letters

McCullough

(February 15, 2024)

[Congratulate Music Students from Central Districts, including State Festival Winners, Senior Festival Acceptances, Junior Festival Acceptances, and Students Accepted with All State Recommendation.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Send Letters

Johnson

(February 15, 2024)

Christopher Lefebvre a 9th grade student at Doherty High School who participated in a national football game in Florida for the top 60 players in the nation for 13-14 yr olds.

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 Item****H. Recognitions****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**K. Report of the Superintendent**

ros 4-2 Administration

(February 15, 2024)

[Family and Community Engagement Framework Implementation Update](#)

L. Reports of the Standing Committees

[February 5, 2024 Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance](#)

N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**O. General Business**

gb 3-270.1 Mayor Petty

(December 21, 2023)

Response from the Administration on:

[Request the Administration establish a School Safety Advisory Committee.](#)

Recommendation of Administration: Approve and file

4-19 McCullough

(February 15, 2024)

To get a presentation on the modern classrooms project including teacher and student feedback from those participating.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Teaching, Learning and Student Success

4-20 Mailman

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report of all afterschool programs, funding source and number of students served, and to offer suggested alternative providers and funding models.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-21 Mailman

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report of October 1 total enrollment by grade, school, class size by grade, and quadrant for the last five (5) years. In the report, please indicate when last time schools were redistributed and if there are plans to do this again in the near future.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-22 Binenda

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report that includes the number of 1/5 teachers per school and subject, including cost per teacher per school.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-23 Binienda

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report including ten (10) years of data on the amount of funding per school for credit buyback.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-24 Binienda

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report on the funding for CPR training and planned CPR PD for health and PE teachers for the 23-24 school year.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-25 Binienda

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report on the number of schools with water filling stations and the cost of providing water filling stations in all schools.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-26 Biancheria

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report on the schools offering Jr ROTC to include the budget and

promotion of offering this program.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-27 Biancheria

(February 15, 2024)

To provide an update of the number of classroom doors without locks for Roosevelt Rice Square, Lakeview, Worcester East Middle North High and Worcester Technical High School, and the timeline on those doors to be secured.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

4-28 Roy

(February 15, 2024)

To provide a report of the actual number of locks on individual classroom doors for the schools located in District E, (South High Community School, Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle School, Canterbury Street Magnet School, Columbus Park Preparatory Academy, Gates Lane School of International Studies, Heard Street School, Vernon Hill School, and Quinsigamond School) to date. As noted in the School Safety Audit, this report needs to include the timeframe of when the locks will be installed in the classrooms that currently do not have them.

Recommendation of Maker: Refer to Administration

P. Announcements

Meeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- February 26, 2024 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street
- March 4, 2024, 4:45 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street
- March 7, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall

Q. Adjournment

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