

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, May 16, 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 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 – Teamsters Local Union 170 for and on behalf of the Worcester Public Schools Transportation Mechanics.

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 and a moment of silence for Sterling Baptiste, Jr.

The national Anthem will be sung by South High student, Christine Ferguson.

D. Roll Call

M. Student Advisory Committee Items

sa 4-6 Student Advisory Committee

(May 16, 2024)

To strategize and implement methods that will gain more caregiver involvement within the school community, whether, through caregiver-teacher conferences or family-centered events, this route will create a stronger sense of support within students as they'll be able to find a connection between their personal and school

lives while removing barriers that prevent students from reaching their full potential.

Recommendation of Administration: Refer to Administration

E. Consent Agenda

i. Approval of Minutes

[To consider approval of minutes from the School Committee meeting held on April 25, 2024.](#)

[To consider the approval of minutes from the School Committee meeting held on May 2, 2024.](#)

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider approval of a monetary donation from Elevate Strength and Performance - Owner Evan Marcantonio to WPS in the amount of \$250.00.

To consider approval of a goods and services donation from Claudine Pannachelli valued at \$500.00.

iii. Notification of Personnel Records

[Please click here to see new hires.](#)

[Please see here to see retirements and resignations.](#)

iv. Initial filing of Recognitions

McCullough

(May 16, 2024)

To send a letter of congratulations to Senior James Morse for being selected to the MIAA and Massachusetts State Hockey Coaches Association 2024 Academic All-Star Team for Ice Hockey. He is the first Worcester Wildcat to receive such an honor.

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

F. Item for Reconsideration

G. Held Items

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 Petitionc&p 4-5 Andrew Willis

(May 16, 2024)

A request to address the committee regarding a gender support plan that was presented by DESE that I would like the district to consider use or, at least, consider allowing at the secondary level.

[Click here to see a copy of the gender support plan presented by DESE](#)

Recommendation: Send to TLSS

c&p 4-6 Maria Camerano

(May 16, 2024)

[A request to consider adding bleachers to the North High School softball field.](#)

Recommendation: Send to FOG

K. Report of the Superintendentros 4-9 Administration

(May 16, 2024)

[Human Resources: Making Connections](#)

[2023-24 Retirees Celebration Slides](#)

L. Reports of the Standing Committees

[To consider the approval of minutes from the Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance meeting held on April 29, 2024.](#)

N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items

[To consider approval of a grant from One8 Foundation for Project Lead the Way \(PLTW\) in the amount of \\$53,000.](#)

[To consider approval of a grant from UNUM Equitable Pathways Program in the amount of \\$6,000.](#)

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Geriatric Medical in the amount of \$1,141.20.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Holyoke Tire in the amount of \$7,114.60.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Raymond James in the amount of \$5,730.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Reliant Medical Group in the amount of \$2,834.

To consider approval of a prior year payment to Wayne Alarm in the amount of \$349.14.

O. General Business

gb 4-20 (Mailman)

(February 15, 2024)

Response from Administration

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

Recommendation: File

gb 4-21 (Mailman)

(February 15, 2022)

Response from Administration

Request 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: File

Gb 3-253.1 (Mailman)

(February 26, 2024)

Response from Administration

Provide the School Committee with a fee schedule of all Chapter 74 and non-chapter 74 programs.

Recommendation: File

ros 4-5 (Mailman)

(March 21, 2024)

Response from Administration

To receive a report that can measure time in the shops for all of the programs/shops at the comprehensive high schools.

Recommendation: File

ros 4-7 (Biancheria)

(April 26, 2024)

Response from Administration

Provide a description of all culture and climate staff members (i.e. dean, c & c team members, etc).

Recommendation: File

ros 4-8 (Biancheria)

(May 2, 2024)

Response from Administration

To receive a list of all sports programs in Worcester Public Schools.

Recommendation: File

gb 4-52 (Alvarez)

(May 16, 2024)

To provide current data on how many scholars with disabilities are placed in non-sub-separate classrooms in each district and how many inclusive teachers are assigned/work in each district.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-53 (Alvarez)

To provide a report on what system does special education currently have in place to monitor compensatory services?

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-54 (Roy)

(May 16, 2024)

To request the Administration have a summer reading kick off by having a "Reading in our City Week" the week of June 10, 2024.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-55 (Roy)

(May 16, 2024)

A report to the Worcester School Committee the summer school plan including dates of summer school, approximate number of how many students will participate, a plan to promote and encourage attendance by students (an incentive program) and pre and post testing of students attending summer school.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-56 (Administration)

(May 16, 2024)

[To consider changing the name of Chandler Magnet La Familia School to La Familia on Chandler Multicultural School.](#)

Recommendation of Maker: Send to TLSS

gb 4-57 (Biancheria)

(May 16, 2024)

Request the administration to provide a report to the School Committee on the status of the SLO School Program.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-58 (Biancheria)

(May 16, 2024)

Request the administration provide the School Committee all MOU's signed by the Superintendent and the present Chief of Police.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

gb 4-59 (Biancheria)

(May 16, 2024)

Request the administration provide a job description and specific plan to replace security guards all High School, a Middle and an elementary School and how this

will affect the budget.

Recommendation of Maker: Send to Administration

P. Announcements

Meeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- May 20, 2024, 4:45 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- May 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Public Budget Hearing, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- May 22, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- June 3, 2024, 4:45 p.m., Standing Committee on Finance, Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- June 6, 2024, 4:00 p.m. Budget Session, 6:00 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- June 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Success, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.
- June 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m. Budget Session, 6:00 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.

Q. Adjournment

Kristi Turgeon
Clerk of the School Committee

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