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Committee Members
John L. Foley, Chairman
Robert A. Bogigian
Brian A. O'Connell

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Business met at 5:16 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 in the Conference Room at Worcester Technical High School.

There were present: Mr. Bogigian and Chairman Foley

Mr. O'Connell arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Representing Administration: Mr. Allen and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: D. Aicardi, J. Fitton, D. Gribouski, M. Hunt and P. Jones

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ros #8-1 - Administration (December 27, 2007)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007 – 2011

gb #8-159 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (June 24, 2008)

To begin preparation for the FY10 Budget, with discussion of school system needs and priorities with interested school and community groups.

(These items were considered together.)

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration conduct a survey of urban systems of comparable size to Worcester to determine whether they do a percent of total service costs or a per pupil cost to determine the percent of indirect costs for the district to be paid to the city.

Request that the Administration work with the City of Worcester to develop a long range indirect cost recovery plan to address appropriate indirect costs owed by the school system to the City and appropriate sharing of Medicaid reimbursements.

Request that the Administration seek its share of the Medicaid reimbursements.

On a voice vote the motions were approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administrative Cost Allocation Plans, as contained in Annexes A and B of the backup for gb #8-159, be forwarded to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to the U.S. Department of Education in an effort to determine the propriety of methodology used by the City to assess percent charges to the school department (Annex B, page 8 of the backup for gb #8-159).

gb #8-31 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley (January 23, 2008)

To review the January 7th decision of the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Pontiac School District v.

Spellings, reviving a challenge to the No Child Left Behind Act as an unfunded federal mandate, and to determine whether the decision should influence and guide any budgetary actions of the School Committee for FY09.

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gb #8-232 - Mr. Foley/Mr. Bogigian/Mr. O'Connell (October 6, 2008)

To review the status of the FY09 Budget and recommend appropriate account transfers as required.

Mr. Bogigian made the following motion:

Request that the Administration survey other communities to determine the daily pay for day by day substitute teachers.

On a voice vote the motion was approved.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$10,000	50017 Miscellaneous Salaries (Worcester Future Teachers Academy)	50017 Miscellaneous Salaries (Clark University Masters Program)
\$10,000	50011 DXD Substitutes	50017 Miscellaneous Salaries (Clark University Masters Program)

On a roll call of 2-0-1 (abstain – Mr. Foley), the motion was approved.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$100,000	50152 School Plant OM	50129 Workers Compensation
\$44,000	50101 Retirement	50129 Workers Compensation

On a roll call of 3-0, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to accept the Third Quarter FY09 Status Report.

gb #9-7 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Bogigian/Mr. Foley/Ms. Hargrove/Mr. Monfredo (January 5, 2009)

To review options available to the Worcester Public Schools for carry-forward of Title I funding and any other funds from grant sources for FY09 and FY10.

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gb #9-34.1 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Bogigian (February 27, 2009)

To consider the broadcasting, by video internet streaming, of appropriate meetings of the Worcester School Committee and of significant school events and ceremonies.

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gb #9-35.1 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Bogigian/Ms. Hargrove (February 27, 2009)

To consider inclusion of agenda backup documents for School Committee meetings on the website of the Worcester Public Schools, for ready and convenient community access.

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gb #9-61 - Mr. Foley (March 6, 2009)

To invite, to a Standing Committee on Business meeting in April 2009, representatives from Sullivan, Rogers & Company LLC to discuss the FY08 annual audit of federal grant programs relating to the Worcester Public Schools and representatives from P.L. Jones & Associates, P.C. to discuss the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for 2007-2008 End of Year Financial Report as submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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motion (gb #7-229) Mr. Monfredo (July 17, 2008)

To consider implementing, the strategic plan as outlined by the Donahue Institute if any additional money becomes available, and respond to the request by April 2009.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter indicating the current location of parent liaisons and whether additional positions are included in the FY10 Budget.

On a voice vote the motion was approved.

motion (gb #8-134.2) Mr. O'Connell (June 19, 2008)

Request that \$62,500 be held in Account 50003 – Teachers and be referred to the Standing Committee on Business to discuss the Administration's recommendation to add a music position to create a Bridge Program between Forest Grove Middle School and Doherty Memorial High School.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration consider offering an Advanced Music Theory course and include the cost to implement it at Budget time.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item and motion to the FY10 Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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