

Committee Members

John F. Monfredo, Chairman
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AGENDA #1

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Community and Employee Issues met at 4:40 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Room 410 at the in the Conference Room at Worcester Technical High School.

There were present: Ms. Hargrove and Chairman Monfredo

There was absent: Mrs. Mullaney

Representing Administration: Mrs. Luster and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: B. Allen, M. Berthiaume and M. Binienda

gb #5-58 - Mr. O'Connell (March 1, 2005)

To consider modification of the current rule regarding student book bags and gym bags (2004-05 Policies Handbook, Page 38), by permitting students to utilize, during the school day, backpacks which are made of a mesh or transparent material.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration forward to the Site Councils the issue that would allow students to utilize, during the school day, backpacks which are made of a mesh or transparent composite material and provide a report back to the Standing Committee in May 2009.

Request that the item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #5-96 - Mr. O'Connell (April 15, 2005)

To develop a comprehensive program for recruitment of staff members, utilizing current school system staff, which shall operate throughout the 2005-06 academic and fiscal years.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration update the 2005 Recruitment Plan prior to November 2009.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #8-89 - Ms. Hargrove/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Bogigian/Mr. O'Connell (March 27, 2008)

To discuss plans for a possible 2009 Projects Fair, for community participation in it, and for appropriate recognitions and awards related to it.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to representatives of the local newspapers and radio and television stations with a request to announce the Awards Ceremony for the Projects Fair on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #8-187 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (August 4, 2008)

To discuss with the College of the Holy Cross the possible participation of the Worcester Public Schools in the J.D. Power Internships.

gb #8-187 (continued)

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the College of the Holy Cross requesting that the Worcester Public Schools be considered as a site for a J.D. Power Internship.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #9-27 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell (January 29, 2009)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the progress being made with the Worcester Future Teachers Academy.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration amend the last sentence of Annex A, page 1 of the backup for the item as follows:

original wording "The Worcester Future Teachers Academy/Worcester State College graduates will be guaranteed a teaching position in the Worcester Public Schools."

amended wording Students will be highly considered for a teaching position in the Worcester Public Schools, based on a B average, as required for their scholarship, and a successful completion of their student teaching practicum.

Request that the Administration consider funding the Worcester Future Teacher Academy for the 2009-10 academic year.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

motion (gb #8-134.2) Mr. Monfredo (June 19, 2008)

Request that the Administration discuss a plan for expenditures in connection with community schools prior to the formulation of the FY11 Budget.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in April 2009 regarding the community school programs for consideration in the FY10 Budget:

- attendance
- the cost for the program
- content of various programs and courses and
- other pertinent information about the community school programming.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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