

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 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the Harrington Room at the 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: A. Ingrisano

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 provide a report as to whether AVID students are carrying backpacks made of mesh or transparent material during the school day.

Request that the Administration place this item on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and provide a report at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Community and Employee Issues.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #7-245 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell November 28, 2007)

To consider scheduling an additional staff development day at the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

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gb #8-78 - Administration (March 20, 2008)

To consider changing the minimum criteria for day by day substitutes for itinerant art, music and physical education.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the School Committee continue with the practice of hiring day by day substitute teachers for the 2009-10 academic year who have:

- completed their sophomore year in a 4 year baccalaureate program
- earned an Associate Degree or its equivalent or
- earned a diploma for a 4 year baccalaureate degree

Request that the Administration provide to the Standing Committee an evaluation of its progress with the day by day substitute practice in June 2010.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #9-40.1 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (February 27, 2009)

To consider revival of the Title I Parent Advisory Council.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration establish, in October 2009, a Title I Parent Advisory Council and invite representatives from all Title I schools to:

- discuss the role of the council and how often it should meet
- invite a member of the Parent Place (Massachusetts Parent Information and Resource Center – PIRC) to attend a meeting to discuss:
  - future workshops on how parents/guardians can assist their child/children at home
  - aspects of the Epstein Model
  - resources available to parents in the community and in the school
  - ways of communicating with schools
  - general guidelines on the purpose of Title I and its funding
  - possible workshops to include solving homework problems, at home reading ideas and ways to involve fathers more in the education of their child/children and
- discuss other pertinent issues to better meet the needs of the students.

gb #9-40.1 (continued)

Request that the minutes of the meetings be forwarded to the School Committee.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #9-62 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Bogigian (March 9, 2009)

Request that the Administration consider looking into a sponsorship and advertisement arrangement for the athletic programs in the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the MIAA requesting clarification as to the rights of the school system, in an effort to raise monies, to seek sponsorships of billboards/signs, names on uniforms or caps and inquiring as to other ways to raise funds for the athletic programs.

Request that the Administration inquire as to the rights of naming a gym after a corporate sponsor.

Request that the Administration forward a letter to the WEDF regarding level of interest to sponsor a concert at Commerce Field at Foley Stadium during the summer to raise funds for the athletic program in 2010-11.

Request that the Administration provide responses to the above-mentioned motions at a meeting in July 2009.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #9-83 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Bogigian/Ms. Hargrove/Mr. Monfredo (March 23, 2009)

To request that the Worcester Telegram and Gazette establish a "public school corner," to be published at least weekly in its daily or Sunday editions, which will focus on the activities and accomplishments of the students and staff of the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for a meeting in July 2009.

gb #9-106 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (April 15, 2009)

Request that the members of school site councils sign the school improvement plans submitted by their schools on an annual basis, pursuant to Chapter 69, Section 1I of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee support the Administration's recommendation to have site council members sign off on the School Improvement Plans and make them available to the School Committee members for perusal in the School Committee Office.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #9-107 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (April 15, 2009)

To review the school improvement plans submitted by the individual schools on an annual basis, "in order to ensure consistency with the 3-year district improvement plan and the district annual action plan," pursuant to Chapter 69, Section 1I of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee support the recommendation that the Administration review the School Improvement Plans on an annual basis in order to ensure consistency with the 3 year District Improvement Plan, pursuant to Chapter 69, Section 1I of the Massachusetts General Laws.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for a meeting in June 2010.

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.

motion (gb #8-134.2) (continued)

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration of all schools consider raising monies to support community school programs for FY11 within their respective buildings.

Request that the Administration include the interfaith groups when the community school programs are discussed for the FY11 Budget.

Request that the Administration begin in September 2009 to seek grant funding to support the community school program in FY11.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

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motion (gb #8-169) Mr. Monfredo (August 21, 2008)

Request that the Administration review the enrollment in those schools that don't have classroom space for additional teachers and consider for FY10 a possible redistricting plan with neighboring schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for a report in September 2009 to include information on facility usage and capacity.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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