

Committee Members

John F. Monfredo, Chairman
Dianna Biancheria, Vice-chairman
John Foley

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The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Foley and Chairman Monfredo

Representing Administration: Mrs. Luster and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: M. Brophy, Dr. McGovern, Dr. Rodrigues, Dr. Rojas and R. Walton

gb #0-82 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mayor O'Brien (March 12, 2010)

Request that the Administration discuss ideas with parents on how to best continue to make the Worcester Public Schools schools of choice.

Dr. Rodrigues made a presentation on parental involvement in the Worcester Public Schools.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that each Site Council discuss what it would like to present on Channel 11 to promote their school.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo referred the following motions for responses in a Friday Letter in May 2015:

Request that the Administration create a video that would promote the Worcester Public Schools and share it with the local real estate brokers.

Request that the Administration provide the dates of the next administration of the parent survey.

Request that the Administration provide information regarding the times of the open houses for grade 5 students.

gb #0-82 (continued)

Request that the Administration consider highlighting the successes of the students in various schools for airing on Channel 11 and also publish a quadrant newsletter to inform the parents, students and public of what is happening in the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

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gb #2-225 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (July 17, 2012)

To reestablish the Title 1 Parent Advisory Council for the Worcester Public Schools.

Dr. Rojas made a presentation regarding the structure that is currently being developed to involve parents more deeply in the education of their children.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide feedback in a Friday Letter on how many parents actually signed on to the compact and provide feedback on their reaction to it.

Request that all schools have parent organizations in place next year.

Request that the Administration make every effort to include representatives from all of our schools in the monthly Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council meetings.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration encourage the staff who work for Channel 11 to promote the Worcester Public Schools by showcasing on their network the various successful programs.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #3-318 - Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick (December 11, 2013)

To refer Health Bill H450 to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues.

Mr. Monfredo indicated that H450 was refiled by Representative O'Day as H3793.

Dr. McGovern made a presentation regarding H3793 and indicated that the Administration strongly supports it.

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter containing the number of students who enrolled in Health Education and the number of those who opted out.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter, on behalf of the School Committee, to the local delegation in support of H3793.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration review the University of New Hampshire's Bystander Program and consider implementing it in the Worcester Public Schools.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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gb #4-197 - Administration (June 30, 2014)

To consider amending the policy regarding Employee Use of Social Media, Websites, Blogs and Other Online Social Tools.

Mr. Walton provided a summary of the amendments to the Administration's proposed policy on the Employee Use of Social Media, Websites, Blogs and Other Online Social Tools, after consultation with the EAW.

It was moved to approve the amended version to the proposed policy on the Employee Use of Social Media, Websites, Blogs and Other Online Social Tools.

On a roll call of 2-1 (nay-Miss Biancheria), the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria requested that the Administration provide the original proposed policy document regarding Employee Use of the Social Media, Websites, Blogs and Other Online Social Tools prior to the School Committee meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

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gb #4-285 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Novick/Miss Biancheria (October 22, 2014)

To review, and to respond to, the October 2014 draft "Educator Licensure and License Renewal Design Principles and Policy Options" prepared by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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