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A C T I O N S

The Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations and the City Council's Standing Committee on Education met at 7:08 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present:

School Committee Members: Miss Ramirez, Ms. Novick and Chairman Foley

City Councillors: Mr. Rosen and Chairman Economou

Mrs. Toomey arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Monfredo was also in attendance.

Representing Administration were: Mr. Allen, Dr. Boone, Dr. Rodrigues and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: S. Consalvo, S. Power, D. Rushford, L. Zalauskas

c&p #2-19 - Clerk (December 12, 2012)

To consider a communication from the City Clerk regarding the City Council's Standing Committee on Education and the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations to consider meeting jointly on a regular basis throughout the year concerning issues of overlapping interest.

gb #4-214 - Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (July 22, 2014)

To consider the city's contribution to the Worcester Public Schools for FY16 and years following.

(These items were considered together).

Chairman Economou and Chairman Foley both spoke about the FY16 Budget and the excellent working relationship among the City Council, School Committee, Superintendent and City Manager.

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Mr. Allen made a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the FY16 Budget as contained in Annex A of the backup for c&p #2-19.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee forward a letter to the local delegation in support for funding of the Quality Kindergarten Grant at the House level and full funding for Charter reimbursement.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Toomey requested that the Administration provide a list of who opted into the Worcester Public Schools under School Choice and provide a breakdown of the categories such as ELL, Special Education and Regular Education.

Mr. Power offered testimony about large enrollment sizes and asked the Administration to address this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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