

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in person with a virtual option in Open Session at 4:00 p.m. in the Esther Howland Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, June 25, 2026 to discuss the FY27 Worcester Public Schools budget.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

There were present at the Call to Order: Member Alvarez, Member Biancheria , Member Binienda, Member Guardiola, Member Johnson, Member Mailman, Vice Chair McCullough, and Member Roy, and Mayor Petty.

Budget items discussed:

1. 50136-92000 Miscellaneous Education - Non-Salary  
50136-93000 Miscellaneous Education - Capital  
50136-92000 Miscellaneous Education - Rentals

These three items were held at the previous meeting.

**Member Johnson made a motion to take \$225,000 from 50136-92000 (Miscellaneous Education - Non-Salary[Educational Technology]) and add \$200,000 to 500-9111 (Teacher's Salaries) and \$25,000 to 500-92204 (Instructional Materials) to be earmarked for library books in elementary schools.**

**Member Mailman made a motion to take \$225,000 from 50136-92000 (Miscellaneous Education - Non-Salary [Educational Technology]) and move all \$225,000 to 500-92204 (Instructional Materials) to be earmarked for library books in elementary schools.**

**The Committee voted on Member Johnson's motion first. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 7-2, the motion passed.**

Because Member Johnson's motion passed, Member Mailman's motion was not entertained.

2. 500-91110 Administrative Salaries

Member Mailman requested the Chair take each item by roll call vote. Mayor Petty obliged.

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 7-2, the motion passed.**

3. 500-91111 Teachers Salaries. ***Members Binienda and Roy recused themselves from the discussion.***

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 6-1, the motion passed.**

**Member Binienda and Member Roy were absent for the vote.**

4. 500-91112 School Committee Salaries.

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

5. 500-91114 Classroom Substitutes.

Member Biancheria requested the Administration provide a list of schools who have building substitutes in an upcoming Friday letter.

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

6. 500-91115 Paraprofessional Salaries

***Member McCullough recused herself from this discussion.***

**Member Roy made a motion to increase stipends for paraprofessionals who work as substitute teachers. The motion was not voted on as this is a matter for collective bargaining.**

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 6-2, the motion passed. Vice Chair McCullough was absent for the vote.**

**7. 540-91117 Transportation Salaries**

**Member Mailman made a motion to receive a report comparing salaries of transportation staff between Springfield and Worcester. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, no; Member Binienda, no; Member Guardiola, no; Member Johnson, no; Member Mailman, yes; Vice Chair McCullough, no; Member Roy, no; Mayor Petty, no. By a margin of 2-7, the motion failed.**

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 7-2, the motion passed.**

**8. 500-91118 Supplemental Program Salaries**

**Member Mailman made a motion to receive a report on how many schools in the WPS district have literacy tutors.**

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented with Member Mailman's motion. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 7-2, the motion passed.**

**9. 500-91119 Custodial Salaries**

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes;**

**Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

10. 500-91120 Maintenance Services Salaries

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-0, the motion passed. Member Mailman was absent for the vote.**

11. 500-91121 Administrative Clerical Salaries

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no ; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

12. 500-91122 School Clerical Salaries

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

13. 500152-91123 Non-Instructional Support Salaries

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented with Member Mailman's motion. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 7-2, the motion passed.**

14. 540-91124 Crossing Guard Salaries

Member Biancheria asked that WPS provide a supply of yellow safety vests for all staff members who may have to act in a crossing guard capacity.

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes;**

**Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

15. 500-91133 Nurses Salaries

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

16. 500-91134 Educational Support Salaries

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

17. 540-97201 Transportation Overtime

Member Mailman asked where there is a change in expenditures from FY26. Ms. Consalvo replied that significant absenteeism amongst transportation employees necessitates extra work and thus, overtime for the drivers who do report to work.

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

18. 500-97203 Custodian Overtime

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

19. 500-97204 Maintenance Services Overtime

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

20. 500-97205 Support Overtime

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

21. 50S502 Nutrition Program

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

22. Various Accounts: Grants

Member Mailman asked if all of the grants listed on pages 224-238 of the [budget book](#) were federal grants. Ms. Danielle Parrillo, Director of Grants, responded in the affirmative.

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 8-1, the motion passed.**

23. Various Accounts: Special Revenue Funds

**A motion was made to approve this account as presented. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough,**

**yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 7-2, the motion passed.**

qb 6-59 (Administration)

(May 21, 2026)

**Budget Book**

**Sequence of Accounts**

To consider approval of the Worcester Public Schools FY27 budget.

**A motion was made to approve the FY2027 budget with the one noted motion. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, yes; Member Biancheria, yes; Member Binienda, yes; Member Guardiola, yes; Member Johnson, yes; Member Mailman, yes; Vice Chair McCullough, yes; Member Roy, yes; Mayor Petty, yes. By a margin of 9-0, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made to approve a vote for reconsideration of the aforementioned vote. On a roll call vote: Member Alvarez, no; Member Biancheria, no; Member Binienda, no; Member Guardiola, no; Member Johnson, no; Member Mailman, no; Vice Chair McCullough, no; Member Roy, no; Mayor Petty, no. By a margin of 0-9, the motion failed. There will be no vote to reconsider the approval of the FY27 budget.**

It was moved to recess at 5:42 p.m. and Mayor Petty stated that the committee would reconvene in Open Session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristi Turgeon,  
Clerk of the School Committee