

CITY OF HOLYOKE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Fifield Community Room Dean Technical High School, 1045 Main Street

1. **CALL TO ORDER ~ ROLL CALL ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION***

3. **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**
 - a. **Student Reports**
 - b. **Superintendent's Communications:**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Minutes of Meetings**
 - Regular Meeting of April 5, 2010 (pages 1-10)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the minutes.
 - b. **Reports of Committees**
 - Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee of March 15, 2010 (pages 11-16)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the minutes (motions acted upon at November 2, 2009 meeting ~[no vote was taken to approve at last full Board meeting]).
 - Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee of April 5, 2010 (pages 17-21)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the minutes (motion acted upon at April 5, 2010 meeting.)
 - Operations/Maintenance Subcommittee of April 7, 2010 (pages 22-25)
*RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the subcommittee's recommendation that, on May 1st, if there has not been a response from the USDA, that the contract (with Chartwells) be renewed for an additional year, pending a ruling from USDA.
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the subcommittee's recommendation to send the draft settlement agreement (with the US Department of Justice), to counsel specializing in English language learning and government matters for review before moving forward.*

- Finance Subcommittee of April 7, 2010 (pages 26-28)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the subcommittee's recommendation that administration look into costs for a financial audit and report back.
 - c. **Holyoke High School Request for Field Trip to NYC** (pages 29-31)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the field trip request.
 - d. **Lucille & William Lucey Scholarship** (pages 32-37)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to accept the Lucille & William Lucey Scholarship as proposed.
 - e. **Draft 2010-2011 School Calendar** (page 38)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to receive the draft 2010-2011 School Calendar as a first reading.
 - f. **Travel Requests** (pages 39-40)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the travel requests.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a. **City Council Order re: Transfer of Funds for the purpose of Medicaid Reimbursement** (pages 41-43)
 - b. **City Council Order re: Transfer of Funds for the purpose of Fulfilling Net School Spending Requirement** (pages 44-47)
 - c. **Update on Financial Audit** (verbal)
 - d. **Letter of Intent to Retire from Superintendent Dr. Eduardo B. Carballo** (page 48)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to accept Superintendent Dr. Eduardo B. Carballo's letter of intent to retire effective June 30, 2010.
6. **PERSONNEL**
- a. **Appointments** (page 49)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to receive the appointments.
 - b. **Retirements** (page 50)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to receive the retirements.
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT**

*The Holyoke Public Schools makes available a public discussion period for persons in the audience to address the Committee on specific agenda items. In order to hear as many speakers as possible, the Committee asks individuals to continue their remarks to two (2) minutes. Any person wishing to submit longer testimony should give copies to the Superintendent before the meeting so that it may be distributed to Committee members. The speaker can then summarize this testimony at the meeting within the two (2) minute time period. Persons wishing to speak should register with the Superintendent immediately before the meeting begins. Individuals who request specific items to be included on the Committee's agenda should mail a written request fifteen (15) days in advance of a Committee meeting date to the Superintendent of Schools, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.