

**WINOOSKI BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016**  
**Learning Media Center**  
**MINUTES**

**Board Member Present:** Michael Decarreau-President, Tori Cleiland-Secretary, Mohamed Abdi, Jen Corrigan, Julian Portilla, Rainbow Chen-Student Representative, Ledania Taylor- Student Representative

**Administration Present:** Sean McMannon-Superintendent

**Others Present:** Sign-in sheet on file

1. Meeting called to order by Michael Decarreau-Board President at 6:34 pm followed with Mindfulness led by Tori Cleiland.
2. **Agenda Review and Adjustments:** Approval of Act 46 letter added under 8a.
3. Tori Cleiland made a motion to enter executive session at 6:37 pm for a student discipline hearing. Julian Portilla recused himself from Executive Session. All present in favor.

Out of executive session at 7:07 pm.

Action: Motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for student #41037 by Tori Cleiland. All members from executive session voted in favor.

4. **Focus on Learning:** Sean McMannon, Superintendent began the presentation on "Beyond the School Day Programs". Sean gave an update on the Penguin Plunge and invited board members to participate. Tim Rich spoke on Unified Sports. Unified Sports is a Special Olympic-sponsored program. Currently the Unified teams include Bowling and Bocce. The next step planned is team sports like basketball and soccer. Also, an Intramural Frisbee Team is being planned. Next fall the goal is to have a team to participate in a Varsity Unified Sport. The funds from these programs are funded by the Penguin Plunge. Suzanne Skaflestad- Director of 21C and students Dah ler Moo and Yatrika shared their experience with 21C programming and that Dah ler Moo and Yatrika will represent Winooski as Youth Ambassadors in February. High School students are offered core support after school. Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) is a spring, summer and fall program where students can earn credit in Science and English. Some students can make an income during the summer. Supplemental Education Services (SES) can be accessed for tutoring. Shader Croft is a program with a real focus on literacy. Sean would like to see this program expanded in the future. Board members shared their thoughts on the programs and pleased with the partnerships.
5. **Public Comments:** None
6. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a) Minutes of Meetings: December 9th and December 21, 2015
  - b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
    - Approval of Bills
    - Quarterly Financial Management Report
    - Accept FY '15 Auditor's Report
  - c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
    - Approve Contract Recommendation: Long Term Sub, Elem. Guidance-Joseph McLaughlin
  - d) Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
    - Superintendent Report
      - Approval of WHS School Choice Capacities (Act 129) for 2016-2017
      - Approval of Announced Tuition for 2016-2017

Discussion included: Michael Decarreau, Board President shared a comment of \$100k balance moved to FY2016 balance. For a future agenda item would like to have a discussion why it is going to a Fund Balance and not a Capital Account. Sean McMannon explained that it is more accessible. Another question involved School Choice for high school students.

Action: Jen Corrigan made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All present voted in favor.

7. **Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):**

a) Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting

- Discussion/Possible Action: Adoption of 2016-2017 Winooski School District Budget  
Rebecca Goulet, Business Manager joined the table for the budget discussion. Sean McMannon, Superintendent gave a brief overview of what is going on in Montpelier. He believes there should be a vote in the legislature coming up next week. A handout was given to the Board Members giving two scenarios including the FY17 Operating Budget with a Scenario #1: Meets 2.75% Allowable Growth and Scenario #2: Allow Growth plus .9%. #2 is the estimated percentage if the state takes the health care increase out of the allowable growth increase. Also, included was the projected FY17 Tax Rate. The base education amount has declined approximately \$100. If the legislature do not add .9% to the Allowable Growth Percentage or repeal the Allowable Growth Percentage the board will come back next week for further discussion.

Action: Board member Jen Corrigan made a motion to adopt Scenario #1 if the Allowable Growth Percentage remains at 2.75% or adopt Scenario #2 if the Allowable Growth Percentage is increased up to .9% based on pending legislative activity. Discussion included coming back for discussion if either Scenario #1 or #2 doesn't fit the vote. All present in favor.

- Discussion/Possible Action: Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget Warnings  
The plan is to have a community dinner. Article V is new language and there will not be a need for Article VI.  
Action: Julian Portilla made a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget Warning. All present in favor.
- Discussion: Review Annual Report to Voters  
Sean McMannon-Superintendent doesn't have an annual report at this time and doesn't need a vote. 2015-16 version can be viewed on the website.

8. **Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):**

a) Policy Title: 4.1.b Governing Style: Encouragement of a Diversity of Views

- Student Report to the Board

Ledania Taylor-Student Representative updated board members of student activities:

- Music Concert,
- Breakfast is now being served around 8:00 am in elementary classrooms
- The school has raised \$5K for the Penguin Plunge, second place to CVU.
- WMHS teacher Matthew Webb has gathered 20-25 representatives to have a Student Voice Group.
- January Exposition (JanPo) is a replacement for midterms. Presentations will be documented by a film crew.
- A Typing Competition is being formed with teacher, student and a wild card round.

Rainbow Chen- Student Representative shared the following:

- Youth Leadership update with students going January 23<sup>rd</sup> to Amherst.
- Another after school program for percussionists is being formed.
- Vermont Youth Leadership Conference is an opportunity for Chittenden County Students to come together.
- All-State and New England Music tryouts are coming up.
- Prom Committee sold Snowflake Grams. A Prom location has been finalized and will be disclosed at a later date. A Fruit Salad sale is coming up to raise money for the Prom.
- Update on sporting events.

- **Discussion of Consolidation Letter and Consolidation Study**

Each board member received a copy of the letter regarding Act 46. The goal is to expand opportunities for students. The letter will be on file with the Board minutes.

Action: Tori Cleiland moved to accept the letter requesting that Burlington, Colchester, South Burlington join us to study the opportunity to partner in the pursuit of expanding student learning opportunities and realizing operational efficiencies. All present voted in favor.

- Accept Board Monitoring Report 4.1

Jen Corrigan has begun the formatting. Michael would like to set up a folder. In February will deal with 4.1 and approve it. Tori asked if she should work on 3.2. The decision was to prepare for March. Discussions will be ongoing.

b) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Board Job Description

- Discussion: Discuss December Meeting with Legislators  
Act 46 was the discussion point for the school. Sean said there was a good turnout. Students gave tours after the meeting. The allowable growth piece of Act 46 was discussed.

- Plan February Meeting with Legislators  
Michael would like to discuss Act 46 regarding Allowable Growth. Tori asked what some other ideas would be to increase financial growth in education. Longer term plans. Michael would like to hear from the legislators if there is anything going on in education that we should know.

**9. Community Engagement (Policy 4.2.1):**

- a) Discussion: Recent community activities by board members  
Tori Cleiland shared her experience attending the January Expo (JanPo). She started in Middle School and then ended up in the High School. She was impressed with the incredibly supportive environment among the students.

**10. Next Agenda: None.**

**11. Michael Decarreau shared upcoming events:**

- School will be closed on January 18<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King Day.
- JFK Concert will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Teacher Negotiation Meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- The next regular Board Meeting will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – will continue Global Community Forum.

**12. Tori Cleiland made a motion to enter executive session at 8:59 pm. Discussion to include a Student Discipline Matter and Teacher Negotiations. All present in favor.**

**13. Possible Action on Executive Session:**

**14. Motion to adjourn by Jen Corrigan at 9:27pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Steady  
Board Recorder