

**WINOOSKI BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Decarreau, President
J. Lambert, Secretary
J. Corrigan, Member
T. Cleiland, Member
J. Portilla, Member
Student Representative: Ledania Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: S. McMannon, Superintendent
S. Chalmers, Board Recorder
Leon Wheeler, Principal
Anja Mosehauer, Teacher
Vijayato Dahal, Student
George C. Cross, Legislator
Kaitlin Little, Student
Drew Blanchard, Technology Integration Specialist
Destiny Syharaj, Student
Steve Forman, Teacher
Dhar Maya Dhamala, Student
Clem Bissonette, Legislator

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** M. Decarreau calls the meeting to order with the recitation of the pledge at 6:41 p.m.
2. **Focus on Learning:** Middle School Teams Update: Drew Blanchard, Technology Integration Specialist for the district introduced the topic of utilizing iPads as a means of students carrying their very own personalized learning devices. Blanchard, along with teachers Anja Mosehauer and Steve Forman, presented the Winooski School District iPad initiative, which focuses on fostering student ownership, student voice, personalized learning, as well as proficiency-based/project-based learning. Wireless student work samples were presented by the teachers and students present at the meeting, with the focus being on students emerging as digital citizens. Students present discussed that students and teachers are teaching and learning from one another when using the iPads as personalized learning devices.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) Minutes of Meetings: December 16, 18, 2013, January 8, 2014
- b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Action: Approval of Bills
- c) Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
 - Approval of Bills:

#14-19	Payroll & Payroll Expenses	\$1,288,522.84
#1087-1094		
#1100-1103		
#1105-1107		
#1110-1116		
#1095-1096	Accounts Payable	\$824,068.73
#1098,1104		
#1108-1117		
#1118		
#1097, 1099	Food Service	\$69,942.42
#1109		

MOTIONED by J. Lambert with a second by J. Corrigan to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

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

- a) Policy Title: 4.1.b Governing Style: Encouragement of a diversity of views
 - Student Report to the Board with discussion as follows: Student representative Ledania Taylor states that the elementary school had a school-wide celebration on February 7th for positive student behavior and A2VT, a local Vermont band, performed. Taylor mentioned that the Penguin Plunge, held on February 8, 2014, was a success, with \$10,000 being raised for Special Olympics. On Sunday, February 9, a jazz band performance and dinner was held in the Winooski High School cafeteria.
- b) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - Discussion- 1st Reading, Policy, on Drug and Alcohol Testing: Transportation of Employees: S. McMannon states that there needs to be a current policy in writing as drug and alcohol testing is required of employees who provide transportation services. MOTION: J. Portilla moves to accept this motion, with T. Cleiland seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- c) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Advocate for Legislative Change
 - Discussion- Meeting with Legislators: Legislators George C. Cross and Clem Bissonette discuss that they attended 'Vermont Entrepreneur's Day' on February 7, 2014, in Montpelier. Winooski High School students represented the highest number of high school students, with 26 students in attendance. Vermont legislators support early childhood education and discussed it's importance. S. McMannon mentions that the federal 'Early Learning Race to the Top'

grant, which is a 37 million dollar grant, is primarily for system development and training. C. Bissonette mentions that Act 60/68 ensures that there is a balance in equitable spending across school districts. There are no current bills being adopted to assist with educational funding. More specific information regarding funding will be realized after the March 4, 2014 Town Meeting Day.

- d) Policy Title: 4.0 Global Governance Committee
 - Discussion- Winooski Boundary Study: ACTION: Accept Report and Submit to AOE: J. Lambert refers to page 11 of 11 of the study, recommending that 'school system' be changed to read as 'school systems' in order to allow for more flexibility in collaboration. MOTION: J. Lambert moves to accept the motion with this one adjustment. J. Corrigan seconds this motion. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) Policy Title 4.1 (c) Strengths-Based Leadership Book
 - Discussion: M. Decarreau suggests moving 4.e) to the March agenda. J. Corrigan states that the board should finish reading through Chapter 4 with a brief discussion being had in March. J. Corrigan mentions establishing a Google document in which board members can contribute thinking points to help to focus meeting discussions. J. Corrigan will establish this Google document.
5. **Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):**
- a) Policy Title: 2.1 Treatment of Students, Parents/Guardians, and Community
 - Discussion – Superintendent Monitoring Report: S. McMannon notes that on page 2, under the evidence section, the word 'elevators' will be edited to read 'elevator', as Winooski only has one elevator.
6. **Board-Management Delegation (Policy Section III):**
- a) Policy Title 3.4.6 Monitoring Superintendent Performance
 - Discussion – Superintendent Evaluation/Expectations: The Board states that there has been no changes to the superintendent evaluation form, as it has remained the same across two years.
7. **Community Engagement (Policy 4.2.1):**
- a) Discussion: A discussion of recent community board member activities begins with S. McMannon referencing his presentation at the 'Senior Center', in which he addressed 50 seniors. Topics of interest discussed at the presentation were as follows: 'parental involvement', 'students with disabilities', and the 'English Language Learner population'. J. Portilla mentions meeting with individuals at the jazz festival and stresses the importance of branching out to community members across different settings. M. Decarreau stresses that all board members should be reaching out to community members systematically and as a means to increase attendance at the upcoming community dinner.
 - b) Joint Board Retreat Reflection: Retreat with others outside of the district helps to foster collaboration.
8. **Next Agenda:** Golden Apple nominees will be sent to Sean and discussed across the next several agenda items. Sean will initiate and maintain list.
9. **Board Self-Evaluation (Policy 4.1):**
- a) Individual assessment of current meeting: Self-monitoring forms will be discontinued.
10. **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**
- a) February 17, Channel 17
 - b) February 19, Community Dinner, Budget Information: S. McMannon will arrange food
 - c) March 3, Annual Informational Meeting
 - d) March 4, Voting
 - e) March 12, Regular Board Meeting
11. **Executive Session:** MOTIONED by T. Cleiland, second by J. Corrigan to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations and a student discipline matter at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.
12. **Adjourn:** The board adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanon Chalmers
Board Recorder