

**WINOOSKI BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015**

**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Michael Decarreau-President, Tori Cleiland, Julian Portilla, Rainbow Chen and Ledania Taylor-Student Representatives

Board Members Absent: Jen Corrigan-Secretary and Abdi Mohamed

Others in Attendance: Sean McMannon, Superintendent. See the Sign-In Sheet

1. Michael Decarreau called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Mindfulness with Tori Cleiland.
2. **Agenda Review and Adjustments:** None
3. **Focus on Learning:** Music and art staff members Hilary Rivers, Randy Argraves and Barb Crandall shared the weeklong events of Spring into the Arts. Student artwork was displayed throughout the community. They shared improvements and goals for 2016. Middle School Strings (a group of middle school students that play string instruments) performed for all present at the School Board Meeting.
4. **Public Comments:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a) Minutes of Meetings: May 13, 2015
  - b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
    - Approval of Bills
    - Approve IDEA-B Flow-Thru
    - Approve IDEA-B Preschool
  - c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
    - Approve Contract Recommendations:
      - Vicki Wolinsky, Middle/High School HealthTeacher (1.0 FTE) for 2015/2016 SY
      - Sierra Thibodeau, High School Math Teacher (.50 FTE) for 2015/2016 SY
      - Lindi Hixon, Elementary Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE) for 2015/2016 SY
  - d) Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
    - Superintendent Report
  - e) Policy Title 4.2.2 Board Job Description
    - Adopt Policy #6151, Course Offerings and Class Size
    - Approve Recommendation of Food Service Contract

Motion made by Tori Cleiland to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by Julian Portilla. Discussion followed. It was noted that Rainbow Chen, Winooski School Board Student Representative, has been chosen to be on the State Board of Education. All Present in Favor

**Moved Presentation and Discussion of Robert's Rules - 7a Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):** Nicole Mace from the Vermont School Board Association presented Robert's Rules of Order. State law does require school board members to follow the Robert's Rules of Order. The will of the majority must be carried out and the rights of the minority are protected. Minutes reflect what happened at the meeting. Motions are how the board takes action. One main motion can be considered at a time. A main motion can be modified with a secondary motion (one that modifies or disposes of the main motion). There can also be a motion for a recess and this is considered a privileged motion. When a board member calls for a roll call vote after a motion is made, this is an incidental motion. The President manages discussions. Amending a motion – any member can amend a motion. The amendment must be

relevant to the original motion. Postpone indefinitely and/or table is examples of a common motion. Robert's Rules of Order can be found on [www.Rulesonline.com](http://www.Rulesonline.com). Discussion included the role of student representatives – they cannot make a motion but can join in on the discussion of a motion. Michael Decarreau thanked Nicole for coming.

**6. ENDS Monitoring (Policy Section I):**

a) Plan Global Engagement Forum

Decarreau began the discussion with - Do we see any difference between the Global and Local Engagement? The discussion included: What does it mean to be globally engaged. Global does not necessarily have to be local. What is the role of the school? Need to be engaged in local and global communities. Raising awareness through community service and understanding the past, present, and future. Global engagement could be studying history and the variety of cultures. What should students be able to do once they leave the doors after graduation? The understanding of different thoughts when making a decision in a global society and to be able to be engaged in how we see and hear each other is crucial. Ripple effect and how do we discuss that. It can be as simple as a student learning a second language and in history classes. Universities have partnerships in other countries. Transfer student programs. Middlebury has the Interactive Language program about what is going on in the world right now. Madeline Kunin would be a wonderful guest speaker. Abdi Mohamed would be a good resource.

**7. 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 shared that the Prom was on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The middle school field trips included trips to Smugglers Notch and Camp Abenaki. She let the board know that Rainbow has been selected to be a Student Representative on the State Board of Education. Expo Day was May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The last two weeks the students participated in the Spartan Games and awards were given. The end of the school year has been very busy with the Athletic Banquet, the high school Expo Week and Wellness time. There were school-wide volleyball games. The Middle School Expo days were on Monday and Tuesday. The jazz band performed on Church Street. Rainbow Chen shared that she will begin her term in July on the State Board of Education. She will be a non-voting member at first. There is a Press Release on Governor Shumlin's website. She is one of two students on the Board. She gave an overview of her application process to become a member. She has beaten the high school typing record with a 107. The last record was 92. End of year with JFK students – 200,000 stars – Big Blue Trunk – events and activities for kids. Various end of the year field trips are taking place. She will be representing Winooski in connection with Partnership for Change. There is a school-wide Wellness Celebration tomorrow on June 11<sup>th</sup>. End of the year graduations include grade 5, grade 8 and grade 12.

• Presentation/Discussion Robert's Rules – Moved up

b) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies

• Discussion - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Policy 5146, Child Nutrition & Wellness

Sean McMannon shared the updates from the last discussion. Discussion included inside the school day and outside the school day. Finding the time to fit 30 minutes of exercise into the school day and outside the school day will prove to be a challenge. Julian Portilla questioned - How does it include all the students if it is outside the school day? Tori Cleiland wondered - What Winooski's goal is for our students? Recess should not be taken away as a punishment and food as a reward. Sean McMannon recognized the Wellness Coordinator, Jaycie Puttlitz, for a job well done.

c) Policy Title: 4.2.4 Legislative Update

• H.361 Discussion

Highlight: Preferred section - ADM (825 students)- Average Daily Membership. Winooski would be below the 900 students. The district needs to pay attention to cost containment and excess

spending penalties. Not sure what the penalty is? The tax would need to be increased if spending is too much. Special Education is counted. There will need to be work done by the end of November 2017. Not sure what self-Evaluate means? Per pupil spending will be required on the ballot.

d) Policy Title: 4.5 Agenda Planning

- Review Draft of Annual Agenda Plan for 2015/2016

Reviewed the timeline with discussion. Discussion included: policies, high school choice limits. No meeting in July. Reducing the large amount of data to something meaningful is a challenge. The coded yellow section includes the budget and superintendent performance. The green coded section includes the superintendent evaluation and expectations along with global governance and management connection. The blue coded section includes determining the budget, goals, auditor, etc.

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

a) Discussion: Recent community activities by board members

Julian Portilla is planning to attend an opiates meeting next Tuesday at the Community Center with Dinner at 6:00 pm and discussion at 6:30 pm. Discussion will include fighting opiate abuse. There is now a Police Chief. The current police intern is going to try to engage young people with the police. Tori Cleiland participated in Spring into the Arts. Michael Decarreau asked: How do we recognize people in the community that help. Suggests that when there is another meeting we have a presentation and thank a gentleman that tutors with a golden apple. Put in the October newsletter.

**9. Next Agenda: No meeting in July – August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the next gathering.**

**10. M. Decarreau reviewed Upcoming Meeting Dates and Events:**

- Last Student Day of school is Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, with an early dismissal of 11:00 am.
- There will be an End of Year Luncheon on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am.
- High School Graduation is Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm.
- The Board Retreat is Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9-1 pm at the Doubletree.

**11. Executive Session:**

a) Student Discipline

Motion made by Tori Cleiland to enter Executive Session at 9:16 pm to discuss a student discipline matter, with a second by Julian Portilla. All present in favor.

**12.** Out of Executive Session at 9:35 pm. No action taken out of Executive Session.

**13.** Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm by Tori Cleiland, with a second by Julian Portilla.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Steady  
Board Recorder