

**WINOOSKI BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS: M. Decarreau, President
J. Lambert, Secretary
A. Booher, Member
T. Cleiland, Member
J Corrigan, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Martineau, Superintendent
M. O'Rourke, PK-8 Principal
R. Hood, Dir. of Spec. Ed.
S. Metivier, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: M. Decarreau called the meeting the order at 6:35 pm. The Pledge was recited.
2. Approve Use of Facilities Form – UVM Extension Operation Military Kids: MOTIONED by A. Booher, second by J. Corrigan to approve the use of facilities as per policy. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Sign the Resolution re: Opposition to the F35s: Drafts passed out to the board included one amended by Mike Decarreau and the original by Atty. Pietro Lynn. Decarreau stated he doesn't want to go forward with any information that is not substantiated. After some discussion, it was decided that Decarreau's amended draft, based on Attorney Lynn's was more to the boards liking with a few changes in wording. MOTIONED by J. Corrigan, second by T. Cleiland to accept the following resolution. Motion passed 5-0.

Whereas, the Winooski School District's mission is to offer a safe and supportive educational environment that is conducive to learning for all of its students;

Whereas, the Winooski School District seeks to create conditions for its students that will maximize learning;

Whereas, research shows that excessive noise affects cognitive performance and interferes with learning;

Whereas, F-35A Vermont Air National Guard jets based at Burlington International Airport will be flown in the vicinity of the district and during school hours;

Whereas, the flight path of the current F-16 Vermont Air National Guard jets based at Burlington International Airport already have an adverse impact on the learning environment at the Winooski schools;

Whereas, it is expected that F-35A jets would follow the same flight path, and will have an adverse effect on the learning environment.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Winooski School board as follows:

Resolved: That the Winooski School Board opposes a flight path for F-35A jets that would impact the learning environment. Further, the Winooski School Board opposes the current flight path for

F-16 jets that impact the learning environment.

4. Discussion of Policy #4111- Hiring of Professional Staff: Lambert said that several years ago, at a VSBA regional meeting, members were told not to have anything in a policy where the superintendent would develop guidelines, but that all procedures should be set in stone and reflect the intent of the policy. Lambert believes we did not follow our own procedures when we hired the M/H School Principal. Martineau said the board was presented and approved the format for hiring the M/H School Principal at a board meeting. The hiring process was contracted with Trifocul Consulting. Martineau explained that the administrators have worked with Mary Jane Shelley of Trifocul Consulting on hiring procedures. After some discussion, the board requested the changes to be brought back for a 1st reading.
5. Discussion of Policy # 5132 - Dress Code: A. Booher asked for discussion on this policy as she feels there are issues with it being carried out. She does not believe that we should interpret cases on an individual basis. She also feels that there are employees that dress provocatively and that should be addressed. Lambert said we need to be absolutely clear in interpretation and enforcement as the law usually sides with the student. K-12 needs to be on board and staff needs to know expectations. We need to model dress code from the top down.
6. Adjourn: MOTIONED by A. Booher, second by J. Lambert to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Metivier
Board Secretary