

**WINOOSKI BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017
Cafeteria**

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community.

**Minutes
6:30 pm**

Attendees: Mike Decarreau-Board Chair, Tori Cleiland-Board Member, Matt MacNeil-Board Member, Jennifer Corrigan-Board Member, Sean McMannon-Superintendent, Rebecca Goulet-Finance Director, Meg Cline-Parent & Youth for Change (PYC), Aurora Hurd-Community Member, Alex Shevrin-Community Member, Stephanie Duncan-Community Member, Robert Millar-Community Member & School Treasurer

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Board Chair Mike Decarreau at 6:31pm
2. **Public Comments:** Meg Cline from Parents & Youth for Change (PYC) addressed the board regarding the transportation pilot and urged the board to support the implementation of the pilot for this winter. Also, she described the deep engagement between Winooski families, PYC staff and school leaders who worked on researching and developing this pilot.
3. **Agenda Review and Adjustments:** A motion was made by Tori Cleiland to move Item # 7 (**Executive Limitations Policy Section II:** Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection-Accept Transportation Bid) up above Item #4 in the agenda. All in favor.
4. **New Board Member Interviews:** Board Chair Mike Decarreau led the interview process by posing a set of questions to each of the three candidates present (Aurora Hurd, Alex Shevrin, Stephanie Duncan and reading responses aloud from a fourth candidate (Alex Yin) who could not attend.
5. **Executive Session:**
 - a) Discuss candidates: A motion to go into executive session was made by Jen Corrigan at 8:14pm. All in favor. Candidates were discussed. Motion to leave executive session was made by Tori Cleiland at 8:27pm. All in favor.
6. **Appoint New Board Member:** A motion was made by Tori Cleiland to appoint Alex Yin as the new board member. All in favor.
7. **Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):**
 - a) Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - Accept Transportation Bid: A motion was made by Matt MacNeil to accept the recommendation of the administration to accept the bid for regular and co-curricular transportation made by STA-Mountain Transit.
 - Discussion: Supt. McMannon reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for regular and co-curricular transportation and the add alternates of Winter Pilot and Winooski Family Center. Supt. McMannon explained that the Winooski Family Center add alternate did not require board action. Supt. McMannon noted that the first RFP put out in May received no bidders so the RFP was put out again in July. Two bids were received, from STA-Mountain Transit and Lamoille Valley Transportation. WSD did receive a bid

waiver from the State of Vermont due to only receiving two bids instead of the required minimum of three. Supt. McMannon explained that the administrative recommendation was to accept the lower bid from STA-Mountain Transit for regular and co-curricular transportation for the 2017-18 school year and to table the Winter Pilot due to the uncertain and complicated financial landscape. Supt. McMannon explained that WSD has unsettled teacher and support staff contracts, and per recent legislation the State of Vermont will withhold a yet to be determined amount of money from school districts to accomplish health care savings. School board members expressed their disappointment that the Winter Pilot is being held up due to these financial complications and urged the administration to find a way to run the pilot as planned or in an abbreviated manner. A motion was made by Matt MacNeil to accept the recommendation of the administration to accept the bid for regular and co-curricular made by STA-Mountain Transit. All in favor.

8. **Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn by Jen Corrigan at 8:32pm. All in favor.