

Winooski Board of School Trustees  
Winooski City Council  
Joint Meeting  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Board Members Present: Michael Decarreau-President, Alexander Yin-Secretary, Matthew MacNeil, Margret Bass, Tori Cleiland (joined remotely at 8:30 pm)

Administration Present: Sean McMannon-Superintendent, Rebecca Goulet-Finance Manager

Others Present: Kristine Lott-Mayor, Jessie Baker-City Manager, City Council Members - Hal Colston, James Duncan, Amy Lafayette & Michael Myers. See attendance sign-sheet for additional attendees.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
2. Agenda Review and Adjustments: None
3. Public Comments: Darrell Desautels brought forward a concern with the Pilot Equity Dialogue Group document that was put out by school board and city council members. He shared his disappointment in statements in the report regarding white supremacy and vocalized that he has always been proud of Winooski and he now has concerns.
4. Equity Dialogue Group Report:
  - a. Mayor Lott gave an overview on how the group was formed. Hal Colston, City Council Member spoke on the rationale behind forming the group and how the group will work to make all people in Winooski feel included. An overview was provided on the process of forming an Advisory Committee, their proposed responsibilities, and next steps before the group begins their work. Community member Nicole Mace shared her supportive and positive thoughts and feelings on working with the group to create the report and the opportunity it will afford the district. Michael Myers asked about financials/compensation outlined in the report and expressed concern for how it would be paid for. Mayor Lott explained that the report is a recommendation and that the City Council makes final decisions on compensation. Darrell Desautels shared past experiences as a City Council Member. James Duncan-City Council Member, Luke Dorfman-Winooski HS teacher, & Alex Yin-School Board Member, continued the presentation. A document titled: Opening a New Avenue of Communication through Extending the Home School Liaison Model, was handed out. Discussions included the concept of engaging New American refugee populations. The school currently has six cultural liaisons. Next steps will be to continue dialogue and outreach to all liaisons and key partners
5. Winooski School District & City Comprehensive Financial Landscape Report:
  - a. Sean McMannon gave an overview of working on the report with Jessie Baker-Town Manager. The goal is to have a common language and understanding for both groups of elected officials. Michael Decarreau, President

of the School Board, spoke on the successes of passing budgets, schools moving to proficiency-based learning and graduation, climate and culture vastly improving and stability with the board, administration and staff. Challenges have been maintaining board focus on ensuring the school is running well, retention of students/families and passing budgets. Mayor Lott spoke on the successes of the City and moving from planning to implementation, having steady and strategic growth and using municipal infrastructure to spur on private investment. Challenges have been staffing a city without Tax Increment Financing (TIF) increment funding and community engagement. Superintendent McMannon shared the Ends Statement, Mayor Lott shared the Strategic Vision statement for the city. Jessie Baker, City Manager, shared the operational function of the city. Angela Aldieri, Finance Director for the city and Juile Hulburd, Human Resource Manager were introduced. Julie Hulburd reviewed the Grand List and how it relates to property taxes. Sean McMannon, Superintendent, gave an overview of the schools organizational chart. Michael Decarreau, Board President, explained the operating budget of the school. Rebecca Goulet, Finance Manager of WSD, gave a background on the federal grants and how they are used and reported. Jesse Baker explained the Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Current School and City Capital Projects along with bonds and grant monies being brought into the district.

6. City -WSD Memorandum of Understanding(MOU):
  - a. Per Jessie Baker, the only change is the partnership between city and school in regards to basketball game security coverage by the Winooski Police Department.

Action: Motion was made by Matthew MacNeil to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. All in Favor.

Action: Motion was made by Mayor Kristine Lott, with a second by Hal Coston to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. All in Favor.

7. Motion made by Alex Yin to adjourn the joint meeting at 8:24pm. All in favor. Motion made by Hal Colston to adjourn the joint meeting at 8:24pm, with a second by Amy Lafayette. All in Favor.

8. Michael Decarreau call the Winooski School of Trustees meeting to order at 8:30pm.

9. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Minutes of July 24, 2019
  - b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
    - i. Approval of Bills
  - c. Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
    - i. Approve Contract Recommendations

- Mia Zuchman - Long Term Substitute
- Debra Paul - Long Term Substitute
- Mark Stein - Long Term Substitute

Motion made by Matthew MacNeil to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor.

10. Executive Limitations(Policy Section II):

a. Discussion & Approval: Selection of the Construction Management Team (CM): The process for picking the bidder included proposed phasing plans. Michael shared that the school's Owner's Project Manager, Tom Barden, shared his views on how each team operates.

Motion made by Alexander Yin to approve ReArch Construction as the Construction Management Team for the Capital Project. All in Favor.

Motion made by Matthew MacNeil to enable the Executive Team to enter into a contract for pre construction with ReArch Construction with the intent of working with ReArch throughout the project. All in favor.

11. Motion made by Tori Cleiland to adjourn at 8:44pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Steady