

Winooski School Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6:30pm, Virtual Meeting
Zoom Meeting information:
<https://zoom.us/j/298906817>
Join by Phone: +1 929 436 2866 US

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.

Attendance: Tori Cleiland, Mike Decarreau, Margaret Bass, Alex Yin, Sophia DO, Matt O'Neil, Hiba Laaroussi, Sean McMannon

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Mindfulness: 6:34pm

2. Agenda Review and Adjustments:

3. Public Comments: none

4. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of Meetings

i. Regular Meeting: March 11, 2020

ii. Capital Project Executive Committee Meeting: March 11, 2020

B. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities

*Bond anticipation note: preconstruction done (2 million dollars)-funds become available September 2020

Ask questions about report

i. Approval of Bills

C. Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation & Benefits

i. Approval: Support Staff Contracts for 2020-21

ii. Approval: Teacher Contract

a. Rachel Hurwitz: LTS - ELL Teacher WHS

b. Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to Board

i. Superintendent Report

ii. Approval: WSD 2020-21 School Calendar

E. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies

i. Approval: 2nd Reading #5118 Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs

ii. Approval: 2nd Reading #8311 Board Member Conflict of Interest

5. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):

A. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities

i. Review/Accept: Quarter 3 Financial Management Report (FMR)

*COVID-19 report: trying times for school and staff, parents and students and families (focus on families in most need).

*Section 3: board members what would you need: (Alex) making sure reports posted on the front porch forum allow everyone to be on the same page, HR coordinator is doing well helping employees with benefits; documentation on positions to justify later on. (Tori) parental perspective-teachers did a parade; zoom meetings showing up at material distribution (lots of teachers and staff) inspiring. Main point of focus is keeping everyone in the loop. Are we tracking who cannot meet with? (Sean) contracts went out to Agency-should hear back for critiques; challenging for Special Ed: needs for all students are different. (Sean) checklist went out for teachers to check in with at least 1 child each day (tracking); some parents are getting too many phone calls.(Mike) graduation? May 8th will have more guidelines for graduation; waiting to see what happens to stay home order.

*Newsletter, front porch forum-coming from school, school social media (uncertain times) (Matt) leadership team is doing well. First week was challenging; too many updates; reactive mode; second week was much more efficient-wellness plans

No more social distancing-WSD barbecue

* "Closing" meaning. Closure and dismissal are defined at federal level.

6. Board-Management Delegation (Policy Section III):

A. Policy Title: 3.3 Delegation to the Superintendent

i. COVID-19 Report

ii. Review/Accept: Lease Agreement with Winooski Housing Authority/Winooski Family Center

*Reporting monthly-ready to go with approval. Having another space for early learning or head start. Fills needs for loss of space. Want 5 year agreement-bring to voters by town meeting day 2021. Bringing preschool staff by summer from school to run; transition to Early Head Start (0-3) program for duration, run by Champlain Valley and pick up rental costs

Carry the liabilities to meet lease agreement. 3 years or 5 years if approved.

iii. Review/Accept: Purchase of Two Minivans

*Growing needs not being able to fulfill. Laws around a school bus and transporting students. High School asking for many years. Helps students in many ways. Students need access to community for many different ways. Less needed for allowing staff to drive students.

Section 4: requires licensure-what license is required? Isn't considered a type 2 so no special license.

7. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (20 Minutes)

A. Policy Title: 4.1 Governing Style

i. Student Report to the Board

*How hard working teachers have been to have materials prepared. IT is helping to provide all students with devices. Hoping to have teachers call parents to help with schoolwork updates.

Lower income families may have difficulty with student work.

*Seniors are adjusting to online classes; no stress or worries. Teachers are working on JunePo and doing presentations online. New student Rep-email about making sure students know about it and write their essays; how to sign up to be a student Rep. Might we consider pushing this back to fall rather than force it now. Introduce now and wait to vote in fall.

Tech-problem is usually hands on. Sending all materials to do work at home. Teachers record lessons and send them to students. Project based tests to replace paper tests. No real way to pull it off.

*Cool that teachers paraded around Winooski. Zoom meetings with classes (work with Heidi). Teachers care a lot. Small group meetings are a good idea. Meetings on Zoom all students become involved in school more. Community meetings would be helpful; don't realize how the school board works and don't know how to contact someone.

8. Community Engagement (Policy 4.2.1): (10 Minutes)

A. Discussion: Recent community activities by board members through Zoom-getting together as a board (when pandemic is over). Be Safe!

9. Next Agenda:

10. Upcoming Important Dates:

A. Regular Board Meeting, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

11. Executive Session:

12. Possible Action on Executive Session:

13. Adjourn: 7:47pm