



WINOOSKI SCHOOLS

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Winooski School Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6:30pm
Learning Media Center & Virtual Meeting
Zoom Webinar information: <https://wsdvt.zoom.us/j/84754701054>
Join by Phone: 1 301 715 8592
Winooski School District

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: Sean McMannon, Colin (Media Factory), Tori Cleiland, Kamal Dahal, Alex Yin, Steven Berbeco, Emily Hecker, Nicole Mace, Jolivette Anderson-Douoning

1. Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement/Mindfulness: 6:31 pm

2. Agenda Review and Adjustments:

3. Public Comments:

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of Meetings
 - i. Capital Project Executive Committee Meeting: November 10, 2021
 - ii. Regular Board Meeting: November 10, 2021
- b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - i. Approval of Bills
- c. Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - i. Monthly Superintendent Report
- d. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - i. Adopt Policy #5146 Whole Child & School Wellness

*Motion to accept consent agenda

*Alex- I had two points to highlight from the superintendent's report. I appreciate how one of the community and learning activities is having students learn about their countries and hoping teachers are learning about where their students come from. I also appreciate the race in American form and how students are presenting themselves.

*Motion passes, 4-1

5. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):

a. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies

i. Discussion: 1st Reading Policy # 5111 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students

*The board members had an opportunity to share their thoughts about the policy reading. Steven asked a question about notifications in student language. Alex asked a question regarding definitions. Alex also asked about a district equity coordinator. This will be brought back in January for a 2nd reading.

6. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):

a. Policy Title: 2.1 Treatment of Students, Parents/Guardians & Community

i. Discussion/Accept: Superintendent Monitoring Report

*Sean started with a discussion of the changes made to the monitoring report. According to our liaisons, the most important communication for our families is the verbal, versus the written. The board discussed some different ways to have more resources for important information. Tori talked about how to provide student voice on the school board. Kamal asked a question about spending a day at school with the students. Alex brought up whether the board members need to do FERPA training. Steven asked about using the word “undignified” within a policy. Jolivette (parent) asked a question “what has happened in the community for this language to exist?” Sean talked about the situations that have happened within the community and school.

*Motion to accept the changes to the superintendent monitoring report

*Motion passes, 4-0

b. Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting

i. Discussion/Approval: Capital Project Funding

*A memo was sent out regarding a contingency plan for the amount of funds that will need to be borrowed. Tom Barden explained in November that the budget will most likely be over budget by 2.8%. At the end of the ‘21 fiscal year, there will be about \$2.8 million in the fund balance. The memo outlines the different scenarios of how to use fund balance to help keep the USDA loan. The recommended scenario is to approve additional expenditures and borrow only the amount the voters voted on and the use of the fund balance.

*Motion to approve

*Motion passes, 4-0

ii. Discussion: FY23 Budget Work Session

*Sean started the presentation with estimates from the state; specific estimates such as tech & transportation are expected to go up. Equalized pupil and CLA numbers are due in December. There is a 90 million surplus in the education fund. Nicole talked about the tax rate calculations. Education spending is divided by the property yield and gives you a town tax rate for homestead tax rate. Nicole shared some slides overviews the budget trends over the past 8 years. There is also a slide discussing how the change in CLA and equalized pupil affects the tax rate. One slide had an overview of the past 14 years of budget voting. WSD had relied on ESSER funds for certain positions such as interventionists, special educators, and ML staff. There are a number of positions not in the current budget that would need to be added in order to maintain them. The proposed budget is based on a 6.25% increase. The board members would like to see an itemized budget based on adding positions not currently in the budget. The overall suggestions include: full year busing, moving positions from ESSER funds to permanent positions, and expanding preschool/pre-k programs.

7. Community Engagement (Policy 4.2.1):

a. Discussion: Recent Community Activities by Board

i. Newsletter Topics

*Monthly newsletter

8. Next Agenda:

*Student representative/student voice

9. Upcoming Important Dates:

- a. Board Budget Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 6:00p
- b. Board Budget Meeting: Wednesday, December 22, 6:30p
- c. School Break: Thursday, December 23-Friday, December 31
- d. Board Budget Meeting: Wednesday, December 29, 6:30p (Tentative)
- e. Board Budget Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 6:30p
- f. Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 6:30p

*Motion to move into executive session

*Motion passes, 4-0

10. Executive Session:

- a. Labor Negotiations

11. Possible Action on Executive Session:

12. Adjourn: 8:57pm