



# WINOOSKI SCHOOLS

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Winooski School Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 6:30pm  
WSD Shared Gathering Room D158 or via Zoom  
Zoom Webinar information: <https://wsdvt.zoom.us/j/84754701054>  
Join by Phone: 1 301 715 8592

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, Krista Parisi, Sarah Haven, Mo Matte, Kate Grodin, Allison Burlock, Nicole Mace, Alex Yin, Tori Cleiland, Kamal Dahal, Steven Berbeco, Daisy Berbeco, Taylor Small, Kristine Lott, Sara Raabe, Bryn Oakleaf, Maybelline Lopez, Jean Berthume, Hank Harris

**1. Call to Order/Mindfulness/Land Acknowledgement:** 6:33 pm

**2. Agenda Review and Adjustments:**

**3. Public Comments:**

**4. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Minutes of Meetings
  - i. Regular Board Meeting: December 14, 2022
  - ii. Special Board Meeting: January 4, 2023
- b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
  - i. Approval of Bills
- c. Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
  - i. Berger, Timothy, 4th Grade-Teacher-Long Term Substitute
  - ii. Blackwell, Lilith, WHS-Teacher-Long Term Substitute
- d. Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
  - i. Superintendent Report

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1. Approval of WHS School Choice Capacities (Act 62) for 2023-2024
2. Approve Announced Tuition for 2023-2024

\*Motion to accept Consent Agenda

\*Motion passes, 5-0

**5. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II):** (30 minutes)

a. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities

i. Action: Use of Fund Balance for PreK for Current School Year 2022-23

\*Nicole and Sean talked about the possibility of using a fund balance total of \$34,000 to fund another classroom to finish out the school year. We have licensed teachers for our Head Start classroom. This will be a one time situation. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

\*Motion to use fund balance for PreK for Current School Year 2022-23

\*Steven-yes to this

\*Alex-I want to highlight to our legislators how important this is not just on the state level but also relay this message to Sanders, Balit and Welch. You are talking about the workforce of Vermont, equity, and everything that touches upon the value that the state supposedly cares about.

\*Motion passes, 5-0

b. Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting

i. Action: Adoption of 2023-24 Winooski School District (WSD) Budget

\*Allison started by explaining the basic outline of the process of the budget season. Sean and Nicole went over the final numbers for the budget before presenting it to the community in March. The total operating budget number has been consistent over the last two meetings. Nicole reached out to the auditor and was provided with a fund balance of \$3,237,023 as an estimated balance as of June 30,2023. Nicole went over the final numbers for fund balance, including anti-racism steering committee, capital project needs, operating budget FY24 and what the auditor recommended balance. The hope was to bring the tax rate under 10%. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

\*Motion to approve adoption of the 2023-24 Winooski School District Budget of \$25,447,670

\*Motion passes, 5-0

\*Motion to approve the use of fund balance of \$1.467 million dollars

\*Motion passes, 5-0

ii. Action: Adoption of 2023-24 Budget Warnings and Articles

\*Nicole went over the Budget Warnings and Articles.

\*Motion to adopt the Warning and Articles as written

\*Motion passes, 5-0

iii. Discussion: Review Annual Report and Budget Flyer

\*Sean went over an overview of the Annual Report and Budget Flyer. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

**6. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):**

a. Policy Title: 4.2.4 Legislative Advocacy

i. Discussion: Meeting with Local Legislators

\*Taylor Small and Daisy Berbeco are in attendance for this meeting. We started with introductions. Taylor started with introducing themselves and what they are working on during the session in the legislature. Rep. Daisy Berbeco introduced herself and what she is working on for this session in the legislature. Rep. Berbeco talked about how she is working on mental health, including school based mental health. Sean went over the discussion and topics from the previous meeting with the local legislators. These topics included Pupil Weighting Study and ACT 177 (Special Education funding). Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

b. Policy Title: 4.1 Governing Style-Superintendent Search Process

i. Discussion: Superintendent Search Planning-Process & Timeline

\*Hank Harris started his presentation by introducing himself. There are two pieces of paper in the board packet that will be reviewed during the meeting. Hank went over the basic timeline of the Superintendent search. Three major questions were presented to the board to think about during the search. The purpose of this meeting is to define the interview format and get some dates on the calendar. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

c. Policy Title: 4.9 Board Committee Principles

i. Student Voice Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Discuss/Approve: December 21, 2022

\*Motion to approve Student Voice Committee Meeting Minutes

\*Steven-I am really glad Kamal and I have this committee to help direct those conversations. I am looking forward to the next meeting in January, as well as bringing those products back to the board.

\*Kamal-I want to point out the fact that we are including students in the process of hiring a new superintendent.

\*Motion passes, 5-0

## **7. Community Engagement (Policy 4.2.1):**

a. Discussion: Recent Community Activities by Board

i. Newsletter Topics

\*Alex is writing for the next newsletter.

\*Alex- I am invited to speak to the middle school about Chinese New Year.

## **8. Next Agenda:**

## **9. Upcoming Important Dates:**

a. January 17, 2023 - PTO Meeting

b. January 16, 2023 - Martin Luther King Day **\*\*School is in session\*\***

c. January 19, 2023 - Early Release, K-12

d. January 20, 2023 - VeggieVanGo

e. February 3, 2023 - VeggieVanGo

f. February 8, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

\*Motion to adjourn meeting

\*Motion passes, 5-0

## **10. Executive Session:**

## **11. Possible Action on Executive Session:**

**12. Adjourn:** 8:54 pm