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Special School Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 6:30pm

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1. **Call to Order:**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM by Acting President Kamal with all members present except Allison.

2. **Agenda Review and Adjustments:**

- a. Kamal made an amendment to 4.1.iii. to add “and tentative interview schedule dates”
- b. **Motion to approve amendment to the Agenda by Robert**, no discussion, Isaiah seconded, all yes. **Motion passes.** Agenda is amended.

3. **Public Comments:** (As determined by Board President per Policy #8312)

- a. No public comments.

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

- a. **Policy Title 4.6 Chair’s Role**
 - i. Update & Announcement of Board President Resignation
 1. Kamal made official announcement and offered thanks
 2. Isaiah sent “good vibes”
 - ii. Accept Board President
 1. **Isaiah moved to “formally accept Allison Burlock’s resignation as the board chair”**
 2. Stephen offered an amendment to include the “and member” at the end.
 3. No discussion.
 4. **Motion passes unanimously.**
 - iii. Discussion/Adoption of Chair Title/Tentative Interview Schedule Dates
 1. Kamal described the inconsistency of use of the terms “chair” and “president”
 2. Wilmer clarified that the charter says “president” while other district policy uses “chair”
 3. Isaiah asserts the board should use the charter’s word

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4. Robert asserts that a change of charter would involve a town vote
 5. Steven suggests using the two terms synonymously, so no change is necessary
 6. Isaiah opposes using them synonymously because the words mean different things
 7. Robert states that while this has been past practice the board may want to move in one direction gradually; pointed out that there is no listing anywhere of a vice chair or clerk, and other things that need clarified.
 8. Kamal states the vice chair role was created to provide better transition or to provide coverage in the absence of a president.
 9. Robert clarifies that it is something necessary, it is just not in writing.
 10. Kamal agrees.
 11. Wilmer points out that a change would also affect the vice-chair title.
 12. Kamal reminds that regardless of the title the norms remain the same (like using first names)
 13. **Isaiah moves to officially make the title for the board chair to be board president and for vice chair to be vice president of the Winooski School Board.**
 14. No discussion.
 15. Three votes in favor, Steven abstains. **Motion passes.**
 16. Robert suggests this decision be eventually reflected in policy or charter.
 17. Kamal asks when should the board do interviews for a new member
 18. Isaiah asks what means of communication has the district used to get the word out.
 19. Kamal answers that similar communication channels have been used as any other community communication
 20. Wilmer adds that communication is a priority and that the district is currently translating the message for multilingual distribution
 21. Robert asks for clarification of the question.
 22. Kamal clarifies that we are seeking dates for the steps in the selection process.
 23. The board continues minor logistical discussion.
 24. **Robert moves to have a special meeting on the second [August 2nd] to interview applicants.**
 25. Isaiah offers an amendment to the motion to add a 6:30 tentative time.
 26. **Motion passes 4-0.**
- iv. Election of Interim President/Chair (Superintendent Calls for Nominations)
1. Wilmer explains the reasoning of the election and offers the board potential options for the future in terms of the length of the interim position. The takes nominations for interim President “until further decision from the board.”
 2. Kamal nominates Robert Millar.
 3. No other nominations were made.
 4. Robert accepts the nomination.
 5. **Motion to confirm Robert as the interim President until further decision from the board made by Kamal.**
 6. Isaiah asks if more discussion will be scheduled.
 7. Wilmer answers that he will work with the interim president to add it to the next regularly scheduled board meeting agenda.
 8. No further discussion.
 9. **Motion passes 3-0**, Robert is recused.
 10. Robert clarifies the pronunciation of his last name and says thanks for the role.

5. Adjourn:

- a. **Motion to adjourn by Isaiah**
- b. Motion passes 4-0
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

