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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.

Superintendent's Board Report

Action Items: The Winooski administration recommends that the board approve all of the following action items:

5. Consent Agenda: (5 Minutes)

- a) Minutes of Meetings: May 11, 2016
- b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approval of Bills
 - Approve IDEA-B Flow-Thru
 - Approve IDEA-B Preschool
- c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Approve Contract Recommendations:
 - Thomas Shearer, Behavior Coach, Gr. 6-12 for 2016-17 SY
 - Matt Gile, Library Media Specialist for 2016-17 SY
 - Lynn Garcia, Elementary Classroom Teacher for 2016-17 SY
- d) Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
- e) Policy Title: 4.2.2 Board Job Description
 - Adopt Policy #5114(b) - Student Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 - Adopt Policy #5125 - Student Educational Records (FERPA)

Discussion & Action Items: Please read the attached backup materials to be prepared for the following board discussions:

6. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II): (30 Minutes)

- a) Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - Discussion: Walk-In Cooler/Freezer update
 - Action: Summer Renovations-up to \$15K from Capital Reserve Account -JFK Bathrooms, Climate Control and Alarm System
 - Action: Electronic Sign-up to \$15K from Capital Reserve Account
 - Action: Switches and Fiber Runs-up to \$20K from Capital Reserve Account

8. **Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (30 Minutes)**

- a) Policy Title: 4.1.b Governing Style
 - Discussion: Board member appointment
 - Charter review
 - Publicize opening and schedule interviews
- b) Policy Title: 4.5 Agenda Planning
 - Review Draft of Annual Agenda Plan for 2016/2017
 - Discussion: Set Board Retreat date
 - Discussion: Invitee list for Healthy Lives Forum in October 2016
 - Discussion: Board Development and Education topics
 - Education Funding

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:

- WSD-CSD Joint Board Discussion: No update at this time
- Job Postings for 2016-17
 - School Nurse (1.0 FTE)
- Legislative Update
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #10](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #9](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #8](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #7](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #6](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #5](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #4](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Report #3](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #2](#)
 - [2016 Education Legislative Update #1](#)

WSD Goals

Goal #1: College & Career Readiness

- On Wednesday, May 11th, preschool parents participated in the final parent workshop series for Building Blocks for Literacy. The workshop focused on speech to print and connecting sounds to letters. Parents were provided with a new set of books and activities to complete with their child at home. They also created a book to bring home! Their children ended with an ice cream party in the preschool classroom!
- We have completed a successful year as early adopters of Act 166 with universal preschool. As the school year is winding down, we are happy to report that there are 119 three and four year olds participating in early learning opportunities, and that we have 31 partner programs throughout Chittenden county. Next year, parents will see an increase in payment from \$3,000 to \$3,092. The feedback we have received from parents is very positive. Act 166 is making a difference for Winooski children!
- Graduating seniors presented their Senior Project Speech on Friday, May 27. Each of the presenting students earned Pass, High Pass, or Pass with Honors. The process is rigorous and students take it extremely serious. Five students received special commendation following the speeches: Alyssa Winegar received the Persistence Award; Ra Mat Bi, Brandon Bigelow, and Taylor Langlais were presented the Senior Seminar Award; and

Key Nguyen earned the Senior Advisors Award! It was an impressive demonstration by our students!

- A group of 8th graders recently visited UVM for a day of learning, activities, and college exposure. The students had a tour of the facilities including the soccer training area with Coach Cormier, the Humanities area with Professor Magistrale of the English Department, and the STEM buildings. Students were impacted by the visit. “Thinking about leaving high school and going to college and how the place looks different than most classrooms makes you think about the future,” commented one student. Another added, “The trip gets kids thinking about what they want to do when they go to college.” Very positive day!
- Our 5th graders were celebrated at the 5th grade BBQ on June 2nd. The students and their families were honored for all of their hard work in getting ready for middle school.
- WMHS teachers have been working on developing progressions that show the 8th grade gateway and high school graduation proficiencies for all of our content area graduation proficiencies. This work is helping us prepare for the work that will be done at SDI the week of June 13th.

Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives

- On June 8th (or 9th depending on rain), JFK will be holding our All School Celebration. This will be a day of outdoor activities that are designed to engage students’ bodies and minds.
- On Wednesday, June 1 the entire middle school headed out on a full-day field trip to Camp Abenaki. There was an incredible range of activities including archery, kayaking, skateboarding, soccer, and pretzel and candle making. In many ways the day affirmed students' growth since September in the Well-Being, Persistence, and Critical Thinking GX's. They tackled new challenges and engaged in sport and teamwork with humor and a great sense of fun!
- Many Winooski staff members participated in the Vermont City Marathon in Burlington on May, 29th. Staff members from all three schools ran and volunteered at the annual event despite the hot weather.

Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement

- On May 16th, our early childhood special educators and speech pathologist participated in a Children’s Integrated Services/Early Intervention/Schools retreat. The focus of this collaborative work is to build a strong local system of support for our children who transition into preschool and are in need of early childhood special education. The goal is for schools to continue to build upon the strong relationships already built with families and to help children transition from home to school.
- The Ambassadors for Peace class organized an event for Wednesday, 6/8, beginning at 3:15 to clean up Main Street from Normand Street toward the downtown circle. Their learning for the semester included exploring the lives of Nobel Peace Laureates. Doing this the group was inspired to find a way to make a difference in Winooski. Taking a walk around town they noted the trash along the main road and decided to give back by organizing a trash cleanup!
- The 25th annual Parent Appreciation Breakfast, started by Deb LaForce, took place on June 2nd. The library was packed with students, their families, and staff. Deb LaForce

gave a wonderful interactive speech that acknowledged how every student at WSD has a support system, including his or her family.

- Our ELL Parent Literacy class finished off its third year with a celebration on May 19th. During the celebration the parents involved in the class presented autobiographies they had written about coming to the US. They have created a published book that will be available to take out in the library and is also available for purchase at [online](#).
- The week of May 23rd we celebrated another successful week of arts events with our annual “Spring Into the Arts” week. The Winooski arts teachers hosted an opening event at the O’Brien Center, school concerts and the Empty Bowls Dinner to raise money for families in need.
- WSD is hosting a community outreach event for New American families on Saturday, June 4th. Entitled “Coming Together,” this event will feature presentations by WSD ELL teachers about the school system and the shift to proficiency based graduation requirements, along with presentations by the Winooski Police Department and the City of Winooski about community resources.
- The middle school softball team recognized a student from the Fairfax softball team, as noted by Coach Sue Messier: “A player on the Fairfax team recently was diagnosed with bone cancer, and our team presented them with a Winooski Spartan t-shirt, donated by PTO/Boosters, with well wishes written on it for the player. The Fairfax team was very appreciative.” After the game, the Fairfax athletic director sent the school the following note: *“I just wanted to thank you on behalf of all of us here in Fairfax, This has been a really emotional time for the entire school community with the recent diagnosis, and what an amazing gesture of all that is good about sports demonstrated by your MS softball team. You, your coaches, your athletes, and your school are a truly class act...”* [Linked here is a picture of the event!](#)

Finance/Operations

- At the end of May, our fund balance for FY16 is favorably forecasted at \$31,381K or less than .20 % of the voter-approved budget. This number will continue to change as we finalize our fiscal year.
- The balance of the Reserve Fund is currently \$490,362 which reflects the encumbered expense for high school removable walls and replacement of the walk in cooler/freezer. As the end of the year approaches, it appears that there will be enough profit to cover the walk in cooler/freezer project from the food service account. We will have a final number at the end of June.
- The facility team is ready to start summer cleaning/project on Monday June 13, 2016. Some of the key projects include moving JFK classroom teachers, renovations to 2 JFK bathrooms, upgrading and installing removable walls in the high school and the walk-in cooler/freezer.
- Just a reminder that our summer food service program will run from June 13 to August 5, 2016 (no service on 7/4) at WSD. Breakfast and Lunch each day. The site is open for any child/student 18 years old or younger at no cost. The Abbey Group will provide the service.