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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: December 14, 2016 and January 4, 2017
- b) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Approval of Bills
- c) Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - Approve Contract Recommendation: Long Term Sub, Elem. ELL Teacher - Annie Schneider
- d) Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - Superintendent Report
 - Approval of WHS School Choice Capacities (Act 129) for 2017-2018
 - Approval of Announced Tuition for 2017-2018

Discussion & Action Items: Please review backup for the following items.

6. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II): (20 Minutes)

- a) Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Quarterly Financial Management Report
 - Action: FY '16 Auditor's Report
 - Action: Request to Award Audit Contract
- b) Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting
 - Action: Adoption of 2017-2018 Winooski School District Budget
 - Action: Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget Warnings
 - Discussion: Review Annual Report to Voters

7. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (30 Minutes)

- d) Policy Title: 4.4 Board Linkage with Ownership
 - Review/Discussion: Board Monitoring Report
 - Review/Discussion: Policy #8312-Public Participation at Board Meetings

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:

- School Choice Capacities for 2017-2018:
 - Based on [Act 129](#) (Public School Choice in Grades 9-12 & Other Laws):
 - The WSD administration recommends the board set the number of students who can exercise school choice and attend other VT public high schools at 25.
 - Current-2016-17: 12 students out
 - The WSD administration recommends the board set the number of students we can receive at 15 based on our demographics and student needs.
 - Current-2016-17: 2 students in

- Announced Tuition for 2017-2018: Announced tuition is an estimate of allowable tuition reported by districts receiving tuition students. We do not currently have any tuition students. The WSD administration recommends the board approve the following Announced Tuition amounts for 2017-18:
 - Kindergarten: \$14,007
 - Grades 1-6: \$14,007
 - Grades 7-12: \$18,205
- FY 2016 Audit: Financial Highlights
 - No identified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls.
 - The School District's net position decreased by \$434,428 as a result of this year's operations, compared to a decrease of \$118,541 in the prior year.
 - The cost of all of the School District's programs was \$18,497,503 this year compared to \$16,942,069 in the prior year.
 - The General Fund reported excess expenditures over revenues this year of \$54,886 which was \$154,886 better than the budget.
 - The fund balance for the General Fund was \$265,778 as of June 30, 2016.
 - The Grants Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$431,740.
 - The Food Service Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$71,951 this year compared to \$23,936 in the prior year.
 - The Capital Projects Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$549,686. This amount is committed for future capital projects.

WSD Goals

Goal #1: College & Career Readiness

- The 5th grade students ran the December All-School Morning Meeting. They developed the greeting, activity, and share. The students modeled each part to the entire JFK school, and ran the 30 minute meeting. The entire JFK community was engaged and actively involved for the entire 30 minutes.
- A team of Winooski educators has been working with "The Growing Equity Together Project" led by Sarah Bertucci and the Eagle Rock School. [Linked here](#) is Lindsey Cox's blog about their work and learning so far this year. Winooski's Team consists of: Andrea Wheeland, Masiti Mohamed, Melissa Mintzer, Lindsey Cox, and Kate Grodin.

Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives

- Congratulations to Rainbow Chen, Ines Horozovic, and Key Nguyen on their amazing performances with the Vermont Youth Orchestra, Philharmonia and Chorus on Sunday, December 11th at the Flynn Theater. It is amazing to watch these three talented musicians perform some of the most beautiful and complex music with their musical peers from all over Vermont. Their auditions for All-State and New England Festivals are coming up over the next couple of months.
- We are planning for the Winooski School District Preschool Screening, which will be held on February 17. We provide a free screening for 3 and 4 year olds who live in Winooski. Parents should contact Maybeline Lopez at 383-6063 if they are interested.
- JFK received the results of our Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports (PBIS) post-implementation assessment. Here are some of the key findings from the visiting team:
 - Final average score of 93.8% (total mean score)/100% (expectations taught). JFK has exceeded the benchmark score of 80% / 80%.
 - The team has worked very hard to rollout PBIS this year in a way that is easy to understand for staff and students. The students seemed really happy and your teachers showed care and compassion for their students.
 - All school staff knew all five behavioral expectations and 87% of your students knew all the behavioral expectations. All students had earned HEARTs and all teachers had given out HEARTs. The expectations are **widely** posted and the posters are very well created.

- Delineation of major vs. minor behaviors was very clear and many staff had an understanding of the steps to take before asking a student to go to the student support room (e.g. take a break space, buddy classroom, etc.).
- Teachers are using the language of “expected behaviors” – pre-correcting, reminding, and recognizing students for the expected behavior. Common language is HUGE!

Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement

- JFK received donations from WCAX’s mitten tree. They collected and donated hats and mittens for our JFK students to have during the cold weather months.
- Our PeaceJam students learned recently that Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee has specifically requested to have lunch with Winooski's students/advisors at the coming PeaceJam Conference, February 25-26. What an incredible honor for the team that will represent our school and community!

Finance/Operations

- At the end of December, our fund balance for FY17 is favorably forecasted at \$25K or less than 1 % of the voter-approved budget.
- The projected balance of the Reserve Fund is currently \$457,358. This balance includes encumbrances for the IT Switch project that will now happen in February and \$15,000 approved in December to begin a facility study. All other approved projects have been completed.
- The Food Service Program continues to turn a profit, which will allow the district to explore new project and offerings. On January 24, 2017. Our lunch will feature VT. Chevron (goat meat). If you are in the area, stop by and try it out.