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WINOOSKI SCHOOLS

We are the future.

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 review backup for the following items and approve all of the following action items:

4. Consent Agenda: (5 Minutes)

- a. Minutes of Meetings:
 - i. Regular Meeting: June 10, 2020
 - ii. Capital Project Executive Committee: June 10, 2020
 - iii. Special Meeting: June 29, 2020
- b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - i. Approval of Bills
- c. Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - ~~i. Capital Project~~
 - ~~1. Approval: Owner RFP for Onsite Geotechnical Supervision (No longer needed)~~
- d. Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - i. Superintendent Report
 - 1. COVID-19: Health Update

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

- a. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - i. Discussion: Financial Implications of COVID-19 (No backup)

- b. Policy Title: 2.6 Asset Protection
 - i. Capital Project
 - 1. Approval: Bond Resolution and Certificate (Please read backup)
 - 2. Approval: Loan Agreement (No backup)
- c. Policy Title 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - i. Discussion: WSD Summer Programs and Reopening Plan (Description is further down in the **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment section**)

6. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (60 Minutes)

- a. Policy Title: 4.1b Governing Style: Encouragement of a Diversity of Views
 - i. Discussion: Black Lives Matter Flag Petition (Please read backup)
 - ii. Discussion: Review Board Annual Agenda Plan (Please read backup)
 - iii. Discussion: Suspension/Expulsion data (Alex Yin will report out, no backup)
 - iv. Discussion: Antiracist Action Committees update (This committee has ceded their board time to a student group and provided a written report to the board in the backup. Also, the student letter is included in the backup, please read both.)
 - 1. Restorative Justice
 - 2. Review of School Resource Officer (SRO)
 - 3. Racial & Ethnic Studies
 - 4. Equity Audit
 - 5. Recruitment & Hiring of People of Color
 - v. Action: Heart of Winooski (HOW) Board Member Representative Appointment (Please read Heart of Winooski By Laws backup.)
- b. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - i. Discussion: 1st Reading: Electronic Communications Between Employees and Students (Please read backup)

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:

● **COVID-19 Updates**

- *Health Update:* The latest update from VDH on July 13, 2020 [can be found here](#) and additional [VDH Dashboard data](#) can be found here. Vermont continues to have some of the most encouraging data relative to the virus. Winooski has weathered the local outbreak very well and there have been no new cases since July 3rd with testing and contact tracing continuing.
- *WSD Reopening Teams:* Our JFK, WMHS and District teams have been working diligently to prepare our local reopening plans using resources from the CDC, VT AOE, VDH and school district reopening plans from other states. A parent survey has elicited over 150 responses from parents about their comfort level returning to school in the different learning models: In-Person, Hybrid and Remote. So far there is a higher level of comfort with a hybrid model and we hope to have more parent input in the coming weeks. Also, we have surveyed staff about their learning model preferences and will wait for additional responses before stating any conclusions. We will have a draft WSD Reopening Plan to share with stakeholders next week.
- *Summer Programs:* With the guidance of Dr. Breena Holmes from VT Dept. of Health (VDH) we developed the following summer programming:
 - Thrive is running from July 6-August 14 from 8:30-5:00, following all health precautions and is limited to two classrooms with 25 students total. [A full description of their fun programs can be found here.](#)

- Grades 1-5 JFK Summer School will run virtually from July 6-16 and in-person from July 20-30.
 - WMS is offering virtual art and fitness course throughout the summer.
 - *Financial Implications:* WSD Finance Manager Nicole Mace will provide a few updates at the board meeting.
 - *Meal Distribution:* Our meal distribution will continue without any pause or stoppage through August 21st.
- **Labor Negotiations:** Board negotiators Mike Decarreau and Matt MacNeil met with both the teachers and support staff teams in May. Future meetings may be scheduled in August.
- **Tuition Waiver Request:** This item is not on the agenda but I have included the email request and the relevant policy in hopes that the board will add this to the agenda and consider the request. The administration supports the approval of this request.
- **WSD Capital Project Update:**
 - Financing: We have continued to pursue options with the VT Bond Bank, USDA and national lenders. We hope to have Paul Guiliani, who has counseled the administration and the board on the project financing, available to describe the options the board has for financing the project as we will need to move quickly in finalizing a decision to take advantage of the best deal for taxpayers.
 - Construction progress:
 - Footings, foundation and formwork are in process for the new middle school and gym
 - The communication trench from the school to Main Street is finished and the electricians are working in the room off the library and installing the conduit for the communication line.
 - Fencing has been moved so the WMHS and middle/main lobby entrances are accessible again.
 - The asbestos abatement crew are working in the gym on the caulk joints above the bleachers.
 - ATC are here overseeing what looks like the last of the contaminated soil to be removed.
 - Power to the e-sign on Main Street should be up and running by this Tuesday.
- [VT Agency of Education COVID-19 Information:](#)
- [VT Legislative Joint Fiscal Office Updates](#)
- **Legislative Work**
 - **2020 Education Legislative Reports:**
 - [Issue #6](#)
 - [Issue #5](#)
 - [Issue #4](#)
 - [Issue #3](#)
 - [Issue #2](#)
 - [Issue #1](#)

Finance/Operations

- At the end of June, our fund balance for FY20 is favorably forecasted to be \$504,577 or 2.75% of the approved budget. A portion of this favorable balance is due to factors associated with school dismissal, including the cancellation of co-curricular programs/spring sports, transportation contracts, and professional development workshops. We spent an estimated \$274,697 in COVID-19 expenses in FY 2020. This includes

expenses for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), technology, and summer meals service. We expect full reimbursement for these expenses

- The balance of the Capital Reserve Fund is currently \$320,517. There are no outstanding obligations for this account.
- The budget for Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for FY20 is \$493K. We have expended \$329,110, or 67% of the budget - there may be outstanding claims for June that have not yet been processed through our system.
- The Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) is available as a line of credit from the People's United Bank to support the capital project. Currently we have drawn \$4,178,000.00.