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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 action items in the Consent Agenda:

### **5. Consent Agenda: (5 Minutes)**

- a. Minutes of Meetings
  - i. Capital Project Executive Committee Meeting: June 9, 2021 and July 21, 2021
  - ii. Regular Board Meeting: June 9, 2021
- b. Approval: Reappointment of Mike Decarreau to the Capital Project Executive Committee as a Community Member
- c. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
  - i. Approval of Bills
  - ii. Approval: Capital Project Interim Financing Renewal
- d. Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
  - i. Approval: Support Staff Side Letter Multilingual Liaisons
  - ii. Approval: Teacher Contracts
    1. Elizabeth Lane: Elementary Classroom Teacher (Grade 4)
    2. Timothy Berger: Long Term Sub-Elementary Special Educator (K)
    3. Nancy Radley: Long Term Sub-Elementary Teacher (Grade 2)
- e. Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
  - i. Superintendent Report

### **6. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (75 Minutes)**

- a. Policy Title: 4.4 Board Linkage with Ownership
  - i. Report: School Safety Multistakeholder Group update from Julian Portilla
    1. **Please review Julian's update in the agenda backup.**
  - ii. Board Training: Policy Governance with Val Gardner
    1. **Please read linked chapters 1, 2, 3 & 8 of [Getting Started with Policy Governance by Caroline Oliver](#) in preparation for this board training with Val Gardner if you have not already done so.**

### **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment:**

- **Reappointment of Mike Decarreau to the Capital Project Executive Committee as a Community Member**
  - When Mike resigned his role as a school board member he asked if he could remain on the Capital Project executive Committee representing the board with Alex Yin. Tori Cleiland, Alex Yin and Sean McMannon all fully support the board formally appointing Mike Decarreau to this role as a community member since he has been an integral part of the capital project since the very beginning. The only component of his role that would change is he would not have the authority delegated by the board to make financial decisions about items over \$15K. Mike would provide his input and Alex would hold the authority for these financial decisions on behalf of the board.
- **COVID-19 Updates**
  - [COVID-19 Advisory Memo about the opening of school from Secretary of Education Dan French and Commissioner of Health March Levine](#)
    - WSD will have some challenges related to construction and the mixing of different ages of students. The COVID-19 Co-Coordinator will be working to develop health procedures to accommodate these challenges.
  - *Health Update:*
    - [VDH COVID-19 Current Activity Dashboard data](#)
    - [Vaccine Dashboard can be found here.](#)
  - [VT Agency of Education COVID-19 Information](#)
  - [VT Legislative Joint Fiscal Office Updates](#)
- **WSD Opening**
  - **Hiring:** WSD has one licensed position to fill for the upcoming school year. We still have 13 open Instructional Assistant positions.
  - **Pre-Service:** Teachers arrive on Monday, August 16th and support staff arrive on Friday, August 20th. Our plan is to give staff ample time to prepare for students by getting used to the new building setup, meeting about students, participating in a district-wide literacy training and working on school-based priorities.
  - **BBO Cancellation:** Unfortunately due to the constraints of our capital project we had to cancel the WSD Back-to-School BBQ.
  - **Space:** We expect to receive our Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for the new middle school and elementary spaces during the week of August 9th. Moving classroom materials and furniture into new spaces began on Friday, August 6th but items can only be staged in the center of classrooms until we receive the final CO. All logistics about dropoff and pickup will be communicated with families during the week of August 16th.
- **WSD Antiracism Steering Committee (ARSC):** This committee has developed a communications and recruitment plan for the following Action Teams: Racial Truth & Reconciliation Commission, Hiring and Retaining Teachers of Color, Ethnic Studies, Policy & Curriculum Review Committee, Students

Civil Right and English Language Learners (ELL) Mentorship Program. The following informational sessions have been [advertised](#):

- Sunday, August 8th at 4 pm: Youth-only meeting at the Myers Memorial Pool Community Room
- Sunday, August 8th at 5 pm: Community meeting at the Myers Memorial Pool Community Room
- Monday, August 9th at 4 pm: Zoom Informational Session (email [wsdarsc@gmail.com](mailto:wsdarsc@gmail.com) for link)

In addition, there is a [WSD ARSC FAQ](#) about the Steering Committee and the Action Teams. The goal is to have membership for all the action teams completed by the end of September.

- **WSD Transportation**

- **Bid:** The RFP for winter transportation went out publicly and was sent directly to six potential providers last week. Proposals are due Friday, August 27th.
- **Public-Private Committee Partnership:** I facilitated the first meeting of various state government officials from the departments of transportation, labor and commerce with local transportation companies like STA/Mountain Transit and R.R Charlebois, Inc. on July 21st and the group will meet again on August 12th. It is very clear that everyone involved is having extreme difficulty in hiring experienced drivers and/or recruiting people to train. Reps from [Green Mountain Transit](#), [AALV](#) and [USCRI](#) are joining the group.

- **Pupil Weighting Task Force Testimony:** Burlington and Winooski SDs collaborated to provide testimony to the task force on July 29th. [Our testimony and all the task force's work can be found here.](#)

- **WSD Capital Project Update:**

- Project Contingency Update: At the end of July the project contingency is approximately \$482K and trending toward \$150K given outstanding change orders including some future underground plumbing expenses, however, none of the WSD \$300K in fund balance approved by the board in June has been accessed.
- [Weekly Job Reports](#)
- [Pics](#)