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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

Discussion/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. *Notes about specific agenda items are in bold below:*

5. Consent Agenda: (5 Minutes)

- a. Minutes of Meetings
 - i. Special Board Meeting: May 2, 2023 (**see backup**)
 - ii. Regular School Board Meeting: May 10, 2023 (**see backup**)
 - iii. Student Voice Committee Meeting: May 20, 2023 (**see backup**)
- b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
 - i. Approval of Bills (**see backup**)
- c. Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
 - i. Teacher Contracts (**see backup**)
 1. Beadle, Brian-Elementary Classroom Teacher
 2. Haiduck, Sheryl-High School Multilingual Teacher
 3. Weertman, Renee-Elementary Art Teacher
- d. Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
 - i. Superintendent Report (**see backup**)
- e. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Board Job Description
 - i. Approve Recommendation of FY24 Food Service Contract (**see backup memo**)

6. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II): (75 minutes)

- a. Policy Title: 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting

- i. Presentation/Discussion: WSD Antiracism Steering Committee (ARSC) and Action Teams (**see backup**)
- ii. Presentation/Discussion: FY25 Budget

7. Governance Processes (Policy Section IV): (75 Minutes)

- a. Policy Title: 4.1 Governing Style
 - i. i. Action: Interview Potential New Board Member(s)
 - 1. Effective Upon Completion of Board Oath at City Hall
 - ii. Discussion: Board Retreat
- b. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies
 - i. Discussion/Action: Proposed VSBA Resolution (**see backup**)

Superintendent Transition: Incoming superintendent Wilmer Chavarria and I have been meeting 1-2 times per week. We have included 1-2 members of the Leadership team in each meeting so they can provide an overview of their areas of responsibility. In addition, the Leadership team has scheduled their summer planning retreat in early July and Wilmer attended a building tour with AOE Interim Secretary Heather Bouchey, CFO Bill Bates and other members of the AOE team.

Concerning Student Safety Issue: Please see the linked concerns shared with WSD from the Burlington School District (BSD) and communicated to all staff and families.

Food Service Contract Renewal: Please see the enclosed memo and this contract renewal may be approved by approving the entire Consent Agenda.

Juul Settlement: WSD received notification that we will receive a gross award of \$16,454 with some fees to still be deducted. We have not received a timeline for actual receipt of the net award.

PCB Contingency Fee Agreement: I have signed this agreement on behalf of the District.

Staffing: We have experienced deeper pools of licensed candidates this hiring season and have filled all licensed positions for the 2023-24 school year with the exception of a recent resignation from the WMHS Theatre Arts teacher. Also, we have begun hiring for support staff positions and feel like we are in a much better position than the past two hiring seasons.

Capital Project: Recently we discovered some of the main lobby tiles are buckling. ReArch responded immediately and is working with the subcontractors to address the issue as soon as the school year ends. The preliminary assessment is that the adhesive did not properly cure. Also, some of the Flotex flooring throughout the building have stretched seams so a walkthrough was conducted this past week and options for repair are being developed. Both of these items are under warranty and the responsibility of ReArch and their subcontractors to fully repair. Lastly, paving of all the school roads and parking lots will start June 21st and take up to two weeks to complete so there will be limited access in some areas throughout this project, furniture has been ordered and the front field continues to be developed.

New Required School Safety Policies: These policies: *Fire & Emergency Preparedness Drills* and *Access Control & Visitor Management* were recently legislated and the models can be found in the link. Also, we have include the recent AOE memo that indicates the required timing for boards to have these policies in place, August 1, 2023 is pretty unreasonable so we would suggest the board do a 1st reading in July or August.

Goals

Goal #1: College & Career Readiness

- As JFK students wrap up their final [EL modules](#), some families are being invited in for a celebration of learning. The 1st grade families came in to understand their student's learning about the sun, moon, and stars, and to hear the poems their students created. These celebrations are a wonderful way to end a module and get families into school to celebrate the students.

Goal #2: Healthy, Productive & Successful Lives

- The Middle School's Spartan Games happened Friday, June 2. One hour and a half for seven challenges and then 30 minutes for the culminating activity full of luck in Candy Land. It was a grand time and fun way to celebrate advisory.
- Members of the JFK leadership team will be attending the BEST Institute at the end of June. At the institute the team will be participating in a four day strand entitled Everyday Equity: Achieving Equity in Your School Every Day in Every Way. This important work will have a direct influence on staff and students, creating a healthier and more equitable environment at JFK.

Goal #3: Local & Global Community Engagement

- On Tuesday, May 16, Challenging Systems of Oppression, Government, and Culture & Community classes, joined by members of the Youth Leadership/Advisory Rep team, engaged with former Attorney General Eric Holder at the Flynn Theater. Holder's book, [Our Unfinished March](#), is the core text for our engagement, focused on essential questions around the role of voting rights in a democracy. Our question for Holder, asked by Winooski/CTE Essex student Mae Ree Jan: *Winooski is one of two cities in Vermont that allow non-citizen, resident voting on municipal matters. Please comment on this and how it connects to your work on voting rights.*
- On the evening of Tuesday, May 16 & Wednesday, May 17, Razan Alrubaii, Sam Galle, and Abdoul Lailati represented Winooski High School with excellence at the Barr Foundation's Catalyzing New Models Summit, focused on school design and innovation. We participated in conversations about advisory, equity, and Interdisciplinary learning among others, engaging with school teams from around the northeast. Michael Eppolito, Kate Grodin and Jess Handrik rounded out Team Winooski and we were delighted that the conference organizers took us up on the DJ recommendation – Winooski's own DJ Craig Mitchell!
- JFK's end of the year All School Celebration was June 13th. Students spent half of their day at school, and half of the day at Landry Park accessing the pool and fields. It was a fantastic fun day made possible because of the collaboration between the city and the school.

Finance/Operations

FY 23 Budget: At the close of May, we are projecting a modest surplus of \$93,756 or 0.44% of the operating budget. This outlook improved since the close of Q3, largely due to lower than anticipated expenses for winter sport programs, revised transportation expense projections and special education extraordinary reimbursements.