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Winooski School Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6:00 pm
WSD Library Learning Commons or via Google Meet
Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/szx-gwkh-oee

Policy Title 1.0 Ends Statement: 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.

Attendees: ***Wilmer Chavarria, Nicole Mace, Emily Bowers, Robert Millar, Elom Essiba (virtual), Sarah Haven, Matthew Gonzalez, Cheyne Racine, Mikayla Kelemen (virtual).***

1. **Call to Order** (5 Minutes)
    a. Nicole Mace calls the meeting to order @ **6:01pm.**

2. **Agenda Review and Adjustments:** (5 Minutes)
    a. Nicole Mace- Add item to replace C3, the current C3 will become C4. Appoint a member to attend the merger meeting. We can wait and not take action tonight (not needed until Sept. 15, 2026)

3. **Announcements and Recognition**
    a. Pride Month
        i. Emily Bowers Overall history and VT history. Nationally recognized in 1999 by President Bill Clinton. First pride parade 1983 in Vermont.
    b. Other Announcements and Recognitions
        i. Nicole Mace- Last day of school. Appreciation to Wilmer, teachers and staff for the work that is put in.
        ii. Robert Millar Graduation at 1pm Saturday
        iii. Wilmer Chavarria Juneteenth- Fun celebration in the area, Wilmer is part of a choir in Burlington that will be singing.

4. **Public Comments:** This item is reserved for comments and questions on topics that are not included on this agenda. Time for public comment is included by default for each item below.
    a. None Provided.

5. **Consent Agenda:** (5 Minutes)
    a. Minutes of Meetings
        i. Regular Board Meeting: May 13, 2026
        ii. Finance Committee Meeting: June 1, 2026
    b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Condition and Activities
        i. Approval of Bills
        ii. Printer/Copier Technology Memo
    c. Policy Title: 2.7 Compensation and Benefits
        i. Buthaina Eidan, Long Term Temporary Substitute ML Educator (FY27)
        ii. Ryan Farran, Math Educator (FY27)
        iii. Madeline Gemme, Special Educator (FY27)
        iv. Carrie Macedonia, Early Childhood Special Educator (FY27)
        v. Carin Palsrok-Lilly, Long Term Temporary Substitute Art Educator (FY27)

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d. Policy Title: E20 Community Use of School Facilities
    i. YMCA/WSD Parking Agreement - 2026
e. Nicole Mace takes a motion to accept the Consent Agenda
f. Emily Bowers - "So Moved."
g. Robert Millar Bringing up the copiers, lease agreements, etc. With the possible merger, should we be think the years? Agreed that the Board will pull out and discuss later.
h. Passed Unanimously .

6. **Governance Processes (Policy Section IV):** (60 Minutes)
    a. Policy Title: 4.1.8 Student Representation on the Board
        i. Discussion: Onboarding of Student Members
            1. Nicole Mace- Katie Livermore and Emily Bowers will serve as the mentors. Students will be onboarded and terms will be starting in August. They will be starting to attend in August and attend our retreat.
    b. Policy Title: 4.2.1 Community Engagement
        i. Discussion: Recent Community Activities by Board
            1. Nicole Mace- Attended Unheard Stories, tremendous. Fair amount of communication with legislative representatives- influence direction, final remarks as session winding down.
    c. Policy Title: 4.2 board Job Description
        i. Discussion: Legislative Update
            1. Wilmer Chavarria- Bills are being signed, laws are becoming laws. A joint statement about a heads up on what is coming has been shared. Facts were shared. We will need to become members of a region with a cooperative education services agency (CESA). We have to be sending someone to the merger committee in August. The Yield Bill made it so we would lower the tax by $.01 but it will be more like $.07, because of the buy-down rate. Using $113 million dollars, brought the rate down. We are going to have a hard time next year to match that savings. Sanctuary Schools law passed. First in the nation. No longer a target, we are not the only ones.
            2. Nicole Mace- The Bill H955, email shared with board with concerns that she has, pulling boards and districts into competing directions. Not a coherent piece of literature with timelines, outcomes we can expect. Involuntarily mergers don't look at schools with higher needs, etc.
            3. Robert Millar shares that the maps from VSBA (CESA, merger and one together) don't match.The Safe Spaces Bill did pass- Immigration bill: immigration enforcement is not supposed to take place. The masking bill did not. Nicole Mace shares that the masking bill is that the State can make zones of limited or no immigration enforcement.
        ii. Discussion/Action: Appoint Member to the Chittenden Central CESA Board of Directors
            1. Nicole Mace - I would like to appoint myself to the CESA Board of Directors. El would entertain a motion.
            2. Some discussion from the Board regarding the role with the Merger and CESA representatives. Nicole Mace is prepared to take on both. However, if it becomes necessary, another board member may be appointed.
            3. Robert Millar- Move that we approve Nicole Mace to Chittenden Central CESA Board of Directors
            4. Elom Essiba- "So Moved."
            5. ***Passed Unanimously.***

iii. Discussion: Appoint a Member to be the Merger discussions/meetings.
1. Nicole Mace shares her experiences and thoughts. In August, there will be more information. From the VSBA, there is proportional representation needed for the study committee. Reaching out to the other board chairs (Burlington & South Burlington and discussing preliminary action .Hoping there will be guidance and a clearer picture for an update in August.
2. Robert Millar shares that we need more understanding of the processes they want us to go through, and the financials, staffing.
    a. Nicole Mace shares what is going to be left to local design versus a state imposition of the terms of the agreement, for example.
3. Discussion that Nicole Mace would represent both committees for the Chittenden Central CESA Board of Directors & appointed Member for the Merger discussions.

iv. Discussion/Action: VSBA Resolution
1. Nicole Mace There have been lots of reminders about the resolution process. When reflecting back on this session- I do feel through the course, I didn't always have the information to effectively represent our position; Partly because it's complicated. Even now, still not as clear. What positions are the associations seeking on our behalf.
2. Nicole Mace shares the VSBA Resolution and has a discussion with the Board.
3. Nicole Mace would entertain a motion with a contingency.
4. Katie Livermore- Motion to submit this resolution after a conversation with VSBA sharing this resolution to either submit it as part of the formal resolution process or just submit it with leadership with a commitment to see some improvements. Accepting Nicole's amendment.
5. **Passed Unanimously.**
6. Nicole Mace clarifies that it has been adopted as a board, with potential to discuss with VSBA

d. Policy Title: 4.2.2 Create Written Governing Policies

i. Action: Public Hearing and Adoption of Policy
1. PG 4.1.8 Student Representation on the Board
    a. Nicole Mace- Grateful for coming together and making this happen. Closes public hearing. Move to adopt PG 4.1.8 Student Representation on the Board
    b. Emily Bowers - "So Moved."
    c. ***Passed Unanimously.***

ii. Discussion/Action: Policy Second Read and Approval for Adoption
1. 1. B4 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees
    a. Nicole Mace shares that Wilmer looked up whether the requirement looked up employees who drive the school vans–it does not.
    b. Wilmer Chavarria- They are not commercial vehicles, not formal drivers, not more than 10 passengers. Other policies in place to cover the contingencies.
    c. Nicole Mace looks for a motion to approve a second read and move for adoption Policy B4 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees.
    d. Emily Bowers- "So Moved."
    e. ***Passed Unanimously.***

e. Policy Title: 4.5 Agenda Planning

i. Discussion/Action: Annual Plan
1. Nicole Mace- Discussion and adoption of the Board's annual plan. Same structure we have been using, meetings broken down by the different component parts of agenda, different parts of the newsletter. The Board Learning, a rough plan was

presented, those topics are included with a commitment that Nicole will work with Wilmer to design an activity reflecting those topics.

2. Wilmer Chavarria We added a section with administrative notes. Anticipated the same budget meetings this year.
3. Nicole Mace We will clean up the newsletter starting in January.
4. Katie Livermore Shares an idea of new student board members taking one of the newsletters to introduce themselves.
    a. Nicole Mace shares can be shared during the mentees assigned month.
5. Robert Millar Confirming the 27th for the Board retreat?
6. Wilmer Chavarria shares there is no meeting in July.

f. Policy Title: 4.8 Governance Investment
    i. Discussion: Board Retreat Logistics Planning
        1. Wilmer Chavarria- The only task is to build a draft agenda, we can do in the August meeting.
        2. Nicole Mace - We will continue working on indicators of compliance, Ends Statement. We should be laying a little bit of groundwork
    ii. Discussion/action: Internal Monitoring Report
        1. Nicle Mace- No Internal Monitoring Report, table this item until August.
        2. Wilmer Chavarria - Administration took some time on numbers that needed to be updated.

7. Executive Limitations (Policy Section II): (30 minutes)
    a. Policy Title 2.0 Global Executive Constraint
        i. Discussion/Action: Internal Monitoring Report
            1. Wilmer Chavarria- Just a general policy, already saw compliance reports under this- it's the umbrella. One correction: We have the (fourth bullet point) two incidents required evacuation and command evacuation- there was only one, the other required secure and hold, no command engaged.
            2. Nicole Mace would take a motion to accept Internal Monitoring Report Policy 2.0
            3. Katie Livermore - "So Moved."
            4. ***Passed Unanimously.***
    b. Policy Title: 2.3 Financial Conditions and Activities
        i. Action: Quarterly Financial Management Report
            1. Nicole Mace- Overall, we are anticipating a budget surplus of just over a million dollars.
            2. Motion to approve the third quarter FMR
            3. Elom Essiba- "So Moved."
            4. ***Passed Unanimously.***
        ii. Discussion: Real Estate Update
            1. Wilmer Chavarria- Administration is excited towards the designs. Optimal environment, more space than originally planned. Now they have received the feedback from us, now going to see what it will cost. In August, you will see the recommendation.
    c. Policy Title: 2.9 Race and Equity
        i. Discussion: Internal Monitoring Report
            1. Nicole Mace- Asked Board Members to read and reflect on the Internal Monitoring Report. Wilmer has laid out a variety of indicators in the policies and what we would like to focus on
            2. Open discussion, section by section discussion.

3. Motion by Katie Livermore to accept the Policy 2.9 Internal Monitoring Report
4. ***Passed Unanimously.***

d. Policy Title: 2.8 Communication and Support to the Board
   i. Discussion/Action: June Superintendent's Report to the Board
      1. Wilmer Chavarria Slightly new format. The pictures remain the same. The content is the same, usual updates. Celebrations for those who are leaving the district and/or have been with the district up to 30 years. Miriam Greenfield submitted some things to the National Organization for Social Media- one of the photos featured in the report is a winner. Video for VTCAP was also a winner.
      2. Nicole Mace expressed appreciation for the curriculum update segment. Curriculum work is hard and important work.
   ii. Nicole Mace accept a motion to accept the June Superintendent's Report.
   iii. Emily Bowers "So Moved."
   iv. Passed Unanimously.

8. **<u>Adjourn</u>**
   a. Nicole Mace would look for a motion to adjourn.
   b. Robert Millar- "So Moved."
   c. Passed Unanimously.
   d. The meeting adjourned at **7:58pm.**

<u>Upcoming Important Dates:</u>

- Monday, June 8 - High School Athletic Awards
- Tuesday, June 9 - 8th Grade Moving Up
- Wednesday, June 10 - Last Student Day - 11 AM Early Release
- Wednesday, June 10 - Regular Board Meeting at 6 PM
- Saturday, June 13 - Graduation
- Tuesday, June 16 - Last Teacher Day

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