REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16

Board of Education Meeting October 14, 2009



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beacon Falls...

Priscilla Cretella

Sheryl Feducia (8:00 p.m.) William Fredericks (8:10 p.m.)

Wendy Oliveira

Prospect...

Donna Cullen Marie Delage Lisa DeGoes Robert Hiscox

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

James C. Agostine, Superintendent of Schools

Richard Gusenburg, Business Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Priscilla Cretella at 7:04 p.m. at Laurel Ledge School, Beacon Falls, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

A roll was taken. A quorum was present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Ex. I.II)

A MOTION was made by Lisa DeGoes and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the September 23, 2009, Special Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I) ALL IN FAVOR 09-158

A MOTION was made by Wendy Oliveira and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to approve the September 23, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. II)

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V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT (Ex. III)

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

X. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS (Ex. IV)

The balance of the general fund as of today is \$ 2,018,827.08.

Tonight's bills total		\$ 39	,748.36
General Fund	=	\$ 39	,748.36
Special Ed. Grants	=	\$	0
Adult Education	16-110	\$	0
Fed & St. Grants	=	\$	0
Athletic Fund	=	\$	0

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to approve tonight's claims in the amount of \$ 39,748.36. (Ex. IV)

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XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Sara Hughes, Catherine Goodwin) WRHS Language Dept. is taking part in the co-op language program. Humanities are planning a trip to Salem, MA on October 28th.

XII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Mr. Agostine recognized LRMS Resource Room teacher, Kristine Doucette. She has done exemplary work with the students at the school. Recently students participated in the "Wings of Hope" fundraiser collecting \$268.00.

XIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

 Woodland cheerleaders' proposal to attend a national competition in Florida. Information was presented to the Board regarding an upcoming competition. The event is scheduled for February 12th-16th, 2010. Participants would miss one day of classes.

2. RTI update.

Jill Dolan and Michele LoRusso gave the Board an update on the testing of students in grades K-8. The program is now being called "SRBI" (Scientific Research Based Intervention). The goal is to provide intervention to fill in the gaps. State standards require 30-45 minutes of small group intense instruction. Additional support may be available to staff during the March in-service days.

B. Action Items

1. Award snow bids for 2009-2010 season.

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to award the Prospect snow bid (\$23,000) to NJL Corp. for the 2009-2010 season. ALL IN FAVOR 09-161

A MOTION was made by Lisa DeGoes and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to award the Beacon Falls snow bid (\$23,800) to Piccirillo Landscaping for the 2009-2010 season. ALL IN FAVOR 09-162

The bids were awarded based on references, response time and past performance. It was felt it was best to go with current providers, not the lowest bidder.

2. First readings on revised policies 3524.1 *Hazardous material in Schools*, 5114 *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*, 5141.4 *Reporting of Child Abuse* (returned to policy committee), and policy and regulation 5141.21 *Administering Medications* (to students).

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the first reading of revised policy 3524.1 *Hazardous material in Schools*.

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the first reading of revised policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. ALL IN FAVOR 09-164

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Marie Delage to approve the first reading of revised policy 5141.21 *Administering Medications* (to students). ALL IN FAVOR **09-165**

Act on hire of new Music teacher for Algonquin School.
 A MOTION was made by Lisa DeGoes and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the hire of Franca Grybowski as Algonquin School Music teacher, at MA, Step 9, \$52,276. (pro-rated) ALL IN FAVOR 09-166

Sheryl Feducia arrived at 8:00 p.m.

C. Old Business

D. New Business

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to add to tonight's agenda the discussion of "healthy cupcakes".

ALL IN FAVOR, except Robert Hiscox and Wendy Oliveira, who OPPOSED.

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Healthy cupcakes were available at tonight's meeting supplied by Priscilla Cretella. Nutrition information will be sent to the Director of Food Services, Vicki Biello.

William Fredericks arrived at 8:10 p.m.

E. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

F. Business Managers' Report

1. Electrical consortium.

A packaged is being put together. This year there have been some difficulties getting off the ground due to some law changes.

2. Bus contract renegotiation.

John Dufour and the Region are working on a proposal.

3. Land bond renewal.

Dennis Dix is getting together the bid information which should be available in early December.

4. Long River roof replacement.

The total cost for the architects maybe more than budgeted. After all bids are in, four will be interviewed.

5. ECS and ARRA.

Information was discussed on the disbursement of funds.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations

Exchange of proposals scheduled for 10/26/09 meeting.

2. Facilities and Transportation

Marie Delage asked if we have had many discipline problems on our buses.

3. Curriculum

Homework is being discussed.

4. Policy

Two policies money transfers and personnel will be looked at.

- 5. Public Communications and Budget
- 6. Planning Committee for (New Haven Road)/Talmadge Hill Road Property A timeline will be discussed in a December meeting.
- 7. Liaisons
 - a. Schools

WRHS Fine Arts Dept. had a very successful silent auction in Beacon Falls An amazing book with the art work was printed by a parent.

- b. Superintendent's Curriculum Council
- c. Wellness Committee
- d. Professional Development Committee
- e. Beacon Falls/Prospect Prevention Task Force

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to adjourn the October 14, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Marie Delage,

Board Secretary

These minutes are subject to Board approval Debbie Conte, Board Clerk