

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
October 28, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beacon Falls... Priscilla Cretella
 Sheryl Feducia (7:10 p.m.)
 William Fredericks

Prospect... Donna Cullen
 Marie Delage
 Lisa DeGoes
 Robert Hiscox



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: James C. Agostine, Superintendent of Schools
 Richard Gusenburg, Business Manager
 Dr. Arnold Frank, WRHS Principal
 Richard Jalbert, Director of Facilities and Maintenance

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Priscilla Cretella at 7:00 p.m. at Long River Middle School, Prospect, 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)

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to approve the October 14, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I)
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V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Rybinski, Beacon Falls- Mr. Rybinski submitted a formal complaint regarding the recent snow plow bid package. He feels inaccurate information was compiled in spreadsheets submitted in the bidding process.

Jenae Pelletier, Prospect- thanked the Board for participation in the ACES Art Magnet School.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Algonquin School Class of '69 made a \$1,300.00 contribution to be used for the annual field day to be held in June.

All Star Transportation thanked Community School for participating in the poster contest for Bus Safety Week. Winners were: McKenna Cronin, Jenna Pannone and Meghan Terni.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

IX. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS (Ex. II)

The balance of the general fund as of today is \$ 2,220,435.63.

<u>Tonight's bills total</u>	=	\$ 1,100.00
General Fund	=	\$ 0
Special Ed. Grants	=	\$ 0
Adult Education	=	\$ 0
Fed & St. Grants	=	\$ 0
Athletic Fund	=	\$ 0

A MOTION was made by Donna Cullen and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve tonight's claims in the amount of \$ 1,100.00. (Ex. II)

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X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Sara Hughes, Catherine Goodwin)

WRHS participated in the Yale Physics Olympics placing 4th out of 50. Math CAPT scores will be discussed on the upcoming in-service day. Students attended a trip to Salem, MA. The Social Studies Dept. is participating in creating a documentary film on World War II veterans. The film will be entered into the film festival in May. Board members gave Sara Hughes several suggestions for further information for the project.

Sheryl Feducia arrived at 7:10 p.m.

XI. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Joan Krantz, recent Region 16 teacher retiree, attended tonight's meeting. She was thanked for her years at WRHS. Mrs. Kranz stated she enjoyed working with Dr. Frank and the great kids at WRHS.

Mr. Agostine commended the following WRHS students who achieved advanced level on CAPT subtests: Julia Daubney, Brian Francois, Catherine Goodwin, Richard Magner, Jessica Patrizzi and Anzhela Moskalik.

XII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Birthday celebrations.

Mr. Agostine presented preliminary reports on birthday celebrations in our schools. Laurel Ledge announces birthdays on the PA during morning announcements, and students receive a pencil and ribbon. Community announces the birthdays and students receive a card and pencil. Algonquin students receive a card and pencil. Schools also have bulletin boards with students names/birthdays listed. Staff members were surveyed regarding the Wellness Policy; 90% are happy with the policy. The Director of Food Service, Vicki Biello, will attend the 11/18/09 BOE meeting.

2. Laurel Ledge pre-school program.
The Team program will begin to accept students in January. Furniture will delivered in December. The program will follow rules/regulations of Region 16.
3. Flu outbreak
Mr. Agostine informed the Board on absenteeism in our schools. The attendance is monitored daily. The possibility of administrating flu shots to students is being discussed. Mr. Agostine stated there are “no hard rules” on staying open during an outbreak.

B. Action Items

1. Second readings on revised policies 3524.1 *Hazardous Material in Schools* 5114 *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*: and policy and regulation 5141.21 *Administrating Medications* (to students).

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the second reading of policy 3524.1 *Hazardous Material in Schools*.

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the second reading of policy 5114 *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*.

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the second reading of policy 5141.21 *Administrating Medications* (to students)

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2. First readings on revised polices 4118.11 *Nondiscrimination* and 3160 *Transfer of Funds Among Categories: Amendments*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Marie Delage to approve the first reading of policy 4118.11 *Nondiscrimination*.

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the first reading of policy 3160 *Transfer of Funds Among Categories: Amendments*.

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3. Act on adoption of new courses at WRHS: *Advanced Music Theory* and *Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry*.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to adopt a new course at WRHS: *Advanced Music Theory* for the 2010-11 school year.

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A MOTION was made by William Fredericks and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to adopt a new course at WRHS: *Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry* for the 2010-11 school year.

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4. Act on approval of part time receptionist for the District Office.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Marie Delage to accept the Superintendent's proposal for a part-time receptionist at District Office, a temporary position which will be reviewed during the budget process.

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C. Old Business

D. New Business

The Board will refer information from tonight's public comment regarding snow plow bids to our legal counsel.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to cancel the November 4, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

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E. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

F. Enrollment (Ex. III)

Total enrollment for the region as of 10/09 is 2589.

G. Business Managers' Report

1. Update on Long River roof project.
The sub-committee has reviewed all bids; a final choice will be made by December.
2. Average Daily Membership (ADM) calculations and update of enrollment projection.
The ADM calculations for 2009-2010 are: Beacon Falls 39.853 %, Prospect 60.147%.
3. Budget timeline for 2010-2011.
Information was distributed.
4. Electric consortium contract.
The process this year has become a complicated one. The Business Manager will keep the Board informed on the negotiations.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations
Next meeting 11/10/09.
2. Facilities and Transportation

A MOTION was made by William Fredericks and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to authorize the Transportation sub-committee, Board Chairperson and Business Manager to enter into re-negotiations with All Star Transportation.

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3. Curriculum
4. Policy
5. Public Communications and Budget
6. Planning Committee for (New Haven Road)/Talmadge Hill Road Property

7. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - b. Superintendent's Curriculum Council
 - c. Wellness Committee
Next meeting 11/18.
 - d. Professional Development Committee
 - e. Beacon Falls/Prospect Prevention Task Force

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to enter into executive session at 8:15 p.m. with Mr. Agostine, Mr. Gusenburg and Richard Jalbert for the purpose of a personnel and legal matter.

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The Board returned from executive session at 9:00 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to adjourn the October 28, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 9:05p.m.

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Marie Delage,

Board Secretary

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

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