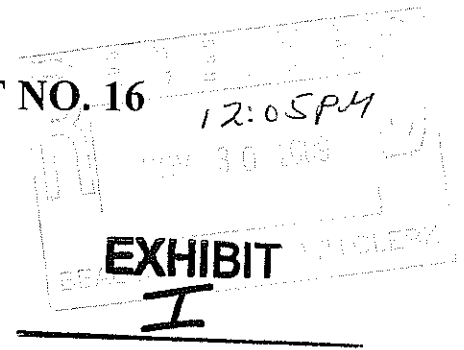


**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**November 18, 2009**



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Beacon Falls...* Priscilla Cretella  
 Sheryl Feducia  
 William Fredericks (7:27 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  
 Jayne Lanphear, LRMS Principal  
 Kristin Reichelt-Bernier, Asst. Principal  
 Lynn Cox, Director Special Services  
 Vicki Biello, Director Food Services

*Prior to tonight's meeting, retiring Board member Marie Delage was honored for her 16 years of dedicated service to the Region 16 Board of Education.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Priscilla Cretella at 7:25 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, II, III)**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to approve the October 20, 2009, Special Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the October 20, 2009, Special Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. II)

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A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to approve the October 28, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. III)  
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**V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Beth Knobel, Prospect- requested the Board approve an upcoming PTO cake walk to be held at Algonquin.

Tom Galvin, Prospect- commented on a recent expulsion hearing held on 10/20/09. He is questioning the incurred expense in tutoring of the student involved. Mr. Agostine addressed his concerns. Mr. Galvin was informed there are state statues regarding the education of students.

*William Fredericks arrived at 7:27 p.m.*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you note was received from Debbie Savago for her retirement celebration.

Joan Krantz thanked the Board for her gift and recognition at a recent meeting.

**VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT (Ex. IV)**

**IX. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**X. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS (Ex. V)**

The balance of the general fund as of today is \$ 2,039,164.43.

<u>Tonight's bills total</u>	=	\$ 1,783.44
General Fund	=	\$ 1,783.44
Special Ed. Grants	=	\$ 0
Adult Education	=	\$ 0
Fed & St. Grants	=	\$ 0
Athletic Fund	=	\$ 0

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve tonight's claims in the amount of \$ 1,783.44. (Ex. V)  
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**XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Sara Hughes, Catherine Goodwin)**

Homecoming will be celebrated on 11/20/09; the theme this year is "Masquerade". The Social Studies CWI class will be participating in a "Model United Nations" at Fairfield University on 11/20/09. There are a number of colleges visiting the school for onsite admissions. Journalism and Creative Writing students will be attending a full-day workshop at Columbia University. Fine Arts recently held their annual open house.

3. Authorize Superintendent/Business Manager to approve the diesel/gasoline prices as negotiated by the consortium of business managers.

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by William Fredericks to authorize Superintendent/Business Manager to approve the diesel/gasoline prices as negotiated by the consortium of business managers.  
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4. Authorize purchase of short term notes in the amount of \$1,590,000 for New Haven Road/Talmadge Hill Road property.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to authorize purchase of short term notes in the amount of \$1,590,000 for New Haven Road/Talmadge Hill Road property and authorize officers of the Board to sign notes.  
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**C. Old Business**

**D. New Business**

**E. Information Items (discussion with possible action)**

**F. Enrollment (Ex. VI)**

Total enrollment is 2585 as of 11/09.

**G. Business Managers' Report**

1. Enrollment projections for 2010-2011.  
Information was distributed. Staffing will be discussed soon.
2. Electric consortium update.  
Good news regarding the rate for electric. The new rate will be 9.4 cents which include all fees.
3. WRHS bonds.  
Dennis Dix has supplied Mr. Gusenburg with some possible savings information on the WRHS 2000 notes. The Board requested Mr. Dix attend the next Board meeting.

**XIV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

1. Personnel and Negotiations
2. Facilities and Transportation
3. Curriculum  
Homework rubric is being worked on.
4. Policy
5. Public Communications and Budget
6. Planning Committee for (New Haven Road)/Talmadge Hill Road Property
7. Liaisons

## XII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Brian Fell was recognized by the CT Association of Athletic Directors as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

WRHS volleyball team was congratulated on their recent win of the NVL. The coaches and girls were commended for their phenomenal season.

## XIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

### A. Superintendent's Update

#### 1. LRMS Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Lanphear presented a School Improvement Plan for Long River Middle School, 2009-2010. Goals include: increasing reading/mathematics proficiency. Both goals will be increased by a minimum of 3% annually measured by CMT. Subgroup objectives will increase reading/math proficiency in students with disabilities by a minimum of 10 %. Reading proficiency will be increased in students economically disadvantaged by a minimum of 5 %. A detailed plan was distributed to Board members. "Kudos" to Mrs. Lanphear and Mrs. Reichelt-Bernier for all their hard work on the plan.

#### 2. Wellness Report.

Results were discussed regarding the recent survey sent out to staff members from Vicki Biello. Overall the majority is happy with the current system. It seems to be working well.

#### 3. Strategic School Profiles 2008-2009.

Information was distributed tonight.

#### 4. PLTI

Parent Leadership Training Institute program was discussed by Mr. Agostine. He asked each Board member to help recruit a parent in the district. The program is being funded by a grant.

### B. Action Items

#### 1. Second readings on revised policies 4118.11 *Nondiscrimination* and 3160 *Transfer of Funds Among Categories; Amendments*

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to accept the second readings of revised policy 4118.11 *Nondiscrimination*.

ALL IN FAVOR

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to accept the second readings of revised policy 3160 *Transfer of Funds Among Categories: Amendments*.

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#### 2. Act on approval of architectural firm for LRMS roof project and authorize Superintendent to enter into a contract with approved firm. (executive session)

- a. Schools  
ACES will hold their annual meeting on 12/10/09.
- b. Superintendent's Curriculum Council
- c. Wellness Committee
- d. Professional Development Committee
- e. Beacon Falls/Prospect Prevention Task Force

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m., with Mr. Agostine, Mr. Guesnburg and new Board member David Wartko, for the purpose of negotiations.

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*The Board returned from executive session at 9:45 p.m.*

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to award the contract to BL Companies for \$18,500 for the architectural design and overseeing of construction of the LRMS roof project.

ALL IN FAVOR

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**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to adjourn the November 18, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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Marie Delage,

Board Secretary

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

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