

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
December 2, 2009

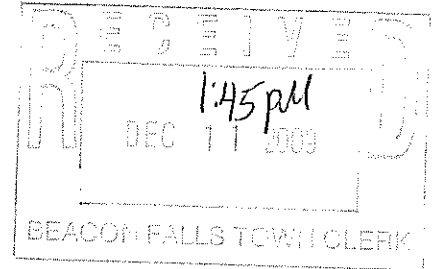
EXHIBIT

II

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beacon Falls... Priscilla Cretella
 Sheryl Feducia
 William Fredericks
 Wendy Oliveira

Prospect... Donna Cullen
 Lisa DeGoes
 Robert Hiscox
 David Wartko



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: James C. Agostine, Superintendent of Schools

Lisa DeGoes welcomed new Board member, David Wartko, to his first meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa DeGoes at 7:00 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)

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the November 18, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR, except William Fredericks who abstained.

09-204

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACES ECA open house luncheon will be held on January 12, 2009.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT (Ex. II)

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

X. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS (Ex. III)

The balance of the general fund as of today is \$ 2,942,274.36.

<u>Tonight's bills total</u>	=	\$	0
General Fund	=	\$	0
Special Ed. Grants	=	\$	4,545.00
Adult Education	=	\$	0
Federal & State 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 \$4,545.00. (Ex. II)

ALL IN FAVOR, except William Fredericks who abstained.

09-205

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

Homecoming and Spirit Week were a huge success. An immensely successful canned food drive was also held. WRHS Financial Aid Night was held on 12/3. World Language Dept. assembled 15 baskets which were donated to St. Anthony's Church. The History Club students are hosting a *Preserving Our History* meeting with their partner school, Naugatuck High. Students recently attended a Model United Nations at Fairfield University. It was a valued experience for everyone involved.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to add to tonight's agenda an executive session for the purpose of a personnel issue.

ALL IN FAVOR, except William Fredericks who abstained.

09-206

XII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Congratulations to all the WRHS fall sports participants. The annual award night was held on 12/1/09.

XIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Refunding of high school bonds. (Dennis Dix)

Dennis Dix supplied the Board with information regarding the recent land purchase bids. Eastern Bank offered a coupon rate of 1.75 and a net rate of 1.188.

Discussion ensued regarding refunding of the 2000 WRHS bonds. The Region would save a substantial amount of interest. The process will not incur any financial budget impact. Mr. Dix strongly recommended the Board approve the refunding.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by William Fredericks to authorize Dennis Dix to proceed with the refunding of the 2000 WRHS bonds for an amount no greater than \$3.8 million.

ALL IN FAVOR, except William Fredericks who abstained.

09-207

2. New School Time Line
Board members received a time line prepared by Fletcher-Thompson Inc. There was much discussion on the document; more information will follow at an upcoming meeting.
3. School Calendar for 2010-2011
Preliminary calendars were discussed.

B. Action Items

1. Act on approval of Long River Middle School Improvement Plan, as presented at November 18th Board of Education meeting.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the Long River Middle School Improvement Plan, as presented at the November 18th, Board of Education meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR

09-208

2. Act on acceptance of new duplicator copy contract.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to accept the new duplicator copy contract with Advanced Copy.

ALL IN FAVOR

09-209

William Fredericks was sworn in to his position on the Board by Justice of the Peace, Robert Hiscox, at 8:10 p.m.

C. Old Business

Priscilla Cretella thanked the Board and Superintendent for the last two years while she served as Chairperson.

D. New Business

E. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

F. Business Managers' Report

Mr. & Mrs. Shea of Beacon Falls donated a piano to Laurel Ledge School. The piano will be moved by Region personnel.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations (executive session)
2. Facilities and Transportation
Bus contract meeting to be held in January.
3. Curriculum
Homework and a district wide grading polices are being discussed.

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4. Policy
 - Several policies will be brought forward for a first reading at the next meeting.
5. Public Communications and Budget
6. Planning Committee for (New Haven Road)/Talmadge Hill Road Property
7. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - WRHS winter sports have begun.
 - b. Superintendent's Curriculum Council
 - c. Wellness Committee
 - Celebrations are allowed four times a year for all grades.
 - d. Professional Development Committee
 - e. Beacon Falls/Prospect Prevention Task Force

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to enter into executive session at 8:30 p.m. with the Superintendent for the purpose of a personnel issue. ALL IN FAVOR 09-210

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

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to accept the resignation of Business Manager, Richard Gusenburg, with regret effective at a date to be determined.
ALL IN FAVOR 09-211

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to authorize the Superintendent to begin the search to hire an interim Business Manager. ALL IN FAVOR 09-212

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by David Wartko to adjourn the December 2, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 9:05 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR 09-213

Wendy Oliveira,

Board Secretary

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