

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**July 15, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

*Prospect...* Donna Cullen  
 Marie Delage  
 Lisa DeGoes



**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 7:06 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 Donna Cullen to approve the June 24, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I)  
 ALL IN FAVOR, except Priscilla Cretella who abstained. 09-121

**V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT****VI. PUBLIC COMMENT****VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Agostine had previously received correspondence re a bus stop issue in Beacon Falls. Today he investigated the stop in question with bus company representatives. He will continue to work on this issue to resolve it and will notify the concerned parents about his findings.

**VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**IX. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS (Ex. II)**

The balance of the general fund as of today is \$ 1,228,881.20.

<u>Tonight's bills total</u>	=	\$ 37,768.86
General Fund	=	\$ 37,768.86
Special Ed. Grants	=	\$ 0
Adult Education	=	\$ 0
Fed & St. Grants	=	\$ 0
Athletic Fund	=	\$ 0

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Marie Delage to approve tonight's' claims in the amount of \$ 37,768.86. (Ex. II)  
ALL IN FAVOR

09-122

**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Sara Hughes)**

**XI. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS**

**XII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. Superintendent's Update**

1. Update on RTI Facilitators for 2009-2010

A letter was submitted from the State of CT re the "PJ Settlement Agreement" informing us we were compliant with regards to mainstreaming our Special Education students for the 2008-2009 school year. The mainstreaming requirement applies to all school districts in CT, per the agreement.

Dr. Lynn Cox gave an update on the newly mandated Response to Intervention program. She explained the benefits for all students. She feels the region is in a "really good spot"; and there may be some bumps in the road, but we have planned accordingly. Students in grade K-8 will be tested utilizing a software program called *AIMSWEB*. The testing will be completed three times a year taking only minutes to administer. The total cost of the program is \$318,360. These costs include training, staffing, software and office space for the RTI facilitators. Most of the funding will come from the stimulus money that should arrive in September or October 2009.

**B. Action Items**

1. Second reading on revised/updated policy: 6142.101 Student Wellness

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to accept the second reading of revised/updated policy: 6142.101 *Student Wellness*  
ALL IN FAVOR

09-123

2. Act on approval of the Revision of the Authorized Signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Program.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to approve the Revision of the Authorized signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Program for Mr. Agostine, Mr. Gusenburg and Marie Delage.  
ALL IN FAVOR

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3. Act on request for non-resident student to attend a Region 16 school in 2009-2010.  
A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Marie Delage to allow a non-resident student to be enrolled in the Region 16 Pre-K program (three days per week) for 2009-2010 on a tuition basis.  
ALL IN FAVOR 09-125

4. Act on hire of new teachers for 2009-2010 school year.  
A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the hire of James R. Belinsky as a WRHS Math Teacher, at MA+15, Step 4, \$45,197 for the 2009-2010 school year.  
ALL IN FAVOR 09-126

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the hire of Nancy L. Manning as a WRHS one-year only English teacher, at MA, Step 11 \$59,357 for the 2009-2010 school year.  
ALL IN FAVOR 09-127

**C. Old Business**

Marie Delage welcomed new Business Manager, Richard Gusenburg, to the Region. He is looks forward to working with everyone and to a wonderful stay here.

**D. New Business**

Mr. Agostine related he is "tickled" with the results of the CMTs for the region. Scores went up across the board.

Details were discussed regarding the upcoming "Welcome Back" breakfast to be held at WRHS on August 26, 2009.

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

The time capsules have been located at both Community and LRMS.

**F. Business Managers' Report**

**XIII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

1. Personnel and Negotiations  
(executive session)
2. Facilities and Transportation  
Marie Delage commented on the her visit to Maloney Magnet School. She would like Donna Cullen to explain the wonderful Science Lab program.
3. Curriculum  
Several projects are going on this summer.
4. Policy
5. Public Communications and Budget
6. Planning Committee for (New Haven Road)/Talmadge Hill Road Property
7. Liaisons
  - a. Schools  
Sheryl Feducia submitted information from ACES.  
The Region 16 Golf Tournament date has been changed to September 26, 2009.
  - b. Superintendent's Curriculum Council

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- c. Wellness Committee
- d. Professional Development Committee
- e. Beacon Falls/Prospect Prevention Task Force

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to enter into executive session with the Mr. Agostine and Mr. Gusenburg for the purpose of a personnel matter at 8:32 p.m. ALL IN FAVOR 09-128

*The Board returned from executive session at 9:15 p.m.*

A MOTION was made by Marie Delage and SECONDED by William Fredericks to deny the Level III grievance (heard earlier) on a tardiness to classroom duty for the reasons stated in the Level I and II denials. ALL IN FAVOR 09-129

A MOTION was made by Lisa DeGoes and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to deny the Level III grievance (heard earlier) on a three day suspension without pay for the reasons stated in the Level I and II denial. Further the Board directs the Superintendent to add an addendum to the original letter of reprimand to indicate Catherine Mirabilo did return to school on February 2, 2009, but failed to sign in. ALL IN FAVOR 09-130

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Marie Delage to reconvene the executive session at 9:20 p.m. for the purpose of a personnel matter. ALL IN FAVOR 09-131

*The Board returned from executive session at 9:44 p.m.*

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to adjourn the July 15, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 9:45 p.m. ALL IN FAVOR 09-132

Marie Delage,

Board Secretary

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