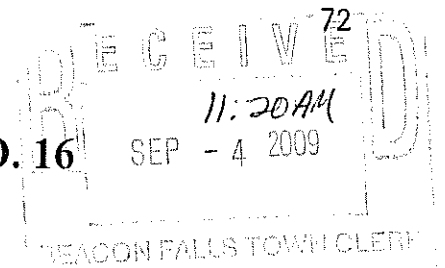


REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
August 19, 2009



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

EXHIBIT

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Beacon Falls... Priscilla Cretella
Sheryl Feducia
William Fredericks
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 7:05 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

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the July 15, 2009, Special Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I)

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A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Lisa DeGoes to approve the July 15, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes, with one correction on page 71, section XIV, the adjournment motion should read; "A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by William Fredericks"... (Ex. II)

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V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Agostine was informed the Region passed the Adequate Yearly Progress or "AYP". These are preliminary results which are subject to change. More information will be discussed at a future meeting.

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 \$ 1,381,823.10.

<u>Tonight's bills total</u>	=	\$ 9,894.55
General Fund	=	\$ 9,894.55
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 \$ 9,894.55.

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

No report available.

XII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Mr. Agostine submitted a letter of early retirement from Algonquin secretary, Deborah Savago. Ms. Savago has been employed by the region for 21 years. The Board wished her well; she will be missed.

XIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

- Professional Development Report.
AIMWEB training will be held on August 27 and 28th for K-8 staff.
Mr. Agostine commended Lynn Cox and the Professional Development Committee for organizing all the training.
- New online District-Wide Calendar
The calendar should be posted shortly on the region web site. This tool will aid in minimizing scheduling conflicts within the region.
- Pilot recess program at Laurel Ledge School
Mrs. Murzak has requested to pilot a "recess before lunch" program for the new school year. If feedback is positive, the program could be adopted region-wide.
- Calendars for Professional Development and Curriculum Council Meetings.
Board members were given the schedules of upcoming meetings.

5. Update on Board of Education Goals.
Mr. Agostine briefed the Board on the progress of the goals to date. Discussion was held in reference to goal #4 (*We will continually improve communications with the community in order to better inform them and develop stronger relationships*) and utilizing an Edline parent portal at WRHS. Parents will be able to access their child's grades on the site. Teachers are given a two week-period to have grades posted for viewing.
6. H1N1 Update.
A draft letter was discussed in reference to H1N1. A letter will be sent home. In addition, the region's web site will post information under the link "Health Updates."

B. Action Items

1. Act on teacher's request for an extended leave of absence beyond FMLA in 2009-2010 (tabled to next meeting).

2. Act on approval of PTO fundraisers for 2009-2010.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Olivera to approve the Algonquin/Community PTO fundraisers to run from September 3 thru September 17, 2009.

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A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by William Fredericks to approve the Community School Activity Fund for Students fundraiser to run from November 6 thru November 20, 2009.

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A MOTION was made by Wendy Oliveira and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the Long River Middle School PTO fundraiser to begin August 19th and run through September 11, 2009.

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There was much discussion regarding the approval of these fundraisers, as they do not comply with the philosophy with our Wellness Policy. Also, the timeliness of the fundraisers was discussed. Fundraiser request forms should be submitted at least a month before the beginning of a scheduled event.

C. Old Business

A new map was distributed to members for the campus at Laurel Ledge.

D. New Business

The Board discussed the possibility of sending out a "Welcome Back" letter to staff members.

E. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

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F. Business Managers' Report

Updates were given on the summer work progress throughout the region. Mr. Gusenburg is very pleased with the work being done. The LRMS roof update project is being looked at; more information will follow. There was discussion on the "403B" program for employees of the region. The region will be interviewing local banks to replace Bank of America--a Board member was asked to help with the process. GASB 45 (Government Accounting Standards Board) plan was discussed. Members received a packet that explained the plan. Mr. Gusenburg stated there are "no easy answers" whether to participate in the program. Prospect and Beacon Falls are not planning on participating. Members were asked to read the materials and any questions should be addressed to Mr. Gusenburg or Mr. Agostine. The plan will be added as an action item in an upcoming meeting.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations
Dates are being discussed for upcoming negotiations.
2. Facilities and Transportation
Members asked that issues at the WRHS football field and LRMS bathrooms be addressed.
3. Curriculum
Mr. Agostine is very pleased with the amount of work being done over the summer.
4. Policy
A few policies need to be looked at including the fundraiser policy.
5. Public Communications and Budget
6. Planning Committee for (New Haven Road)/Talmadge Hill Road Property
7. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
Sheryl Feducia informed the Board about a new "PALS" mentoring program being introduced at Laurel Ledge for new parents.
 - 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 Robert Hiscox to adjourn the August 19, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 10:00 p.m.
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Marie Delage,

Board Secretary

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