

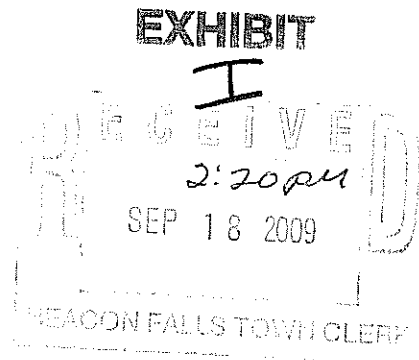
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
September 9, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Prospect... Donna Cullen
 Lisa DeGoes
 Robert Hiscox

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: James C. Agostine, Superintendent of Schools
 Richard Gusenburg, Business Manager



Prior to the start of tonight's meeting, a reception was held to recognize 2010 Teacher of the Year, John Polletta, and to introduce the new teachers hired for 2009-2010.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Priscilla Cretella at 7:08 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 Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the August 19, 2009, Board of Education Meeting minutes. (Ex. I)

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

Mr. Agostine received a response from CL&P regarding the line of sight at a school bus stop in Beacon Falls. Supervisors visited the location and determined the cause of the obstruction in the sight line is due to overgrown brush and the earthen bank. Relocating the CL&P light pole would cost Region 16 approximately \$15,000.

Region 16 received information regarding a nationally recognized Parent Leadership Training Program (PLTI) that will be available due to the efforts of Mr. Agostine, State Representative Theresa Conroy and the Conn. Commission on Children. The program will be funded from federal stimulus funds.

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 \$ 3,542,597.67.

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| <u>Tonight's bills total</u> | = | \$ 4,563.14 |
| General Fund | = | \$ 4,563.14 |
| Special Ed. Grants | = | \$ 0 |
| 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 \$ 4,563.1. (Ex. III)
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XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Sara Hughes, Catherine Goodwin)
(no report available) The Board asked the student representatives their thoughts on the recent President Obama education speech. Both thought the speech was well written and motivating.

XII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Priscilla Cretella commended the Region's custodian/maintenance staff for the wonderful job they did during the summer getting the schools cleaned/ready for this academic year. "Kudos" were also given to the central office for a job well done on the handbooks.

XIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. AP test results.

Dr. Frank reported the AP (advanced placement) results. In 2009, 97 students took the AP tests resulting in an average score of 3.51. Dr. Frank explained several colleges will allow credits to be received for scores over 3. In the three years since WRHS has offered AP courses, the amount of students participating has doubled.

2. Special BOE mtg. 9/23/09, 6:45 p.m., LRMS for fiscal authorities in towns of Prospect and Beacon Falls.
3. School opening.
Mr. Agostine reported all went well with the schools' openings, including bussing.

B. Action Items

1. Act on hire of new teachers for 2009-2010.
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the hire of Meghan Hatch as WRHS English teacher, at BA +15, Step 2, \$41,478 for the 2009-2010 school year.
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A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve the hire of Lina Wodatch as LRMS Science teacher, at BA + 15, Step 5 \$44,374. for the 2009-2010 school year.
ALL IN FAVOR **09-143**

A MOTION was made by Lisa DeGoes and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the hire of Trish Piacentini as LRMS Science teacher, at BA, Step 2, \$40,366. for the 2009-2010 school year.
ALL IN FAVOR **09-144**
2. Act on teachers request for an extended Leave of Absence beyond FMLA in 2009-2010 (K Farr)
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the extended no pay maternity leave beyond FMLA for Laurel Ledge resource room teacher, Kellie Farr. Return date will be approximately May 17, 2010 no later than June 1, 2010.
ALL IN FAVOR **09-145**
3. Act on approval of contribution to GASB 45.
A MOTION was made by William Fredericks and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve the contribution to GASB45 in the amount of \$86,475.00
ALL IN FAVOR **09-146**
4. Act on approval of proposed Board of Education Meeting dates for 2010.
A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the 2010 proposed Board of Education Meeting dates.
ALL IN FAVOR **09-147**
5. Accept teacher's letter of resignation. (S Martel)
A MOTION was made by Lisa DeGoes and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to approve the resignation of Algonquin Music teacher, Sheila Martel effective October 2, 2009. ALL IN FAVOR **09-148**

6. Add to tonight's agenda approval for Laurel Ledge PTO fundraiser.
A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve to add to tonight's agenda approval for Laurel Ledge PTO fundraiser.
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7. Approval of Laurel Ledge PTO fundraiser.
A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the Laurel Ledge PTO (Yankee Candle) fundraiser.
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Mr. Agostine will be meeting with the leadership of the PTOs to discuss the timeline of fundraisers. Members did question the downplaying of prizes associated with the fundraiser. It is felt that we all need to be on the same page and to move forward in a positive way with the PTOs.

C. Old Business

D. New Business

E. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

F. Business Managers' Report

Mr. Gusenburg visited the schools on opening day and was very pleased. There was a discussion on the snow plow bids; it was decided to go to bid as required by Board policy. The bus contract will be up at the end of this year. An accounting document was presented to the Board for possible usage with the reporting of expenditures. Members were asked for their input; questions and suggestions are to be addressed to Mr. Gusenburg.

XIV. **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

1. Personnel and Negotiations
Proposed 1st date of 10/7/09 at 6:30 p.m., LRMS for teacher contract negotiations.
2. Facilities and Transportation
An incident with the Beacon Falls Fire Department was discussed. A sprinkler malfunctioned and fire officials responded but were unable to use the keys provided. Developing an emergency telephone chain was also discussed as a result of this incident.
3. Curriculum
A great amount of work was completed during the summer; additional time is needed for the English department.
4. Policy
Meeting planned for September 23, 2009.
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
The topic of homework will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 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 Wendy Oliveira to adjourn the September 9, 2009, Board of Education Meeting at 8:45 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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