

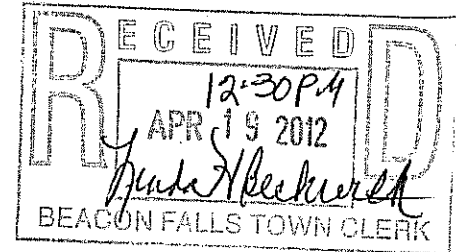
**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**April 11, 2012**

**EXHIBIT**  
**II**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

*Prospect...* Donna Cullen  
 Robert Hiscox  
 Nazih Noujaim  
 Robin Wright



**STAFF MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hugh Potter, Business Manager  
 Bill Stowell, Budget Consultant  
 Leigh Barbour, Assistant Business Manager  
 Bruce Bartmess, Director of Technology

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Priscilla Cretella at 7:13 p.m. at Long River Middle School, Prospect, CT.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**III. MISSION STATEMENT**

**IV. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

A roll was taken. A quorum was present.

*The Board of Education recessed to the District Meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

*At this time – 8:45 p.m. - the regular Board of Education Meeting reconvened.*

*Note: The motion numbers will be out of sequence, as the District Meeting minutes are reported separately from these regular Board of Education Meeting minutes.*

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of March 21, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the March 21, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I) minutes with the correction to eliminate the paragraph on Page 37 beginning with "It was...emails."

**ALL IN FAVOR**, except Robin Wright, who abstained.

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Minutes of March 27, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II)

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robin Wright to approve the March 27, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II) minutes.

**ALL IN FAVOR**, except Mr. Noujaim & Mr. Fredericks who abstained. **12-102**

Minutes of March 28, 2012, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. III)

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the March 28, 2012, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. III) minutes.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-103**

Minutes of April 2, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. IV)

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the April 2, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. IV) minutes.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-104**

#### **VI. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT**

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Derek Muharem of Prospect stated that the budget handout could have been printed double sided to save costs. He said people are still confused about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers being pulled out at Algonquin. He asked about the timeframe for the Interim Superintendent. Ms. Cretella responded he's per diem now, and the Board will discuss a contract after the budget process. Mr. Muharem said he heard rumors of a retired principal from Orange being hired. Ms. Cretella said the rumor is not true, and nothing has changed from what was answered previously. A Search Committee will be set up in the near future.

Catherine Mirabilio again asked for answers she hasn't received. She said the superintendent's secretary came up to her at the break and asked her to submit her questions in writing. Ms. Cretella again told her she will have answers tomorrow. Ms. Mirabilio asked why some Board members speak to the public and some do not and that her phone calls have not been returned. Ms. Cretella said they were returned.

#### **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Sheryl Feducia read a letter from Michele Papa, Department Head of English, asking to relook at restoring an English position. She stated this teacher is involved in other capacities within the school.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia to reinstate the English position. There was no second to the motion.

Ms. Cretella stated there are three confirmed early teacher retirements totaling a reduction of \$60,000.

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A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robin Wright to reduce the budget by \$60,000 for the three confirmed early retirements.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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Mr. Potter stated this brings the proposed budget for 2012-2013 to \$37,295,943 or a 1.44% increase. The town shares are \$203,403 or 2.19% increase for Beacon Falls and a 3.55% increase to Prospect or \$528,484.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the proposed budget for 2012-2013 at \$37,295,943.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-106**

Mr. Stan Pilat, Vice Chair of Prospect Town Council, stated a town meeting is more representative to approving the budget than a referendum.

Ms. Hiscox stated the last time the budget was voted on a town meeting it was chaotic. He recommends setting up a traffic pattern for voting. Ms. Cretella said registered voters would still have to stand in line to be checked off, which will take time. Mr. Hiscox stated it should be done better this time with logistical planning and where to set up the voting. Cost for ballots and registrars were estimated at \$1500 by Mr. Stowell.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Robin Wright to hold a regional district meeting at Woodland Regional High School on May 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the proposed 2012-13 budget by paper ballot.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-107**

**IX. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Potter stated the General Fund balance as of 4/11/12 is \$2,221,478.00.

**X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Wendy Oliveira read the report as follows:

The Guidance Department is hosting "Out of the Woods; Post Secondary Planning Night" tonight from 7-9 p.m. at Woodland. This event is an informational event which focuses on post-secondary school planning for current juniors. There will be several workshops on topics such as financial aid, the college search process, college athletics and the ACT exam. Workshops are offered twice each from 7:00 to 7:50 and 8:00 to 8:50 p.m.

The Foreign Language Honor Society is holding its induction ceremony this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Woodland auditorium. Over 45 students—sophomores, juniors and seniors are being inducted to the Spanish, French and Italian chapters of the honor society. In order to qualify to become a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, students must maintain a 90 average for their first two years of their foreign language and write an essay in their foreign language for the application.

The Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society is sponsoring a "penny wars" competition between the WRHS classes. The money fundraised will be used towards future

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department and Math Honor Society activities. Yesterday, letters for the new candidates of the Math Honor Society were distributed.

The *Preserving Our History Club*, headed by Meghan Hatch and Lisa Olivere, is in the final weeks of producing their documentary film on Chris Shea, veteran of the Iraqi War and WRHS graduate of the Class of 2004.

Mr. Decker and WRHS's quiz bowl team competed in a competition at UConn this past Saturday.

Deb Flaherty, Janice Pugliese, and Kate Smith are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center for the two weeks after Woodland students return from April break.

Woodland for Women Worldwide's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run for a Revolution is six weeks away. You can join them on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m. for a 2-mile walk or 5k run. Proceeds will go to the W4WW Scholarship Fund, Ethiopia Reads, and the Somaly Mam Foundation.

## XI. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

## XII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

### A. Superintendent's Update.

1. Principal Search process/documents. The Board will discuss at the next meeting.

### B. Action Items

1. Set graduation date for WRHS class of 2012.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to set the WRHS graduation date for the Class of 2012 as June 20, 2012.

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### C. Business Manager's Report

### D. Old Business

### E. New Business

### F. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

## XIII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee
3. Curriculum Committee
4. Policy Committee
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee
7. Liaisons
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Mr. Noujaim recognized Long River PTO for their *Minds in Motion* program and commended them on its success.

- b. Wellness Committee
- c. Professional Development Committee
- d. Prevention Task Force
- e. Curriculum Council
- f. Recognition Committee

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robin Wright to adjourn the April 11, 2012, Board of Education meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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Wendy Oliveira,

Board Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board Approval,  
Susan Vaill, Board Clerk*

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