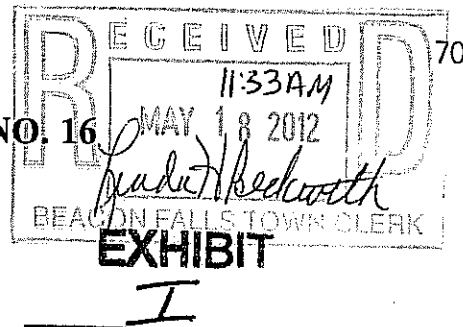


REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
District Meeting
May 7, 2012



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: Tim James, Interim Superintendent
Hugh Potter, Business Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Priscilla Cretella at 7:00 p.m. at Woodland Regional High School, Beacon Falls, CT in the auditorium.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll call was taken. A quorum of the Board was present.

IV. DISTRICT MEETING

Susan Vaill read the call of the May 7, 2012 Region 16 District Meeting:

NOTICE OF DISTRICT MEETING OF
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #16

All electors and citizens, who are qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Beacon Falls and the Town of Prospect, are hereby notified and warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 16 will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at Woodland Regional High School in the Town of Beacon Falls at 7:00 pm. The vote on the motion to adopt the 2012-2013 proposed budget of \$37,295,943.00 shall be a "Yes" or "No" vote by paper ballot at the meeting. Copies of the Budget will be filed with the Town Clerks of both towns within five days of said meeting.

Dated at Prospect, Connecticut this 18th day of April, 2012.
Priscilla Y. Cretella, Chairman Board of Education
Regional School District No. 16

V. APPOINT A TEMPORARY SECRETARY AND MODERATOR

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to appoint Susan Vaill as temporary secretary for the District Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR

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A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to appoint Priscilla Cretella as moderator for the District Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR

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Ms. Cretella explained to the public the procedure for voting by paper ballot. She said that the district is saving money by not having a referendum, as last year's budget referendum cost us \$6,036. She asked for a motion to approve the \$37,295,943.00 proposed budget for 2012-2013 school year.

A MOTION was made by Donna Cullen and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to move to vote by paper ballot to adopt the budget of \$37,295,943.00 for the 2012-2013 year.

ALL IN FAVOR

12-123

The majority of the public left the auditorium to vote while some remained. Mr. James gave a Power Point presentation to explain and detail the budget. He described the parameters the Board used to guide the budget process and the major costs such as tuition, staff, wages, and enrollment. He also discussed revenue, net expenses, and costs to each town. Mr. James asked for any questions.

Carol Slater from Beacon Falls asked if the state money will be helping lower our budget. Mr. James responded that the state has yet to determine their funds. The Board used the ECS figures for this year's budget to complete the proposed budget for next year. He said the state funds will be decided in about two more weeks, and we will know better what allocations we will receive then.

Bob Spear of Beacon Falls questioned the cost savings for technology. Mr. James responded that Bruce Bartmess, the Technology Director, went through his entire budget. The Board worked with him on postponing certain technology purchasing/updates for future years.

John Gavin of Prospect asked why the percent of budget increase to the towns is more than the proposed increase to the school budget of only 1.44%. Mr. Potter responded that the difference is less revenue coming into the school district.

Fred Smith of Beacon Falls thanked each and every one of the Board members for their dedication and for the time they put into preparing the budget for next year.

Ronald Jeffrey Goldsmith of Beacon Falls, Chairman of Republican Town Committee, joined the previous gentleman in praising the Board and for dealing with a large budget with much of the cost out of their control. He asked the Board to challenge their thinking on solutions to come up with ideas to minimize future increases, which he can only see as escalating. He appreciates their hard work with coming up with different solutions in the future.

Ms. Cretella asked for a recess at 7:25 p.m. until all the voting is completed.

The meeting reconvened at 8:32 p.m. The voting process concluded with the final tally being certified by both towns' Registrars of Voters.

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Ms. Cretella read the results: Prospect votes: Yes: 100; No: 16; Beacon Falls votes: Yes: 95; No: 103. Total Vote: Yes: 195; No: 119. The budget passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to adjourn the May 7, 2012, District Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR

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Wendy Oliveira,

Board Secretary

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

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