

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
**August 20, 2012**

*Priscilla Cretella*  
**EXHIBIT**

**II**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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

**STAFF MEMBER PRESENT:** William Stowell, Interim Business Manager

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Priscilla Cretella at 6:32 p.m. at Woodland Regional High School, Beacon Falls, Prospect, CT.

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

**III. MISSION STATEMENT**

**IV. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roll call was taken by the Board Clerk. A quorum was present.

**V. ENERGY EDUCATION INITIATIVE (possible action)**

Chair Cretella asked Mr. William Stowell, acting Business Manager, to confirm the termination figure for the Energy Education contract. It is \$207,000. He detailed the terms of the contract and initial energy savings amounts. He stated that to opt out of the contract there is an upfront payment of \$148,000 plus any floating payments that were not previously made, which are approximately \$59,000.

He was asked to do a comparison of the new hires actual cost versus what was budgeted and what the savings would be. He said there are still four to five hires not resolved, but it looks like there may be a surplus in the salary account of \$58,000 and a budget deficit of \$33,000 on the benefits side for these hires, resulting in a net savings of approximately of \$25,000.

Mr. Stowell stated that after the 2012-2013 budget was passed, it was discovered the Business Manager did not budget for the estimated interest payment of \$160,000 due in March 2013 in connection with an \$8 million bond. However, medical insurance rates were received at a zero increase resulting in an approximate savings of \$120,000, or a final estimated deficit of \$40,000 to the budget. Ms. Cretella stated the Board doesn't have the final 2011-2012 budget surplus figures yet.

Mr. Nazih Noujaim stated his concern is coming up with the money right now, but he would like to terminate the contract. Ms. Robin Wright said there were too many unanswered questions, and she is uncomfortable with making any decision tonight. Mr. Stowell said the benefit of keeping the contract is to change the mindset of people to conserve energy; but if Mike Magas is not there, they will lose the benefits of energy savings.

Ms. Cretella said the consensus is there is not enough money to get out of the contract. Mr. William Fredericks suggested legal counsel review the contract. Ms. Cretella said that the newly hired legal counsel has not reviewed it and they should. Ms. Donna Cullen suggested micro-managing the contract in the future.

**VI. FIRST READING OF POLICY RE: ONLINE EDUCATION**

The first reading was not available; this item was tabled to a later meeting.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEW FOR BUSINESS MANAGER**

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and **SECONDED** by Donna Cullen to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to conduct an interview for the position of Business Manager; Executive Session to include William Stowell.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-221**

*The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.*

**VIII. APPOINTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGER (possible action)**

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and **SECONDED** by Robin Wright to offer the position of Business Manager to Pamela Mangini at a salary rate of \$123,000 given her experience. **ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-222**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and **SECONDED** by Robin Wright to adjourn the August 20, 2012, Special Board of Education meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**12-223**

Wendy Oliveira,

Board Secretary

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

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