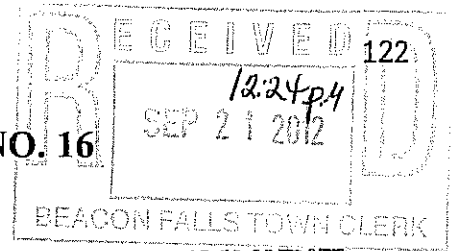


REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
September 12, 2012



EXHIBIT

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Tim James
William Stowell, Interim Business Manager
Andrea Einhorn, Asst. Director SPED, Curriculum Dir.
Dr. Arnold Frank, Principal WRHS
Jayne Lanphear, Principal LRMS
Joseph Nuzzo, Principal Community School
Dr. Rima McGeehan, Principal Algonquin School
Dr. Lynn Cox, Director of Pupil Services (SPED)\
Sean Lewis, WRHS Music teacher

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Priscilla Cretella at 7:32 p.m. at Laurel Ledge School, Beacon Falls, 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.

Chair Cretella asked for a moment of silence for the four Americans killed in Libya today.

Chair Cretella recognized the new student representatives to the Board, senior Makenzie White and sophomore Mary Buckley.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 15, 2012, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robin Wright to approve the August 15, 2012, Board of Education Meeting minutes with the addition to page 118, Item 9, to accept the resignation of Susan Lewis "with deep regret".

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Minutes of August 20, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II)
 A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robin Wright to
 approve the August 20, 2012, Special Board of Education Meeting minutes.
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VI. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from Blanche Ranaudo.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in General Fund as of 9/12/12:	\$2,963,725.60
Tonight's bills total:	522,855.50
General Fund:	522,851.47
Special Education Grants:	0
Adult Education:	0
Federal and State Grants:	4.03
Athletic Fund:	0
School Construction Payments:	0

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Brian Fell was named as 2012-13 President CAAD (Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors). Superintendent James stated that Mr. Fell is doing a fine job, and this recognition speaks well for Region 16.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Robin Wright to add the Student Representatives' report to the agenda.

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Ms. Makenzie White reported that in grade 9 English, teachers are implementing revised curriculum based on the Common Core State Standards. One Region One Book is kicking off this month with A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle.

In Fine Arts, the Fall Night will be November 15 and a Fine Arts Night for the whole district will be April 30, 2013. The Fine Arts Booster Club is trying to recruit new members with their first meeting September 25 at 7 p.m. in Woodland's media center.

In Guidance, Natural Peer Helpers, "Hawk Wings," began the year with a "help desk" the first two days of school in the freshmen hallway.

In World Language, two substitute teachers have been hired: Mrs. Groshart and Mrs. Garner. For her senior project, Angela Plourde, with the assistance of the World Language Department and Culinary Arts, is planning an international cuisine night for November 15th, prior to the Fine Arts Night. Ms. Daniela Santos, Spanish and French teacher, is hoping to add a group from Woodland to a France trip with Naugatuck High School. Ms. Santos and Mrs. Luddy will be bringing the request to Superintendent James and then to the Board of Education for approval.

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In Student Council, a freshmen orientation took place the last week of summer. The Council is planning upcoming events: Homecoming and Clubbing at Woodland. Freshmen class elections will be completed by September 14.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Summary of 2012 Summer Curriculum Work. (A. Einhorn)
Superintendent James stated that Ms. Andrea Einhorn would explain the summer curriculum work performed by teachers. She handed out a PowerPoint document and explained it in detail by each subject and the lead persons responsible for that subject.
2. Draft of 2012-2013 Curriculum Improvement Plan. (A. Einhorn)
Ms. Einhorn presented the seven most important CIP goals and distributed a detailed document explaining each. She will attend the September 26th Board meeting to explain the CIP targets.
3. CMT/CAPT Presentation. (A. Einhorn)
Ms. Einhorn distributed a PowerPoint document and explained the proficiency of each grade level.

Dr. Frank stated he was disappointed with CAPT scores this year. He said there are peaks and valleys, but he is encouraged that the 10th grade showed significant progress since 8th grade. The test scores still surpass the state numbers. He said that Science scores need to improve, and he is utilizing tutors for grades 9 & 10.

Ms. Jayne Lanphear explained that Long River Middle School did tremendously well on CMTs.

Mr. Joseph Nuzzo stated that Community School tested above the state standards and increased over four years of CMT.

Ms. Einhorn spoke for Ms. Murzak, who could not attend, and said Laurel Ledge School exceeded the state results in all areas and showed the largest increase in strand 3 and 4, which are the hardest concepts to understand.

Dr. Rima McGeehan stated that Algonquin School also showed higher results over the state standards, but she is setting goals over 90 percent in all areas.

Dr. Lynn Cox said there have been huge gains over the four year comparisons. She said that students with disabilities have increased in every area assessed. She is including special education teachers in the Readers & Writers Workshops.

4. WRHS Choral Program Fundraiser. (Sean Lewis)
Mr. Sean Lewis presented a fundraiser to be held at the Palace Theater with the a cappella group Pentatonics. The cost for the choral overseas trip is \$1600 per person, and there are 18 students signed up so far. He said this is the first tour for Pentatonics in coming to Connecticut, and they are looking for larger venues through their winter concert series. Pentatonics have had sold-out shows so far

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this year. Mr. Lewis is trying to book them for late February to early March 2013. He said selling 750 tickets would cover all costs. The group would also be coming to Woodland High School and work with the students prior to their performance. It will be a contract and cannot be cancelled once executed. Tickets prices will be between \$20 to \$45. There were questions and concerns from the Board for being liable if all the tickets are not sold.

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by William Fredericks to allow Sean Lewis to move forward with this fundraising endeavor at the Palace. Mr. Hiscox does not want to set a precedent on allowing a fundraiser where the district may be liable for costs not raised. Mr. Noujaim would like legal counsel to review the contract before signing.

VOTE: In Favor: William Fredericks, Wendy Oliveira, Priscilla Cretella, Sheryl Feducia, Donna Cullen. Opposed: Robert Hiscox, Nazih Noujaim, Robin Wright.

MOTION CARRIES by weighted vote **12-227**

B. Action Items

1. Second reading of policy 4112.5 (4212.5) *Security Check/Fingerprinting*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the second reading of policy 4112.5 *Security Check/Fingerprinting*.

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2. Second reading of revised policy 5113 *Attendance and Excuses*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Robin Wright to approve the second reading of revised policy 5113 *Attendance and Excuses*.

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3. Second reading of revised policy 5113.2 *Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the second reading of revised policy 5113.2 *Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy*.

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4. Second reading of revised regulation 5113.2 *Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Donna Cullen to approve the second reading of revised regulation 5113.2 *Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy*.

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5. First reading of revised policy 3510.1 *Energy Management Conservation*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the first reading of revised policy 3510.1 *Energy Management Conservation*.

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6. First reading of revised regulation 3510.1 *Energy Management Conservation*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the first reading of revised regulation 3510.1 *Energy Management Conservation*.

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7. First reading of policy 6172.6 *Virtual/Online Courses*.
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the first reading of policy 6172.6 *Virtual/Online Courses*, with one edit.
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8. First reading of policy 3513.2 *Waste Management, Resource Conservation, and Recycling*.
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the first reading of policy 3513.2 *Waste Management, Resource Conservation, and Recycling*. **ALL IN FAVOR** **12-235**
9. First reading of regulation 3513.2 *Waste Management, Resource Conservation, and Recycling*.
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the first reading of regulation 3513.2 *Waste Management, Resource Conservation, and Recycling*. **ALL IN FAVOR** **12-236**
10. Act on teacher's request for a general leave beyond the allowable FMLA. (J. Pia)
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by William Fredericks to approve the request for a general leave beyond the allowable FMLA for Jennifer Pia. **ALL IN FAVOR** **12-237**
11. Act on update of job descriptions for custodian, head custodian, part-time custodian, and maintenance worker.
A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Robin Wright to approve the update of the job description for custodian.
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- A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to approve the update of the job description for head custodian.
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- A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the update of the job description for part-time custodian.
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- A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Sheryl Feducia to approve the update of the job description for maintenance worker.
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- C. Business Manager's Report
1. Expenditure report.
Superintendent James thanked Mr. Stowell for reports on the budget. He has made a standard template which will be used to go forward. Mr. Stowell will report on expenditures by key categories twice per month. Mr. Hiscox would like to see bonds and interest payment schedules at least once per month. The new Business Manager will start on October 29, 2012.

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Mr. Noujaim would like to save money next year on the bus routes. Mr. Noujaim would like to hire an outside vendor to investigate the bus routes. Mr. Stowell responded that the K-5 enrollment is the driving force on the bus volume. There was discussion concerning the buses. Chair Cretella wants to be proactive in checking for students that do not live in the district attending schools.

D. Old Business

E. New Business

Mr. James said that the CABE/CAPSS convention is November 16-17, 2012. He would like the Board to consider a retreat. A date of November 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. was agreed upon with a location to follow.

F. Information Items (discussion with possible action)

XII. 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

Mr. Noujaim stated Mr. Bartmess is working on the PowerSchool transition and will discuss with the Board in the near future.

7. Recognition Committee
Letters were signed tonight.
8. Liaisons

a. Schools

Algonquin transition is going well. We still need an ACES representative.

- b. Wellness Committee
- c. Professional Development Committee
- d. Prevention Task Force

Superintendent James has a meeting scheduled for September 27 at Long River at 6 p.m. There will be a cyber lifestyle presentation on October 11, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at WRHS.

e. Curriculum Council

Andrea Einhorn is heading up monthly meetings which include a staff member from each Region 16 school.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Wendy Oliveira to adjourn the September 12, 2012, Board of Education meeting at 10:02 p.m.

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Susan Vaill, Board Clerk*