

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
**Budget Workshop**  
**February 17, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

		<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	David Rybinski	.7
	Christine Arnold	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Daisy Laone	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools  
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations  
Matt Brennan, Director of Technology  
Barbara Peck, Curriculum Director  
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS  
Michelle Meyers, Asst. Principal LRMS  
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES  
Regina Murzak, Principal Laurel Ledge School  
Jeff Haddad, Asst. Principal PES  
Dana Mulligan, Asst. Principal WRHS

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sheryl Feducia at 7:04 p.m. in the Media Center at Long River Middle School, Prospect, CT.

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

**III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

A roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

**IV. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to conduct a budget workshop on the proposed 2016-2017 school budget regarding to the following areas:

- Regional/Local Control

Mr. Yamin presented a PowerPoint on the proposed 2016-2017 budget. The PowerPoint reflected a new budget recommendation by the Superintendent of a -.04% decrease compared to the current year's budget. Mr. Yamin provided Board members with copies of

a draft list of repair/maintenance items. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted our budget history, the scorecard, class sizes, and per pupil expenditures.

- Staffing

All administrators were asked if they were confident in having what they need for the following school year. Administrators answered individually and collectively all were confident with their projections, although it is still early. Administrators also shared some hopes for the future budgets. Athletics were part of the discussion in terms of staff and supplies.

Mr. Hiscox asked administrators for feedback in regards to safety and security. A brief discussion took place regarding some security suggestions such as the completion of a sally port at Laurel Ledge (in process) and some issues with locks on doors at WRHS. Lastly, a brief discussion about Professional Development ensued where administrators voiced the opinions that teachers have shared regarding specific types of opportunities.

- Benefits/Insurance

Mrs. Mangini updated the Board with the renewal from Anthem. Mrs. Mangini also reported a 0% increase for Worker's Compensation. Mrs. Mangini explained that LAP insurance wanted to increase the deductible and were looking for a higher percent of interest, which would have been unacceptable. The resolution was that they will keep the deductible with a 10% increase. Lastly, Mrs. Mangini spoke about debt and called attention to a couple of different areas. She reported that future debt will increase and explained those specifics. Mrs. Mangini will provide the Board with a future debt schedule for further discussion.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to adjourn the February 17, 2016, Special Board of Education Meeting/Budget Workshop at 8:33 p.m.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 7.3)

**16-022**

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board Approval,  
Kelly Blum, Board Clerk*