

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
March 23, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	David Rybinski	.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
Barbara Peck, Curriculum Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Long River Middle School, Prospect, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

A roll was taken and a quorum was present.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to add the following two Action Items to the Agenda:

1. Act on approval of 2016-2017 proposed school budget.
2. Act of approval to authorize funds for budget mailing/signage.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **16-045**

A brief discussion regarding the budget then took place. Mr. Yamin presented the modified proposed budget which included modifications after the workshops took place. Mr. Yamin recommends the 0% increase to keep the budget flat.

Ms. Cretella voiced her disappointment that world language is not currently in the elementary levels. Mr. Yamin stated that he could put a committee together that would look at research and begin the process of possibly incorporating it in the future.

Ms. Laone recommended that it can start as afterschool enrichment, which Mr. Yamin agreed with and stated that it would not change the budget. Mr. Hiscox stated that he is looking for more science to be incorporated in the elementary schools. He also asked that the custodial staff at PES be re-evaluated to be sure the building can be appropriately maintained.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 9, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016 Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

16-046

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Cummings, resident of Beacon Falls, thanked the Board and Mrs. Peck for clarifying some information and answering some questions he had. Mr. Cummings clarified some of his comments from the last meeting. For example, his questions about kindergarten teachers at the last meeting were in regards to the non-renewal and the impact that would have. Also, Mr. Cummings clarified that the question of having extra busses was also for activities during the school year, and he would like to consider adding that for next year.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly meeting schedule was emailed to Board members.
2. District Office building project update was included in the Board packet. It was noted the Certificate of Occupancy was obtained, excavation will start and contractors will be met with for punch list items. Mr. Ceresa will be moving in April 4th.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 3/23/16:	\$7,053,213.16
Tonight's invoices total:	\$1,112,372.95
General Fund:	\$787,253.71
Federal and State Grants:	\$41,053.30
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$2,409.26
School Construction Payments:	\$281,656.68
Balance of School Construction Project:	\$1,996,484.09

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Anna Witkowski, Donovan White)

Miss Witkowski shared the report with the Board highlighting some important information regarding the Departments at WRHS, Clubs, and Student Council.

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Honor Roll criteria recommendation (B. Peck)

Ms. Peck presented information regarding the alignment of criteria for honor roll between Long River Middle School and Woodland Regional High School. After meeting as a committee, the following recommendations are being suggested:

- a. Both schools use the two-tier WRHS criteria for honor roll determination
- b. Continue to use all courses as the determination of the student average
- c. Initiate discussion to consider moving from standards based report card in Grade 5 to numerical grades or a combination of the two.

Also, High honors grade will move from a minimum of 92% to 93%. Honors range will move from 85- 92% rather than the previous 91%.

2. BOE Retreat

Mr. Yamin asked that members review the information beforehand for cohesiveness and alignment that will be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday night.

AT THIS POINT THE VOTES FROM THE DISRICT MEETING WERE READ:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beacon Falls	12	17	29
Prospect	246	9	255
TOTAL	258	26	284

B. Action Items

1. Set graduation date for Woodland Regional High School for Class of 2016

Mr. Yamin recommended the graduation date be set for Thursday June 16, 2016.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to set the date for WRHS graduation for Class of 2016 as Thursday, June 16, 2016.

ALL IN FAVOR, except Priscilla Cretella, WHO OPPOSED

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-047

2. Act on approval of 2016-2017 proposed school budget.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to approve the proposed budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$40,532,348 and to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$179,982 from the unreserved fund balance for Fiscal Year 2015 to the reserve fund for capital and non-recurring expenditures, and to present at a public hearing.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

16-048

3. Act on approval to authorize funds not to exceed \$2,000 to be used for budget mailing and signage.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to authorize funds not to exceed \$2,000 to be used for budget mailing and signage.
(Reminder: Recent changes in state statute allow the District to continue using sandwich signs but we are not allowed to advertise the budget in any electronic means to the public). **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 8.0) **16-049**

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

1. March 30th Public Hearing will be held at LRMS at 7:00 p.m.

D. Old Business

1. Camp Invention will still be happening and they will be paying a fee for the use of the facility. Enrollment is in the works.
2. Ms. Cretella suggested a survey be done to see if there is a need for additional buses on any other day besides Thursday. This survey would need to determine the use of the bus. Mr. Yamin will look into this to see if it will require additional costs and will get the survey out.
3. Ms. Arnold brought up a possible lack of communication from LRMS regarding 5th grade orientation.

E. New Business (with possible action)

1. Best Buddies request for prom donation.
A brief discussion took place regarding this Senior Project by Paige Brown.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to donate \$500 to the Best Buddies program.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **16-050**

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings.

Dedication Ceremony/Opening of District Office is to be determined.

G. Information Items (with possible action)

1. LLES painting of ceiling in gym
The price and company was agreed upon and the work will take place in the summer.
2. Orations
The information was included in the Board packet as an FYI. This project will be incorporating skills for 21st century learners.

H. Enrollment (Ex. II)

Included in Board packet

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
Hopefully at the next Board meeting there will be a recommendation for LRMS principal followed by looking for an Assistant Director for Special Education.
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee

- Rose Tiso & Co. LLC will be doing the stamped drawings by April 11th and then it will go out to bid.
3. Curriculum Committee
 4. Policy Committee
May 11th at 6:00 (WRHS).
 5. Public Communications
Dedication Ceremony date TBD.
 6. Technology Committee
Update April 27th at 6:15p.m. (LRMS).
 7. Recognition Committee
Two paraprofessionals and administrative assistants were recognized.
 8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
PES Dare graduation will be April 4th and there will be a PTO meeting that same day. NEASC presentation will be April 3rd which is on a Sunday at WRHS.
Daisy, Priscilla, Christine and Sheryl will be in attendance.
 - b. Wellness Committee
 - c. Professional Development Committee
 - d. 2COM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to adjourn the March 23, 2016, Board of Education meeting at 8:03 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

16-051

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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