

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
April 13, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Victoria Biello, Director of School Nutrition
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
Pamela Mangini, Dir. Of Finance and Business Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sheryl Feducia at 7:04 p.m.in the Media Center at Woodland Regional High School, Beacon Falls, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

A roll was taken. A quorum was present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 22, 2016, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016, Special Board of Education Meeting. (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-057**

Minutes of March 23, 2016, District Meeting (Ex. II)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016, District Meeting. (Ex. II)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-058**

Minutes of March 23, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. III)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. III).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

Clarification (on Motion # 16-050 re donation to Best Buddies) was given to ensure that the Board's donation would go towards the Best Buddies Prom and would not be to support a student's senior project.

Minutes of March 29, 2016, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. IV)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of March 29, 2016, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. IV).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-059**

Minutes of March 30, 2016, District Meeting (Ex. V)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2016, District Meeting. (Ex. V)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-060**

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy to add the following Action Items to the Agenda: "Act to accept teacher resignation".

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-061**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer's Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 04/13/16: \$4,995,313.55

Tonight's invoices total: \$857,731.22

General Fund: 671,101.30

Federal and State Grants: 1,025.00

Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund: 783.40

School Construction Payments: 184,821.52

Balance of School Construction Project: \$1,716,182.25

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

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

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Kudos to Matt Cunningham for completion of OCR Facilities Report, while preparing for NEASC visit and maintaining work responsibilities.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Update

1. NEASC visit update

Kurt Ogren, Principal at WRHS, reported on the progress of the NEASC report. Kurt explained about the process the high school went through over the past four years.

Kurt then spoke to the process of the NEASC report beginning with Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday April 6. No report is given at the time. Final report will be given in 90 days.

Michael Yamin commented that once recommendations and commendations are given, the process will take years to complete.

B. Action Items

1. Act on Healthy Food Certification Adoption for 2016-2017. (ED- 099)

Victoria Biello asked for the Board to approve the Health Food Certification Adoption for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Biello discussed that funding will be cut \$1200 for the upcoming school year.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the Healthy Food Certification Adoption for the 2016-2017 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-062**

2. Act to hire of Principal for LRMS for 2016-2017

A MOTION was made by Sheryl Feducia and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to appoint David Muharem as the Principal of Long River Middle School, starting with the 2016-2017 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR, except Priscilla Cretella, WHO ABSTAINED

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 5.3) **16-063**

3. Act to approve proposed budget of \$40,532,348 (0% increase) for fiscal year 2016-2017, and paper ballot method of voting at Annual District Meeting on May 2, 2016.

A brief discussion regarding the addition of world language at the elementary levels took place. Ms. Cretella initiated the discussion. Mr. Yamin briefly discussed that adding a program such as Rosetta Stone, to the elementary levels could be possible if an instructional aide was hired in lieu of a language teacher. Mr. Yamin also added that a discussion with the union must occur before any decision can be made. Ms. Laone recommended that we can start a language program as an enrichment program.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the \$40,532,348 budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

IN FAVOR: Christine Arnold, Sheryl Feducia, Roxann Vaillancourt, and Nazih Noujaim; **OPPOSED:** Priscilla Cretella; **ABSTAINED:** Daisy Laone.

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 4.0) **16-064**

4. Act to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$179,982 from the unreserved fund balance for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures through a paper ballot vote at the Annual District Meeting.

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ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-065**

5. Accept notice of retirement from teacher. (J.Pugliese)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the letter of retirement of Janice Pugliese, Library Media Specialist at WRHS, effective June 30, 2016.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-066**

6. Act to non-renew teacher's contract for 2016-2017, due to reduction in force (RIF). (K.Morris)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED Priscilla Cretella to approve to non-renew the employment contract of Kerri Morris, .5 FTE Music teacher at LRMS, for the 2016-2017 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-067**

7. Act on teacher's request for an extended child-rearing leave in the 2016-17 school year. (L. LaPrade)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED Nazih Noujaim to approve to extended child-rearing leave for Lindsay LaPrade, Speech teacher at PES, until November 1, 2016.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-068**

8. Act to approve revised job descriptions (Literacy Specialist & TAG Teacher).

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED Daisy Laone to approve the revised job description for Literacy Specialist.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **16-069**

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED Priscilla Cretella to approve the revised job description for Teacher of the Academically Gifted.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

16-070

9. Act to accept the letter of resignation from teacher. (F. Mimo)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to accept the letter of resignation of Florida Mimo, WRHS Foreign Language Teacher, effective June 30, 2016.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

16-071

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini shared the state cuts in the ECS funding. Beacon Falls will approximately suffer a \$168,128 cut. Prospect will approximately suffer a \$255,624 cut. A brief discussion regarding the state budget cuts took place. All Board members agreed that state cuts are something they should be concerned about.

D. Old Business

1. LRMS late bus update.

Mr. Yamin briefly discussed the logistics of supplying a late bus to both the high school and the middle school. Mr. Yamin reported a survey was sent out to middle school parents, in which 57% agreed that there is a need for an additional late bus. The Superintendent suggested a trial period for a late bus, and both Mr. Noujaim and Ms. Cretella agreed. A trial period of adding a late bus on Tuesdays for the middle school will take place during the month of May.

E. New Business

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

1. BOE retreat information & District Strategic Plan.

Mr. Yamin added that a video will be sent out to all the board members.

2. Superintendent's contract and evaluation

Mr. Yamin stated that this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Dedication of new District Office.

It was agreed that the dedication ceremony will take place on June 18, 2016.

G. Information Items

1. Informal certificate of occupancy for new District Office, 30 Coer Road, Prospect.

Item was acknowledged by Board members.

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee

- a. Department Heard arbitration dates are being set.

Negotiations are in the process. Will be notified by email or over the phone.

- b. Select date(s) for Assistant Director of Special Education Interview (s).

Screening date is set for May 4 at 6:30. Interviews will begin May 12.

2. Facilities and Transportation Committee
3. Curriculum Committee
4. Policy Committee : May 11th at 5:30 (WRHS)
5. Public Communications: June 18th, 10:00 a.m. Dedication of District Office
6. Technology Committee: April 27th at 6:15 (LRMS)
7. Recognition Committee
 - National Volunteer Week this week.
 - On May 26th, an event will be hosted at WRHS to recognize students that have interned this school year.
8. Liaisons
9. a. Schools
 - PES had DARE Graduation and Science Fair this week. WRHS hosted several events last week such as *Our Town* and Fine Arts Night.
- b. Wellness Committee.
- c. Professional Development Committee
- d. 2COM: Meeting April 7th 1:00pm at WRHS
 - Mr. Yamin shared that the Kindness Campaign, formerly known as Rachel's Challenge, is still going strong at WRHS. Kurt Ogren, Principal at WRHS, acts as the liaison for the program.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to adjourn the April 13, 2016, Board of Education meeting at 8:11 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

16-072

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board approval
Submitted by Laura Marvin, Substitute Board Clerk*