

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
August 17, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
 Barbara Peck, Curriculum Director
 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 7:03 p.m. at District Office, Prospect, 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 June 22, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the minutes of June 22, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I) with the following correction: Item F should read, “the possible reinstatement of an additional late bus at LRMS”.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **16-152**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina DiRubba, resident of Beacon Falls requested that the Board look at a case regarding her daughter. Mr. Yamin will forward her request to the Board members.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of appreciation from American Heart Assoc. re: Jump Rope for Heart at PES.
2. Letter to Mayor Chatfield & First Selectman Bielik re: 2016-2017 payment schedule.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer’s Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 08/17/16:	\$7,388,029.41
Tonight’s invoices total:	\$1,933,909.30
General Fund:	\$1,831,230.39
Federal and State Grants:	\$36,269.40
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$0.00
School Construction Payments:	\$66,409.51
Balance of School Construction Project:	\$275,523.28

IX. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Retirees will be honored at the 9/14/2016 Board meeting.

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Update

Briefly, Mr. Yamin spoke about the recent Administrative Retreat and reported everything went well. The Welcome Back breakfast will be held on August 24, 2016 at PES. Mr. Yamin also reported that letters were sent to parents regarding the roadwork near Laurel Ledge in order to keep them updated.

1. Update on 2015-2016 field trips.
The forms were included in the packet. A brief discussion ensued regarding equity between schools and trips. There was concern that some field trips didn’t line up. Ms. Peck will discuss and clarify with principals regarding what grades go where. Concern was also brought up regarding the amount of days students miss school due to field trips.
2. Update on 2016-2016 facilities use.
The chart was included in the packet. One discrepancy was questioned. Mrs. Mangini will double check to see if it was an error.
3. List of stipend positions in Region 16.
Included in packet.
4. Update on 2016 facilities projects.
Included in packet. Just about everything is done.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to add Action Item 8 to the agenda, act to approve WRHS to go to the ESPN sports complex in Orlando, Florida. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 7.3) **16-153**

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to add Action Item 9 to the agenda, act to hire Rachel Ryan.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-154

B. Action Items

1. Act to hire new certified staff for 2016-2017 (Michael Giordano, Felisha Nunes, Daniela Giampetruzzi, Chaya Miller, & Karey Stingo)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to hire Michael Giordano as a 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at WRHS, at BA, Step 2, \$46,582.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-155

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to hire Felisha Nunes as a 1.0 FTE Spanish Teacher at WRHS, at MA, Step 2, \$48,534.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-156

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to hire Daniela Giampetruzzi as a 1.0 FTE Literacy Specialist at PES, at 6th year+15, Step 12, \$77,058.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-157

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to hire Chaya Miller as a 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist at LLES, at MA+15, Step 3, \$50,386.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-158

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to hire Karey Stingo as a 1.0 FTE Literacy Specialist at LRMS, at MA, Step 12, \$69,738.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-159

2. Act to accept teacher's letter of retirement. (Jean Dubauskas)

A MOTION was made, with appreciation, by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to accept Jean Dubauskas' letter of retirement.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-160

3. Act to accept teachers' letter of resignation. (Joy Drakonakis and Chelsea Schmidt)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to accept Joy Drakonakis' letter of resignation, as a part-time English teacher at WRHS.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-161

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to accept Chelsea Schmidt's letter of resignation, as a 5th grade classroom teacher at PES.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-162

4. Act to approve LRMS kitchen/health compliance renovation project.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve LRMS kitchen/health compliance renovation project.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-163

5. Act to accept State Project #216-0027, Laurel Ledge Elementary School, as complete, based on recommendation by the District Building Committee.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to accept State Project #216-0027, Laurel Ledge Elementary School, as complete, based on recommendation by the District Building Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-164

6. Act to accept State Project #216-0026, PreK-5 Elementary School name Prospect Elementary School, as complete, based on recommendation by the District Building Committee.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to accept State Project #216-0026, Prospect Elementary School, as complete, based on recommendation by the District Building Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-165

7. Act to approve landscaping quote for District Office.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the landscaping quote for District Office.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-166

8. Act to approve WRHS Softball to attend field trip to ESPN Sports complex in Orlando, Florida.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the WRHS Softball team to attend field trip to ESPN sports complex in Orlando, Florida; no fundraising for the trip to be conducted during the school day.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-167

9. Act to hire Rachel Ryan.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to hire Rachel Ryan as a 1.0 FTE TAG Teacher at LRMS/PES/LLES, at MA, Step 12, \$69,738.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

16-168

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini shared her report with the Board highlighting the updates with AESOP and ALIO. Mrs. Mangini also reviewed CIRMA. It was reported that site acquisition costs would be included for reimbursement in the PES project.

D. Old Business

The possible additional late bus for LRMS was further discussed. It was decided that the late bus will begin on September 12th and will run for 6 weeks so that its use can be monitored to determine if it is worth running regularly.

E. New Business (with possible action)

Mr. Noujaim suggested a BBQ be held to thank the Building Committee members for their time and dedication throughout the years. It will be held on September 6, 2016, at District Office 6:00 p.m.

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

Ms. Arnold requested an update on Khan Academy for the next meeting.

G. Information Items

FYI- copy of email re presentation on bullying/cyberbullying- Ryan's story (has been previewed).

XI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee:
Some contracts are coming due and some job descriptions will be revised.
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee
Bussing routes are online.
3. Curriculum Committee
4. Policy Committee
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee:
Meeting held this evening.
7. Recognition Committee
8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - b. Wellness Committee
 - c. Professional Development Committee
 - d. 2COM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to adjourn the August 17, 2016, Board of Education Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote total 7.3)

16-169

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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