

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 11, 2017**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	David Rybinski	.7
	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	Priscilla Cretella (<i>arrived at 7:08 p.m.</i>)	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Daisy Laone	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt (<i>arrived at 7:04 p.m.</i>)	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Barbara Peck, Curriculum Director
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Shelly McNulty, Director of SPED/Pupil Personnel Svcs.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Chair Sheryl Feducia at 7:00 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 December 14, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by David Rybinski to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-007**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wanda Mulinski of Beacon Falls attended tonight's meeting to alert the Board that she discovered many visitors were having difficulty finding their way around WRHS and that signage could be improved.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers for After-School World Language & After-School STEM.
CSDE Educator Certification Compliance Report.
Commissioner of Education letter to Lisa Olivere, 2017 TOY semifinalist.
Thank you note for sympathy expressed to Biello family.

Roxann Vaillancourt arrived at 7:04 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to add Action Item #3 to the agenda: Maintain a balance of \$255,000.00 in non-recurring account and allocate the balance of approximately \$360,000.00 to the capital improvement plan for the items identified in the BOE approved capital improvement and other BOE capital items.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **17-008**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to add Action Item #4 to the Agenda; dissolve the WRHS Roof Building Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **17-009**

Priscilla Cretella arrived at 7:08 p.m.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer’s Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 1/11/17:	\$7,176,406.31
Tonight’s invoices total:	\$875,406.52
General Fund:	\$869,937.10
Federal and State Grants:	\$4,126.40
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$1,343.02
School Construction Payments:	\$0.00
 Balance of School Construction Project:	 \$244,435.77

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT (Anna Witkowski, Abigail Meliso)

Ms. Witkowski shared a report with the Board highlighting notable students, clubs, and Student Government.

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Exxon-Mobil Educational Alliance Program \$500 donation to LRMS.
Mr. Yamin also recognized the accomplishments of the girls’ swimming and diving team.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Update

1. Building Committee Update

Mr. Yamin updated the Board with specifics regarding the WRHS Roof Building

- Committee. The report on the roof was reviewed, and it is in good shape with minimal repairs needed at this time. Accordingly, the Committee held their third and final meeting, and it was recommended that the Committee dissolve.
2. Update on Long River Middle School schedule and programmatic changes.
Mr. Muharem will be presenting regarding the proposed changes at the next BOE meeting.
 3. Bussing Contract Update
Ms. McNulty spoke to the Board regarding her findings. It was noted that all other districts follow the same procedure when delays affect students who attend alternative schools. The policy has been in place for at least 20 years. When a delay is called, the main priority is the condition of the back roads and if they are safe to travel. When students do arrive staff are available for supervision and custodians would have already cleared any sidewalks. If additional busses were used, it would cost the District \$50,000 per bus and 6 busses would be needed. If there were an emergency in the building 911 would be contacted immediately.
 4. Initial Budget Update
Mrs. Mangini spoke to the Board on the Initial Budget as a look ahead as what's to come. Mrs. Mangini reviewed specifics of the 2017-2018 budget and highlighted some areas of increase. Mrs. Mangini also highlighted some areas to look for reductions. Topics covered were debt, contract increases, revenue concerns and anticipated increases.
 5. New Elementary school reading program update - *Wonders K-2*
Mrs. Peck provided the Board with a survey given to teachers regarding *Wonders K-2*. Ms. Peck reviewed the findings which were overall positive. This program was stated to have yielded great results; it is rigorous, provides structure and strategies, and many kids were able to meet grade level standards. Generally teachers are happy with the program and will become more comfortable with the materials as time goes on. One area of concern was discussed regarding the possible need for additional Professional Development.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve disbursement allocation from non-recurring capital account.
This item was removed from the agenda.
2. Act to approve UPSEU contract.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to approve the UPSEU contract for the period 7/1/17 – 6/30/20.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

17-010

3. Act to maintain a balance of \$255,000.00 in non-recurring account and allocate the balance of approximately \$360,000.00 to the capital improvement plan for the items identified in the BOE approved capital improvement and other BOE capital items.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to maintain a balance of \$255,000.00 in non-recurring account and allocate the balance of approximately \$360,000.00 to the capital improvement plan for the items identified in the BOE approved capital improvement and other BOE capital items.

MOTION PASSES - *Priscilla Cretella opposed* (weighted vote totals 7.3)

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Discussion: Ms. Cretella would like to see if it would be beneficial to do all three floors of air conditioning at WRHS at once rather than to do it over a three-year period. Mr. Yamin will look into it.

4. Act to dissolve the WRHS Roof Building Committee.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to dissolve the WRHS Roof Building Committee

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

17-012

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini briefly reviewed her report indicating that locking into the consortium ended up being a great decision. The audit was submitted timely and the auditors will be at the next meeting to present.

D. Old Business

E. New Business

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

G. Information Items

1. Data on honor roll for middle school and high school.
2. Professional Development on new laws regarding Alternative Education.
The above mentioned items were discussed briefly and information was provided online for the Board to review.
3. Open registration for kindergarten will begin January 23rd-27th.
4. College Board accounts lined to Khan Academy.
5. February 1st the new website will be completed.

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **1/11/17 meeting at 6:15 p.m., WRHS**
3. Curriculum Committee: **1/25/17 meeting at 6:00 p.m., LRMS**
4. Policy Committee
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee: **Meeting will be moved to March**
7. Recognition Committee
8. Liaisons

- a. Schools
- b. Wellness Committee
- c. Professional Development Committee: **Meets 4th Monday of each month, at District Office, 3:30 p.m.**
- d. 2COM: **Meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. at WRHS.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to adjourn the January 11, 2017, Board of Education Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote total 8.0)

17-013

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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