

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 25, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	David Rybinski	.7
	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.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
 Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
 Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
 Dana Mulligan, Assistant Principal WRHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sheryl Feducia at 7:06 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 was taken. A quorum was present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 4, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Daisy Laone and SECONDED by David Rybinski to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-014**

Minutes of January 4, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II)

A MOTION was made by Daisy Laone and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-015**

Minutes of January 11, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. III)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the minutes of January 11, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. III).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-016**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to add Action Item 2: Act to approve a pilot course in Social Studies as an elective for grades 10-12 at WRHS “Student Government and Leadership”.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-017**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by David Rybinski to add Action Item 3: Act to approve changes to senior English concentration at WRHS as a pilot which allows students in grades 10-12 to enroll in the course with the understanding that students are required to take English as a required course over 4 years.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-018**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Day on the Hill- Information sent to Board.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer’s Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 1/25/17: \$7,508,783.33

Tonight’s invoices total: \$476,613.94

General Fund: \$475,149.79

Federal and State Grants: \$1,180.00

Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund: \$284.15

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

Michael Magas and Girls’ Swim and Dive Team - Sportsmanship Award

Katelyn Minutillo- accepted into Syracuse’s Newhouse School of Journalism Program

Noelle Guerrero- named National Distinguished Student Leader by National Association of Student Councils

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Update

1. Update on Long River Middle School new proposed schedule, curriculum.
Mr. Muharem delivered a comprehensive PowerPoint in which he outlined the Vision, Goals, Process, Current Problems/Issues and proposed changes in terms of the schedule and course offerings at LRMS. Following the presentation Mr. Muharem fielded questions from Board members and provided clarification. There was no action required, however, it was noted that all Board members support the proposed changes.
2. Update 2015-2016 Audit
Mrs. Mangini welcomed representatives Keith Sullivan and Mandy Allen of Zackin Zimycki Sullivan. Both representatives presented in regards to the recent audit. Mr. Sullivan briefly discussed the Services and Audit Results while Ms. Allen provided the Board with a Review of the Financial Statements.

B. Action Items

1. Act on approval of audit for 2015-2016 school year.

A MOTION was made by Daisy Laone and SECONDED by David Rybinski to approve the 2015-2016 school year audit.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

17-019

2. Act to approve a pilot course in Social Studies as an elective for grades 10-12 at WRHS “Student Government and Leadership”.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve a pilot course in Social Studies as an elective for grades 10-12 at WRHS “Student Government and Leadership”.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

17-020

3. Act to approve changes to senior English concentration at WRHS as a pilot which allows students in grades 10-12 to enroll in the course with the understanding that students are required to take English as a required course over 4 years.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve changes to senior English concentration at WRHS as a pilot which allows students in grades 10-12 to enroll in the course with an understanding that students are required to take English as a required course over 4 years.

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17-021

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini briefly reviewed the following: a successful meeting with area business officials, improvement of the process with bank reconciliations and tightening up of data entry as well as the continuation of the development of the 2017-2018 budget.

D. Old Business (with possible action)

1. Update resources and *Wonders K-2*.
2. Update science labs at elementary level and music program at WRHS - March BOE meeting.

It was noted that Camp Invention will be coming in agreement with current room rates.

E. New Business

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

1. LRMS concerns- will have a dialogue.
2. Mr. Hiscox would like to have a discussion about pre-requisites; Mr. Ogren stated that has already started.
3. Ms. Cretella would like information regarding the numbers for breakfast at the high school and middle school. She would also like to finalize the honor roll and confirm that it is set for next year.

G. Information Items

1. State Representative Lezlye Zupkus- Women's History Essay Contest- LRMS is participating.

H. Enrollment (Ex. IV)

Included in Board documents.

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee: **Post in February: Director of Curriculum position; Committee meeting March 22, 2017, LRMS**
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee
3. Curriculum Committee: **January 25, 2017 met at 6:00 p.m., LRMS**
4. Policy Committee: **May 10, 2017 meeting, WRHS- may be moved sooner.**
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee: **March 8, 2017 meeting, WRHS**
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: **Minutes of November 3, 2016 and January 12, 2017 meeting uploaded.**

Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment will be available at the February 2, 2017 meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to adjourn the January 25, 2017, Board of Education Meeting at 8:43 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote total 8.0)

17-022

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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