

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 8, 2017**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	David Rybinski (<i>arrived at 7:07 p.m.</i>)	.7
	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	Priscilla Cretella (<i>arrived at 7:09 p.m.</i>)	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Daisy Laone	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Barbara Peck, Curriculum Director
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Regina Murzak, Principal LLES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sheryl Feducia at 7:02 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 January 25, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

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V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Liz Untiet, resident of Prospect, had previously come to a meeting seeking answers regarding out of district students being bussed during inclement weather. Ms. Untiet provided the Board with her proposal to change the current arrangement.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to Mayor Chatfield and First Selectman Bielik re: 2015-16 Audit.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer’s Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 2/8/17:	\$5,739,227.94
Tonight’s invoices total:	\$2,501,778.48
General Fund:	\$2,461,986.64
Federal and State Grants:	\$38,817.99
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$973.85
School Construction Payments:	\$0.00
Balance of School Construction Project:	\$244,477.29

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

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

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Sophie Greber, grade 5 LLES, recognized at CAS Elementary Arts Banquet for art work. Ethan Valentino, grade 5 LLES, recognized at CAS Elementary Arts Banquet for music ability.

Both students were introduced by Principal Murzak and exhibited their talents to the Board.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Before beginning his report Superintendent Yamin briefly updated the Board regarding Day on the Hill, the three-year plan to improve the Special Education Department and their services, and Mr. Muharem’s Principal letter.

A. Superintendent’s Update

1. Enrollment in after-school World Language Program - 1st and 2nd semesters
Mr. Yamin reported that the program is full and has been going well. It will be monitored to continue to increase opportunities.
2. Breakfast student count WRHS & LRMS (15-16 & 16-17)
These numbers were provided to the Board; the program is valued and will continue to run.
3. LRMS update BOE concerns with new recommended schedule & course program changes.
Mr. Yamin addressed the concerns that came up after last meeting’s presentation. All concerns were addressed and clarified. Mr. Hiscox also brought up his concern that geography will be lost in the process, but Ms. Peck assured him that it would be

embedded throughout other curriculums.

Mr. Yamin took an opportunity after his update to show the Board the new District website.

B. Action Items

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini briefly reviewed the following: submission of the final security grant report and reimbursement; the review on final state reports on the building project; continued work on the 17-18 budget proposal; and the development of the computer lease as budgeted in the current operating budget.

D. Old Business (with possible action)

1. Update science labs at elementary level and music program at WRHS - March meeting
2. Review honor roll WRHS- May BOE meeting.

E. New Business

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

G. Information Items

1. Curriculum Program & Assessment Development Plan
2. Three-year history costs for summer curriculum writing; subjects addressed (14-15; 15-16; 16-17)
3. Update resources and *Wonders K-2*

All above information is posted online and was included in the Board's packet.

Mr. Hiscox wanted to know if current labs are being used. Mr. Yamin stated that he observed labs in practice and Student Representative Anna Witkowski also confirmed using the labs.

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
4. Policy Committee: **May 10, 2017 meeting, WRHS- may be moved sooner.**
5. Public Communications LRMS brochure **New Schedule Courses Program, May 31st**
6. Technology Committee: **March 8, 2017 meeting, WRHS.**
7. Recognition Committee, sent out letters for counselors.
8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - b. Wellness Committee
 - c. Professional Development Committee: **Meets 4th Monday each month, District Office, 3:30 p.m.**
 - d. 2COM
9. Interdepartmental Safety Committee; **Meeting February 7, 2017, District Office, 9:00 a.m.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to adjourn the February 8, 2017, Board of Education Meeting at 8:02 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote total 6.7)

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Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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