

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 22, 2017**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	David Rybinski	.7
	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	Priscilla Cretella (<i>arrived at 7:11 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
 Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
 Dana Mulligan, Asst. Principal WRHS
 Brian Fell, Asst. Principal/Athletic Dir. WRHS
 Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
 Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
 Shelly McNulty, Director of SPED/Pupil Personnel
 Matthew Brennan, Technology Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sheryl Feducia at 7:00 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 February 8, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

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Priscilla Cretella arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Prior to the start of the regularly scheduled agenda, Mr. Yamin mentioned some talking points before going through his presentation of the Proposed Budget Recommendations for 2017-2018. Mr. Yamin noted that the budget process began in October, and there are currently seven meetings scheduled regarding the budget. Mr. Yamin referred to the budget as a working document and reminded the Board and the public that there are still some unknowns. Ultimately, the goal is to increase student performance. Mr. Yamin then presented his Budget Recommendations for 2017-2018 and highlighted the following:

Recent Budget History, District Goals, Budget Highlights, Additions, Key Requests not included in the Budget, Data, Internal and External Factors, Enrollment, Per Pupil Expenditure, Budget Overview and Analysis, Information regarding Personnel and Staffing, Cost Saving Initiatives and the Budget Scorecard. At the end of his presentation Mr. Yamin fielded some brief questions. Ms. Cretella wanted more information regarding the electricity breakdown, which will be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Hiscox requested costs associated with Key Requests not included in the Budget.

A brief recess was taken and the regular business began at 8:05 p.m.

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 2/22/17:	\$5,885,302.32
Tonight's invoices total:	\$876,577.69
General Fund:	\$869,543.13
Federal and State Grants:	\$0.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$7,034.56
School Construction Payments:	\$0.00

Balance of School Construction Project:	\$244,477.29
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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

Elio Gugliotti, of Citizens News for reporting on Region 16 news/events.

Mr. Gugliotti was presented with a certificate and thanks for his dedication to the Region.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Changes to the Assessment Calendar
Ms. Peck briefly explained the changes made indicating that she wanted to be sure that students were neither under or over assessed.
2. Math Task Force
Ms. Peck spoke to this topic and highlighted the results of the student and teacher surveys that were given. These results helped spotlight how students feel and will help inform what Professional Development needs there are.
3. Report Card Committee
Ms. Peck shared that the objective of report cards is to make sure that the language is parent friendly and understandable. For grade 5, the consensus is to include the M, P, I (Mastered, Progressing, Improvement) rating for the three marking periods and a % grade for each content area to transition students and parents to the secondary grading scale. There are two more upcoming meetings scheduled, and the Final Report to the BOE will be on April 26.

B. Action Items

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini briefly reviewed the Financial Status Report for January 2017.

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

H. Enrollment (Ex. II)

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: **April 5, 2017 meeting; Steve Martoni will be acting as Interim, and the hiring process to replace the Facilities Mgr. will begin in May.**
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

8. Liaisons

a. Schools

Mr. Noujaim commented that there will be internet safety sessions provided for the whole Region (students and parents). Mr. Yamin will put the information online and will send it to the Citizens News as well.

b. Wellness Committee

Anthem agreed to support the District in providing yoga sessions to employees as part of our continuing efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle.

c. Professional Development Committee: **Meets 4th Monday of each month,
at District Office, 3:30 p.m.**

d. 2COM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to adjourn the February 22, 2017, Board of Education Meeting at 8:36 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*