

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
March 1, 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
 Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
 Jennifer Stewart, Asst. Director of SPED/Pupil Services
 Shelly McNulty, Director of SPED & Pupil Services
 Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS

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. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Before discussing the following, Mr. Yamin spoke about the scorecard and called attention to the section where he added the key requests with total costs. Mr. Yamin does not recommend including those items in the budget. Ms. Arnold asked about the Math Interventionist, and Mr. Yamin stated that he would like to see how the Math Task Force works first. If anything, it would be added to the budget at the end.

- Regional/Local Control
 Ms. Mangini ensured that elementary schools are equal with respect to per pupil expenditure.

- Staffing
This topic will be tabled until March 8, 2017
- Benefits/Insurance
Currently out to bid, waiting for numbers to come back.
- Special Education
Ms. McNulty provided a presentation to the Board regarding the Special Education budget. Topics included the following: Trends (number of Special Education students), Tuition & Transportation, Budget History and the information from the DC Conference regarding reallocating resources, which led to a discussion of a shift in paraprofessional assignments (increasing part-time paras to full day or full time). Ms. McNulty also proposed the addition of a part-time Special Education secretary, the elimination of a part-time Reading Specialist, and the addition of a part-time (.5 FTE) School Counselor at LLES. The new data system for IEP's and 504 students was briefly discussed. Ms. McNulty would like to develop a Special Education Leadership Team, and she finished up her presentation with Special Education Established Goals.

Before the close of the meeting Mr. Hiscox requested the dollar amounts on budget additions.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by David Rybinski to adjourn the March 1, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote total 6.7)

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