

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 8, 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
 Matthew Brennan, Director of Technology
 Steve Martoni, Interim Dir. of Facilities and Maintenance

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The first hour of the meeting was dedicated to budget discussions. On tonight’s agenda were the following: Curriculum and Programs, Technology, Plant Operations/Maintenance & Capital Improvement Plan and Staffing. Mr. Yamin began with a review of last session. A list of budget additions along with associated costs was presented as well as the three-year budget and itemized comparisons. Algonquin & Community’s electricity bill vs. PES’ was also provided to Board members. Regarding the electricity bill, it was requested that the next report be broken down by dollar amount vs. kilowatt hours. The current scorecard was handed out reflecting an updated proposed budget of 2.15%.

- Curriculum and Programs - Mrs. Peck addressed the Board regarding this topic. She presented the Coherence Plan which is in sync with 21st Century Skills, return on investment, budget highlights, three-year expenditures, overall budget and WRHS AP & ECE offerings.
- Technology - Mr. Brennan went through a budget overview broken down into eight broad categories: connectivity, curriculum, hardware, contracting, technology infrastructure, educational infrastructure, security and training. The budget is up about 6%, which is mainly driven by an increase in security and curriculum.
- Plant Operations/Maintenance & Capital Improvement Plan - The projected budget has a \$90,000 increase due to utilities. Overall the maintenance budget is equalized. Generally, the Capital Improvement Plan is in good shape, and administrators will be compiling wish lists. Plowing and grounds will be followed up on at the next meeting.

- Staffing - Mr. Yamin provided the Board with a document labeled Budget Impact for Proposed Staffing Adjustments; this showed a savings of \$548,485.

A brief recess was taken before continuing on to the regular agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sheryl Feducia at 8:15 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.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to add an item to the agenda: Act to accept letter of retirement/resignation from Monica L. Jannetty.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-028**

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 22, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by David Rybinski to approve the minutes of February 22, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-029**

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 3/8/17:	\$6,419,306.91
Tonight’s invoices total:	\$761,049.92
General Fund:	\$751,743.67
Federal and State Grants:	\$5,753.86
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$3,552.39
Balance of School Construction Project:	\$244,515.80

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

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Grade 8 Capstone Project – tabled to next meeting.
2. Bus Contract

A new five-year agreement has been received by All Star Transportation that appears to be a competitive offer. This agreement will be reviewed by the Facilities Committee in April prior to bringing it to the full Board for approval.

3. DSP and Coherence Plan Update

Administrators are creating a theory of Action and School Improvement Plan for next year. They will also be creating new three-year plans over the summer.

4. Chromebook roll out

It is believed that the culture of the school is ready for the Chromebooks.

Over 300 permission forms were filled out online, and there will be a three-year roll-out plan with the Chromebooks.

B. Action Items

1. Act to waive the bid process on LRMS lockers, as the Board has already secured three quotes.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to waive the bid process on LRMS lockers, as the Board has already secured three quotes. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 8.0) **17-030**

2. Act to accept/award one of three quotes provided for LRMS lockers.

The three bids were from the following:

CNA - \$78,293

Coe & Brown - \$70,000

Construction Specialists - \$82,665

Mr. Yamin recommended to award the bid to CNA as they have previously worked with the District, and the price per locker was more competitive.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to award the LRMS locker bid to CNA for \$78,293.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

17-031

3. Act to accept the retirement/resignation of Monica L. Jannetty.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to accept the letter of retirement/resignation of Monica L. Jannetty, 5th grade teacher at Laurel Ledge Elementary School.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

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C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini briefly reviewed the following: the grounds bid opening took place; she will be attending a forum regarding Special Education predictability costs; she is currently finalizing the computer lease agreement that will be brought to the Board for approval.

- 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**

1. Holistic Approach to Improve Student Achievement and Personal Development. This will be to address cultural awareness; the programs are being made available through Title II funds.

F. **Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings**

1. Where geography falls in the LRMS curriculum

G. **Information Items**

1. Moody's Mega Math Challenge
Excellent reviews, long day but great success.
2. Education Committee Public Hearing re: Miscellaneous Education Bills
Included in Board Packet.

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, WRHS**
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: **Meeting this evening, at 6:15 p.m., WRHS Media Center**
7. Recognition Committee
Sent out letters for counselors.
8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - b. Wellness Committee
Moving forward with "Mindfulness Campaign".
 - c. Professional Development Committee: **Meets 4th Monday each month, District Office, 3:30 p.m.**
 - d. 2COM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to adjourn the March 8, 2017, Board of Education Meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote total 8.0)

17-033

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary