

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Special Board of Education Meeting
July 18, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Sheryl Feducia	.7
	Priscilla Cretella <i>arrived at 6:25 p.m.</i>	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance/Business Operations
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sheryl Feducia at 6:06 p.m. at the Region 16 District Office, 30 Coer Road, Prospect, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OR MEMBERS PRESENT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 28, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

Minutes of June 28, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting - Retreat (Ex. II)

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3) **17-127**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3) **17-128**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carla Onofrio, of Beacon Falls, spoke to the Board and inquired whether or not her daughter would be able to stay enrolled in Region 16 as a tuition student if her personal circumstances required her to move.

Priscilla Cretella arrived at 6:25 p.m.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter requesting tuition for enrollment

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer's Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 7/18/17:	\$3,337,865.21
Tonight's invoices total:	\$1,315,355.93
General Fund:	\$1,315,355.93
Federal and State Grants:	\$0.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$0.00

IX. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

Mr. Yamin first spoke about the school projects updating the Board on where each building stands. It was noted that there was an enrollment increase, grade size not building wide, at Laurel Ledge. Mr. Yamin also reported how well the District is doing regarding utilizing technology. The Parent/Student handbook and Faculty handbook will be available online starting 2017-2018, as well as PowerPoint presentations that teachers can access prior to the start of school.

1. Staffing

Currently only one full time teacher has been laid off due to RIF. It is anticipated that this teacher will be called back.

2. Facilities update

Currently resumes are being reviewed for the position of Director of Facilities; interviews will likely be held the first week of August.

B. Action Items

1. Second reading revised policy **6146** - *Graduation Requirements*

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the second reading revised policy **6146** - *Graduation Requirements*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

17-129

2. Act to accept letter of retirement. (Evelyn Giacomi)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to accept the letter of retirement from Evelyn Giacomi, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

17-130

3. Act to approve new certified hires for 2017-2018 school year. (Brittany Bertola, Aubrey Nolan, Alicia Ogren, and Gentiana Ukaj)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the hire of Brittany Bertola as a .5 FTE Guidance Counselor at LLES at MA+30, Step 3, \$25,594. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-131**

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the hire of Aubrey Nolan as a 1.0 FTE School Psychologist at PES at MA+30, Step 3, \$51,188. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-132**

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the hire of Alicia Ogren as a 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at PES at MA, Step 14, \$82,645. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-133**

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the hire of Gentiana Ukaj as a 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at WRHS at BA, Step 3, \$47,880. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-134**

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini stated that the 2017-2018 Payment Schedule went out to both towns and the first payment is due on July 21st. In addition, Mrs. Mangini reported that, based on recent quotes secured by the District's insurance broker for Workers' Compensation and LAP insurance, a new carrier was secured for July 1 resulting in a significant savings in excess of 30% for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

There was good news reported regarding health insurance. The Region was able to go to open market and is now working with Paragon Berkshire who were able to come in at 30% less, which resulted in a net savings of \$95,000.

D. Old Business

Job description for Head Custodian at the high school - not addressed.

E. New Business

1. Dress code for students- a brief conversation ensued about some concerns. Mr. Yamin recommended they be discussed at the next policy meeting which will be at the end of August.

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

1. SBAC and SAT test results- principals will present in September.

G. Information Items

XI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee **Administrator's Contract this year**
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee **Meeting 8/16/17, D.O., update on summer work**
3. Curriculum Committee: **Meeting 9/13/17, WRHS**

4. Policy Committee **will meet in August**
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee: **Meeting 9/2017**
7. Recognition Committee
8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - b. Wellness Committee

Mrs. Mangini stated that the health fairs have been scheduled and there will be one at each school.
 - c. Professional Development Committee: **Meets 4th Monday each month, District Office, 3:30 p.m.**
 - d. 2COM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to adjourn the July 18, 2017, Special Board of Education Meeting at 6:46 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

17-135

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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