

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Special Board of Education Meeting
September 20, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	
Christine Arnold	.7
Priscilla Cretella	.7
Sheryl Feducia	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	
Daisy Laone	1.3
Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3
Nazih Noujaim	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance/Business Operations
Matthew Brennan, Dir. of Technology
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
Regina Murzak, Principal LLES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Sheryl Feducia in the Media Center at WRHS, Beacon Falls, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

A roll was taken and a quorum was present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 16, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of August 16, 2017, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-145**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Yamin briefly referenced the following:

1. Letter to Senator Markley from Prospect parent.
2. Moratorium on hiring.
3. Elementary yearbooks.
4. Superintendent’s Open Forum.
5. Letters to Mayor Chatfield and First Selectman Bielik re support for LRMS.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the Treasurer’s Report:

Balance in General Fund as of 9/20/17:	\$7,692,867.34
Tonight’s invoices total:	\$1,197,015.94
General Fund:	\$1,186,447.00
Federal and State Grants:	\$9,699.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$869.94

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT (Anna Witkowski, Bayan Galal)

Tonight’s report was shared by Anna Witkowski.

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

The Board of Education hosted a small reception to honor the 2018 Teacher of the Year, Mr. James Amato, presenting him with a plaque. In addition, the new teacher hires for 2017-2018 were present to meet and greet the BOE members.

The following were recognized prior to the start of the agenda.

1. Congratulations to WRHS students Zachary Cochran, Jeffrey Varesio, Mark Torselli (Class of 2017) and James Nelson (Class of 2017) for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. Beacon Falls Volunteer Fire Department – community service recognition for support of Houston, Texas victims of hurricane.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Yamin commented that all schools will be presenting their SIP’s over the next four meetings; chromebooks are at 100% ratio from grades 9-12; 8th grade rollout was successful, currently on cutting edge with technology. Meet the Teacher nights went well; new dismissal process at LRMS is successful as well as the new middle school schedule; and Mr. Yamin joined United Way for this area and will be actively involved.

A. Superintendent’s Update

1. Introduce Google platform for Gmail for Region 16 emails. (Matt Brennan)
Mr. Brennan presented the Board with a PowerPoint regarding the above.
2. WRHS to present state and federal assessment data and School Improvement Plan (SIP).
Mr. Ogren presented his SIP to the Board. He highlighted the following: Areas of Success, Areas of Targeted Improvement, Strategic Actions and Persons Responsible.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve new Five-Year Strategic Plan.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve new Region 16 Five-Year Strategic Plan.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-146**

2. Act to approve new certified hire for 2017-2018 school year. (Carissa Richardson)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to hire Carissa Richardson as a 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at WRHS at MA, Step 3, \$49,500. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.0)

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3. Act to set the 2017-18 non-resident tuition rate for elementary, middle and high school.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to set the 2017-2018 non-resident tuition rate for elementary, middle and high school, as presented. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.0)

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4. Act to hire a kindergarten teacher at Laurel Ledge Elementary School for 2017-2018. This became necessary as kindergarten enrollment numbers continued to grow.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to act to hire a kindergarten teacher at LLES for 2017-2018.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

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C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini provided the Board with a brief update regarding the ED001 Report being complete and filed, continued work with auditors, construction project financials, snow removal companies will continue service at same price as last year, teachers' sick leave bank and the Wellness Committee meeting.

D. Old Business

1. Job Description for Head Custodian at the high school. - no updates.
2. Deidre Sheriden requesting to have BOE act to allow her to enroll her non-resident child into LRMS and assume financial obligation of \$12,448. Mr. Yamin spoke to the parent and the issue was resolved; this can be removed from further discussion.

E. New Business

1. ***Executive Session*** at end of meeting to review letter of opinion from school board attorney.

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

G. Information Items

Mr. Yamin commented on the new lunch menu, teacher evaluations from new teacher trainings, as well as stating that the Education Legislation Packets were provided to the Board.

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
Administrators will be meeting soon to renegotiate contract.
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee
3. Curriculum Committee: **Meeting 9/20/17, at WRHS, 6:00 p.m.**
4. Policy Committee **Meeting 9/27/17, at PES, 6:15 p.m.**
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee: **Meeting 10/25/17, at LRMS, 6:15 p.m.**
7. Recognition Committee
8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools
 - b. Wellness Committee
 - c. Professional Development Committee: **Meetings 4th Monday of each month, District Office, 3:30 p.m.**
 - d. 2COM

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to move to Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. to include Mr. Yamin and Mrs. Mangini to review letter of opinion from school board attorney.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-150**

Executive Session ended at 9:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to adjourn the September 20, 2017 Special Board of Education meeting at 9:01 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0) **17-151**

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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