

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
March 14, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i> Erik Dey	.7
David Rybinski	.7
Christine Arnold	.7
<i>Prospect...</i> Nazih Noujaim	1.3
Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3
Robert Hiscox	1.3
Daisy Laone	1.3

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

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Robert Hiscox 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.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of February 14, 2018, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018, Board of Education meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **18-044**

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to add Action Item #5 to the agenda: Act to approve April 4, 2018 as a collaboration/data team day for teachers and single session day for students.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **18-045**

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to add Action Item #6 to the agenda: Act to approve the stipend in the amount of \$1500 prorated for the position of Social Studies Curriculum Leader at LRMS.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **18-046**

V. TOWN OFFICIAL COMMENT

Richard Blanc, of the Prospect Town Council, addressed the Board regarding safety of schools and some areas of suggested improvement. Mr. Blanc also indicated his support for the hiring of armed guards so long as they are active or retired police officers.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cell phone policies from various towns.
2. Letter to Region 16 community regarding school safety.
3. Letter from Parent (A. Stein) with Superintendent's response.
4. J. DeWitt Letter re: CNVRAC closing.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nazih Noujaim read the report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 3/14/18:	\$7,580,803.75
Tonight's invoices total:	\$1,120,400.69
General Fund:	\$1,114,018.25
Federal and State Grants:	\$1,275.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$5,107.44

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

Bayan Galal delivered the report this evening.

X. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

1. March is National Social Worker Month

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Health Care renewal updates.
2. Facilities
 - a. WRHS-gym (air handler was bringing in cold air)
 - b. Radon remediation PES (will be done over April break)
 - c. Woodland exterior stairs (contractor will do over break)
 - d. Fire Panel (LLES/LRMS) (will need to be replaced)
 - e. Universal door lock system WRHS
This will be a \$78,000 investment to change the locks to be paid with the security grant.
3. SPED: Contracting with District Management Group (DMG).
This is a 10 month study that will be conducted and paid over a period of three years totaling \$75,000. This will help look deeper into programming.
4. Assistant Director of SPED Position.
It is being recommended that this item be put on hold, not to hire at this time, and to continue the year working with the two current part timers.
5. Interdepartmental Meeting minutes 03/01/18.
Minutes are online.

6. Student Walkout- March 14.

Mr. Yamin will email Board members the speech that Ms. Witkowski delivered.

7. Social Emotional Learning.

Mr. Yamin went to a conference regarding SEL in which he valued and will bring the information back to the counselors.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve proposal for District Management Group analysis.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve proposal for District Management Group analysis.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-047

2. Act to approve WRHS Belize trip in 2019 - Jill Blasi.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve WRHS Belize trip in 2019.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-048

It was noted that there will be a new permission slip associated with leaving the country.

3. Act to approve first reading of revised policy **5113.2** – *Truancy*.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve first reading of revised policy **5113.2** – *Truancy*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-049

4. Act to approve first reading of revised policy **5131** - *Conduct and Discipline*.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised policy **5131** - *Conduct and Discipline*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-050

5. Act to approve April 4, 2018 as a collaboration day for teachers and single session day for students.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Erik Dey to approve April 4, 2018 as a collaboration day for teachers and single session for students.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-051

6. Act to approve the stipend in the amount of \$1500 prorated for this year for the position of Social Studies Curriculum Leader at LRMS.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Erik Dey to approve the stipend in the amount of \$1500, prorated for 2017-2018, for the position of Social Studies Curriculum Leader at LRMS.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-052

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mrs. Mangini shared her report stating the following: A heartfelt thank you was sent out regarding the incredible support received over the passing of her father. The business office staff was especially recognized for their extra efforts during her absence. The district's new payroll specialist, Nancy Lach, began on Wednesday, February 28 and is catching on quickly. Research is being done to look into a lower health insurance renewal; an RFP is in process to bid for snow removal services after April vacation. Currently, preliminary discussions are being had with All Star Transportation about the possibility of switching over to a percentage of propane buses for next school year.

D. Old Business

1. Bid waiver for Sarracco Mechanical Services for Energy Management System (EMS) at WRHS.

E. New Business

A meeting was added for next week for Budget workshop.

F. Items to be discussed at future BOE meetings

A discussion regarding armed guards will be had on March 28, 2018, as it will be added to the agenda.

G. Information Items

1. 2COM Minutes. (Canceled)
2. Letters to Mayor and First Selectman.
3. Lock upgrade at all schools.
4. PAC Minutes.

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
2. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **The March 14, 2018 meeting at 6:15 p.m. at WRHS was Canceled and rescheduled to a joint meeting with The Technology Committee on March 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.**
3. Curriculum Committee: **The March 14, 2018 meeting at 6:15 p.m. at WRHS was Canceled. Rescheduled to March 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m., District Office.**
4. Policy Committee
5. Public Communications
6. Technology Committee: **Joint Meeting with Facilities Committee on March 28, 2018, At 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.**
7. Recognition Committee
8. Liaisons
 - a. Schools

Mr. Noujaim shared his positive experience with the NJHS event at LRMS and Mr. Hiscox shared his enjoyment to be involved with the Book Fair at the Elementary Schools.

- b. Wellness Committee
- c. Professional Development Committee: **Meetings 4th Monday of each month,
District Office, 3:30 p.m.**
- d. 2COM –
 - 1. RSD 16 respect initiative.

Mr. Rybinski informed the Board of his upcoming absences for the next two meetings.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Erik Dey to adjourn the March 14, 2018, Board of Education meeting at 8:02 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

18-053

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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