

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16

District Meeting

May 7, 2018 ~ Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox at 7:01 p.m. in the auditorium at Woodland Regional High School, Beacon Falls, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

The Board Clerk read the roll, and a quorum was present.

IV. CALL OF THE MEETING

Robert Hiscox read the call of the meeting as follows:

DISTRICT MEETING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #16
Towns of Beacon Falls & Prospect

All electors and citizens, who are qualified to vote at town meetings of the Town of Beacon Falls and the Town of Prospect, are hereby notified and warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 16 will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Woodland Regional High School in the Town of Beacon Falls at 7:00 p.m. The vote on the motion to adopt the 2018-2019 proposed budget of \$40,731,402.00 shall be a "Yes" or "No" vote by paper ballot at the meeting. When all those present, who are qualified to vote, have voted, the Moderator will close the voting. Copies of the budget will be filed with the Town Clerks of both towns within five days of said meeting.

Dated at Prospect, CT this 27th day of April 2018
Robert Hiscox, Chairman Board of Education
Regional School District No. 16

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. Appoint a moderator to preside at the District Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to nominate Robert Hiscox as moderator.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

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b. Appoint a recording clerk for the District Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Erik Dey to nominate Kelly Blum as recording clerk.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

18-083

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT

Mr. Yamin kept his comments brief, stating there had been several budget workshops and a District Meeting/Public Hearing held prior to tonight's meeting on the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Mr. Yamin touched on the recent history of approved budgets, budget highlights, additions, security guard positions and a budget overview. He relayed that the state will only allow us to reduce our budget by a narrow margin, and we are already close to that number with the proposed reduction of -0.5% over this year's budget.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Cummings, resident of Beacon Falls made a correction to a fact he shared at the last meeting. Mr. Cummings also shared some personal experiences and surveyed the crowd. He closed his comments with his feelings of not wanting armed guards in the schools.

VIII. VOTE ON THE QUESTION BY METHOD OF PAPER BALLOT

Shall the proposed 2018-2019 budget of Regional School District #16 in the amount of \$40,731,402.00 be adopted?

At 7:36 p.m. a recess was taken for voting. Voting ended at 8:08 p.m. and the count began. The meeting reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

IX. MODERATOR TO CLOSE THE VOTING AFTER ALL PRESENT QUALIFIED VOTERS HAVE VOTED AND REPORT THE RESULTS

After the votes were tallied of both towns, the following results were announced:

Beacon Fall: 55 "Yes" and 155 "No". Prospect: 63 "Yes" and 6 "No". Total "Yes" votes: 118; Total "No" votes: 161. Total votes cast were 279. The 2018-19 proposed budget of \$40,731,402 failed by 43 votes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the May 7, 2018, District Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

18-084

Christine Arnold,
Board Secretary