

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Special Board of Education Meeting
February 27, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
 <i>Beacon Falls</i>	
Priscilla Cretella	.7
Christine Arnold	.7
Erik Dey	.7
David Rybinski <i>arrived 6:02 p.m.</i>	.7
 <i>Prospect</i>	
Nazih Noujaim	1.3
Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3
Daisy Laone	1.3
Robert Hiscox	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance & Business Operations
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
Ryan Mackenzie, Asst. Principal WRHS
Shelly McNulty, Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services
Jeffrey Haddad, Asst. Principal PES
Matthew Brennan, Director of Technology
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
Regina Murzak, Principal LLES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Hiscox at 6:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

A roll call was taken all members were present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

Prior to the start of the regular business, Mr. Yamin, with support from Dr.. McGeehan, presented regarding the 2019-2020 budget.

During the budget presentation the following areas were highlighted: Accountability index 2015-2018, Proposed Budget 2019-2020, District Goals, District Strategic Plan, Academic Improvement Goals, Recent History, Added/Reduced Positions, Enrollment trends, Per Pupil Expenditure, Growth in Student Achievement, SBAC/SAT Scores, 5-year Budget Analysis, Expenditure by Category, Sources of Operating Revenue, Estimated Net Expenses and Net Cost to Member Towns. The proposed budget is -0% increase, unless the District moves to the State Partnership Health Insurance Plan then it

would be 0.4% increase over this year's budget. After the budget presentation Mr. Yamin fielded some brief questions and Mr. Hiscox moved to the rest of the agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 23, 2019, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **19-009**

III. COMMENT

A. Town Officials

B. Public Comments *Note: The BOE will not reply to comments made at a meeting. However, either the Superintendent or Board Chair will respond to a concern within five business days*

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letters to town officials re 2017-2018 audit.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the following report dated 2/27/2019:

Balance in General Fund as of 2/27/2019	\$6,563,157.87
Tonight's invoices total:	\$1,887,052.71
General Fund:	\$1,876,163.78
Federal and State Grants:	\$4,800.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$6,088.93

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Bayan Galal, Emma Flaherty)

No report was delivered this evening.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS, and AWARDS

1. Recognize PES student Colin Cicchetti for his poster on radon published in the CT Dept. of Public Health's 2019 calendar. Mr. Haddad shared some words regarding Colin and his achievements. Colin was presented with a certificate.
2. Recognize WRHS student Charles Schwartz - Finalist in the 2019 Competition for National Merit Scholarships.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. CES to update air conditioning at Long River Middle School.
Preliminary work has been done. Will have a full report by April 6, 2019.
2. Update PES media repairs.
Completed with less than \$20,000.
3. Update Foreign Language in Region 16.
The number of students taking foreign language is being looked into. There is a possibility of languages being offered at the elementary level.
4. Update District Strategic Plan.
Will be looked at by administrators.

5. 2019 Major Issues from the Office of Legislative Research.
Provided in BOE packet.
6. DMG Special Education Report - January 2019.
Finished product will be presented in April.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2019-2020:
 - a. Healthy Food Option.
 - b. Exemption for Food and Beverage.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2019-2020: to include both considerations: Healthy Food Option and the Exemption for Food and Beverage.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **19-010**

2. Act to approve transfer of funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve transfer of funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **19-011**

3. Act to allow Superintendent and Director of Finance to make budget transfers, as necessary, within the 2018-2019 budget limits from Contingency account.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to allow Superintendent and Director of Finance to make budget transfers, as necessary, within the 2018-2019 budget limits from Contingency account.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **19-012**

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Ms. Mangini reported that the Business office is in great shape and that the auditors will meet with the Board to monitor business until there is a permanent hire. Wellness Committee will be taken over by Leigh Barbour.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Contracting with James Carroll as Interim Business Manager.

Mr. Rybinski brought up a concern with fairness in the selection of athletic teams. It was agreed that the data in question will be resurfaced and the selection process will be reviewed with all coaches. Ms. Arnold suggested letting people know the parameters by which athletes are chosen.

Mr. Rybinski also brought up a concern about a broken branch at WRHS. Mr. Yamin asked Mr. Martoni to clear it up.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed change to 2019-2020 school calendar.

The administrator want to make a change to the 2019-2020 calendar moving the Single Session Day/Parent Teacher Conference of January 29, 2020 to Thursday, March 12, 2020. Their logic is the March date is deeper into semester two, yet still early enough in the year for students to make a positive change, if needed.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve proposed change to the 2019-2020 school calendar.

The motion was not voted on or approved as some Board members felt, since it was a Special meeting, this could not be added to the agenda for action. It will be tabled to the next regular BOE meeting. 19-013

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Letter from resigning employee, complimenting Mrs. Murzak.
- B. CABE Day On The Hill information, March 20, 2019.
Mr. Yamin asked Board members to let him know if they would like to go.
- C. Legislature update (see BOE packets).
- D. Coming Attraction for March.

XIII. ENROLLMENT (Ex.II) - February 2019

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **Next meeting 3/27/19, D.O.**
- C. Curriculum Committee: **Next meeting 5/8/19, WRHS**
- D. Policy Committee:
- E. Public Communications
- F. Technology Committee: **Next meeting 4/24/19, D.O.**
- G. Recognition Committee
- H. Liaisons:
 - 1. Schools
 - 2. Wellness Committee
 - 3. Professional Development Committee: **Meetings 4th Monday of month, D.O. 3:30 p.m.**
 - 4. 2COM
 - a. Region 16 respect/kind initiative.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to adjourn the Special Board of Education meeting of February 27, 2019, at 7:50 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **19-014**

Board Secretary,

Christine Arnold

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2019 (Woodland)