

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
District Meeting
May 2, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Dyer	1.3
	Karima Jackson	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Michele Raynor, Director of Curriculum
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Mark Parrino, Director of Facilities

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cretella, at 7:02 p.m. in the auditorium of WRHS in Beacon Falls, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

IV. CALL OF THE MEETING (newspaper legal notice)

DISTRICT MEETING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 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 2, 2022 at Woodland Regional High School in the Town of Beacon Falls at 7:00 p.m. The vote on the motion to adopt the 2022-2023 proposed budget of \$41,723,590.00 shall be a "Yes" or "No" vote by a show of hands at the meeting. When all hands have been counted, 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, Connecticut this 8th day of April, 2022.
Robert Hiscox, Chairman Board of Education

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

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Beacon Falls and Prospect are hereby warned that a public meeting of Regional School District Number 16 will be held at Woodland Regional High School, 135 Back Rimmon Road in Beacon Falls, Connecticut on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the following recommendation of the Board of Education:

1. That \$1,800,000 be appropriated for costs related to improvements to various athletic facilities at the Woodland Regional High School, consisting of the demolition and reconstruction of the track, including drainage system, and scoreboard, replacement of the gymnasium floor, renovations to the weight room, including remodeling and replacement of equipment, addition of storage closets outside the new cardio room, and replacement of the filtration and gutter system for the pool. The appropriation may be spent for demolition and removal of materials, the acquisition and installation of equipment, furnishings and materials, engineering and consulting fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Board of Education is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project. The Board of Education may reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

2. That \$1,800,000 bonds and temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation. The amount of the bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the District for the project and applied to defray project costs. That the bond and temporary note authorization be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the towns of the District.

Dated at Prospect, Connecticut this 20th day of April, 2022.

Robert Hiscox, Chairman Board of Education
Regional School District #16

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. Appoint a moderator to preside at the District Meeting

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to appoint Priscilla Cretella as moderator to preside at the District Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

22-050

b. Appoint a recording secretary for the District Meeting

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to appoint Kelly Rodriguez as recording secretary to preside at the District Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

22-051

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Proposed school budget of \$41,723,590
Mr. Yamin presented the budget highlights to both the Board and public members in attendance. Mr. Yamin reviewed the budget process summary, strategic goals, and

core values and beliefs. Mr. Yamin highlighted some specific information regarding the 5 year summary, savings, and budget history. Mr. Yamin also provided a visual for expenditure by category, operating revenue sources, and estimated expenses to be paid by town members. Mr. Yamin is asking for a 1.8% increase and is ready to move forward with the vote.

- Capital Improvement Project not to exceed \$1,800,000 at WRHS

Mr. Yamin thanked the video production team and Hawks Headlines for previously presenting the information. This project was referred to as being long overdue and as the process has gone out to bid the price may increase due to labor and materials increases. This will be drilled down further and then be ready to go to referendum. Mr. Yamin would like the public to support this project and encouraged a discussion.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Smith, resident of Beacon Falls, shared his satisfaction with the budget over the years. Mr. Smith also praised the athletes and athletic departments for all their hard work.

John Butkevicius, resident of Prospect, asked some specific questions regarding the pool being pulled out, the rise of gas and diesel prices and how that might affect the project, football improvements and the baseball field. The baseball field would not be part of the project so Mr. Yamin refocused the conversation and said he was available by email to answer any other questions.

Bill Brooks, resident of Beacon Falls, asked some clarifying questions regarding the CIP. He also brought forth his concerns with the water issue on the football field and his concern that the drainage may not solve the entire problem.

Anne Cook, resident of Beacon Falls, also feels the field is not safe and there is a high risk of injury and would like to know when the project will start.

Joe Lato, resident of Beacon Falls and football coach, also does not feel that the fix is simply the drainage issue. Mr. Lato praised the athletes who use the weight room and shared his concern that some of the planned changes may make the room less functional especially if two teams were utilizing it at the same time.

Loren Luddy, resident of Prospect and coach at the school, did clarify that she, as a coach, had been asked if she needed anything. She remembers this because she filled out a survey in which she indicated three safety concerns. She reported that two had been resolved and the last is being addressed.

VIII. VOTE ON THE QUESTION BY METHOD OF SHOW OF HANDS:

- a. Shall the proposed 2022-2023 budget of Regional School District #16 in the amount of \$41,723,590.00 be adopted?**

Ms. Cretella presented the above question

From the floor,

A MOTION was made by Robert Chatfield and SECONDED by Michael Krenesky to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 budget of Regional School District #16 in the amount of \$41,723,590.00.

ALL IN FAVOR

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b. Counting of show of hands.

The votes were counted by Mrs. Rodriguez and Mr. DiLeone.

IX. MODERATOR TO REPORT THE RESULTS OF “YES and “NO” VOTES

The results were as follows: 50 Yes; 1 No

X. DISCUSSION ON CIP at WRHS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

From the floor,

A MOTION was made by Robert Chatfield and SECONDED by Michael Krenesky to adjourn the District Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR

22-053

Mr. Yamin called a 5 minute recess before the start of the next meeting.

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