

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
February 12, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Dyer	1.3
	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxanne Vaillancourt	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Shelly McNulty, Director of Special Ed & Pupil Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cretella, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at PES, Prospect, CT.

A. Roll Call

A roll was taken; a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to add Action Item 12, act to extend maternity leave of Hillary Rake to end of year without pay.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-015**

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to add Action Items 13 and 14, act to approve line item budget amounts as detailed.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-016**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 15, 2019, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.I)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-017**

III. COMMENT

Town Officials

Michael Krenesky, Beacon Falls Selectman, requested contact to Town Clerk's office regarding paperwork. Mr. Yamin confirmed they would follow up.

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

Letter – facilities weekend hours for school use.

Letter to First Selectman Smith re revised 2019-20 payment schedule.

Letter to Mayor Chatfield re revised 2019-20 payment schedule.

Mr. Yamin also provided a letter from Mr. Galvin.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 2/12/20:	\$3,078,773.93
Tonight's invoices total:	\$3,720,565.32
General Fund:	\$3,715,885.28
Federal and State Grants:	\$800.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$3,880.04
Capital Non Recurring Project	\$0.0

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Emma Flaherty, Gavin Moffat)

Mr. Moffat delivered this evening's report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Mr. Yamin congratulated the LRMS swim team for their great season and acknowledged the WRHS Dance Team and Girls Track.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Administrative Forum
2. BOE Retreat – District Strategic Plan (DSP) looking for dates in March.
3. Reference bond payments - currently in a good place.
4. Budget Survey Results- School safety, class sizes and technology were of utmost importance.
5. Interdepartmental Safety Meeting – February 5, 2020- 2nd meeting of the year, one more will be had by the end of year.

* Mr. Yamin also spoke about the Amazon Future Engineer program offered at WRHS for no cost. *Mrs. Hatch- Geary provided a Thank You note. * Next week will bring about the first budget review for 20-21. * The absenteeism rate was high among staff and students last week. Small hand sanitizers were looked into for purchase but they would not arrive for 2-3 weeks as they are on backorder.

POSTPONED Executive Session: Discussion concerning a confidential student matter.

- Possible action concerning a confidential student matter.

B. Action Items

1. Second reading of new policy *0200 District Goals*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the Second reading of new policy *0200 District Goals*.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-018**
2. Second reading of revised policy *1324 Fundraising from or by Students and Employees*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the Second reading of revised policy *1324 Fundraising from or by Students and Employees*.
MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 6.0) **20-019**
Mr. Hiscox opposed
3. Second reading of revised policy *5112 Ages of Attendance*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the Second reading of revised policy *5112 Ages of Attendance*.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-020**
4. Second reading of revised policy *5118 Nonresident Attendance*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the Second reading of revised policy *5118 Nonresident Attendance*.
MOTION TABLED
5. Second reading of revised policy *5118.1 Homeless Students*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the Second reading of revised policy *5118.1 Homeless Students*.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-021**
6. Second reading of revised policy *5131 Conduct and Discipline*.
A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the Second reading of revised policy *5131 Conduct and Discipline*.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-022**
7. Second reading of new policy *5144.4 Discipline: Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the Second reading of new policy *5144.4 Discipline: Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students*.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **20-023**
8. Second reading of revised policy *6159 Individualized Education Program/ Special Ed Program*.
A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the Second reading of revised policy *6159 Individualized Education Program/ Special Ed Program*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-024

9. Act to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2020-2021.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2020-2021.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-025

10. Act to adopt the food and beverage exemptions for 2020-2021, allowing the sale to students of food items not meeting CT Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of CGS, provided all conditions are met.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to adopt the food and beverage exemptions for 2020-2021, allowing the sale to students of food items not meeting CT Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of CGS, provided all conditions are met.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-026

11. Act to adopt terms of stipulated agreement concerning a student expulsion matter entered into between the administration and parents of the student who is the subject of the hearing. (discussed in Executive Session)

POSTPONED

12. Act to approve extending the maternity leave of Hillary Rake until the end of year without pay (5.5 wks/28 days).

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve extending the maternity leave of Hillary Rake until the end of year without pay.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-027

13. Act to approve line item budget transfer of \$249,684.17.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve line item budget transfer of \$249,684.17.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-028

14. Act to approve line item budget transfer of \$82,800.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve line item budget transfer of \$82,800.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-029

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Response to BOE member re \$300K anticipated carryover from 2019 budget.

Mr. DiLeone read and explained his response. He fielded some questions from the Board regarding the matter. Mr. DiLeone also spoke regarding the following: Beacon Falls and Prospect were issued new payment schedule letters and Board members received copies. Negotiation of Health insurance rates continue. Refinancing bond debt does not make sense at this time. The Region is working to assist Beacon Falls in their "complete count" census efforts. The Business office staff continues to participate in the Frontline Time & Attendance Training.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. NGSS results at the March meeting.
2. Every 2-3 years audit of employees and dependents.
3. How to determine if out of town students are attending district schools was discussed.
4. Discussion of a possible centralized registration process took place.

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

WRHS publicized the Valedictorian- Isabella Fabrizi and Salutatorian - Noel Cummings, and they were congratulated.

Letter from Tom Galvin re: the budget.

Food Service received great scores through the Health Department inspections; they are to be commended!

XIII. ENROLLMENT (Ex. II) – February 2020

Included in Board Packet.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – **Meeting 2/12/20, 6:15 p.m., PES**

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee – **Meeting 2/12/20, 5:30 p.m., PES;**

Minutes of 1/15/20 meeting

Mr. Dyer gave a brief update regarding the committee.

C. Curriculum Committee – **Meeting 3/11/20, 5:45 p.m., WRHS**

D. Policy Committee – **Minutes of 1/15/20 meeting**

E. Public Communications

F. Technology Committee

G. Recognition Committee

H. Liaisons:

1. Schools

2. Wellness Committee

3. Professional Development Committee: **Meetings 4. Monday of month, D.O. 3:30 p.m.**

4. 2COM – **Minutes/agenda of last meeting: January 30, 2020;**

BOE request support of Vape Initiative of \$2,000

I. Parent Advisory Council

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve the adjournment of the February 12, 2020 Board of Education Meeting at 8:13 p.m..

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-030

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2020, District Office