

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
March 11, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
	Erik Dey	.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
Sara Steinberg Forman, Asst. Dir. of Special Ed/Pupil Svcs.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Roll Call

A roll was taken; a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

• **BUDGET DISCUSSION** (before regular business)

A. Facilities/Maintenance and Draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. DiLeone and Mr. Martoni shared details and fielded questions from the Board.

B. Technology

Mr. Brennan delivered a presentation detailing the following: Budget Overview, Broad Categories, Comparison Data, Connectivity, Contractors, Curriculum, Education Infrastructure, Security, Training and Printing.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 26, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.I) to reflect Nazih Noujaim seconding motion number 20-031, not Mr. Hiscox.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **20-034**

Minutes of March 4, 2020, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex.II) **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 8.0) **20-035**

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*

Mr. Fred Smith, resident of Beacon Falls, kindly thanked the Board for the plaque he received.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to community re coronavirus.
Health alert update 2 re coronavirus.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 3/11/20:	\$4,377,315.36
Tonight's invoices total:	\$943,915.27
General Fund:	\$939,132.84
Federal and State Grants:	\$0.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$4,782.43
Capital Non Recurring Project	\$0.00

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

Ms. Flaherty delivered this evening's report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Next Generation Data (Michele Raynor & Sara Steinberg Forman)
 - NGSS Results
 - Smarter Balance/SAT

In regards to the above, Mrs. Raynor and Ms. Steinberg Forman delivered information that highlighted How the Region Performed as a district, each school and subgroups. The Purpose,

Indicators, Accountability, Comparison, Areas of Achievement and Growth were also discussed. Focus areas and next steps were shared.

2. K-5 selection of Math program.

Completed the Pilot program and moving forward with Bridges starting next year.

3. Update on Registration Process.

Mr. Yamin feels the Region is in a good place in this area.

4. Region 16 preparations for discussion on coronavirus/field trips.

Mr. Yamin feels the Region has stayed ahead of the topic which is changing daily. A plan is in place for extended leave. The Region is not in crisis; and in the event of a cancelled Field Trip, parents will be given a two-week notice.

TABLED Executive Session: Discussion and possible action concerning a confidential student matter.

B. Action Items

1. First reading of revised policy *5118 Nonresident Attendance*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the first reading of revised policy *5118 Nonresident Attendance*.

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-036

Priscilla Cretella opposed

2. 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)

MOTION TABLED

3. Act to transfer SPED funds from tuition to purchased services in the amount of \$54,422.83

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to transfer SPED funds from tuition to purchased services in the amount of \$54,422.83

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-037

Priscilla Cretella opposed

4. Act to waive formal RFP in favor of three competitive bids for LED and electrical Updates.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to waive formal RFP in favor of three competitive bids for LED and electrical updates.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-038

5. Act to approve Greenleaf Energy Solutions bid for LED and electrical updates in the amount of \$218,325.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve Greenleaf Energy Solutions' bid for LED and electrical updates in the amount of \$218,325. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 8.0) **20-039**

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone gave the following updates: secondary disclosures were approved and filed by Dixworks LLC in regards to Town of Prospect's audited financial statements, Bids for rooftop units were received and reviewed on March 3, 2020; the most qualified vendor will be chosen for the March 25, 2020 meeting. Greenleaf is being recommended as the vendor for lighting upgrades at LRMS. Preliminary discussions have begun regarding forecasted end of year balances.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Cretella spoke regarding the presentation about the opioid crisis. She spoke very highly of it but was disappointed at low attendance. She would like to see if more of the student body can be exposed to the information. CABE discussion and school usage to be discussed in future meetings.

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

XIII. ENROLLMENT (Ex. III) – March 2020

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – **Meeting 3/18/20, 5:30 p.m., D.O.**
re contract negotiations (*has been cancelled*)

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee

C. Curriculum Committee - **Meeting 3/11/20, 6:15 p.m., WRHS**

D. Policy Committee

E. Public Communications

F. Technology Committee

G. Recognition Committee

H. Liaisons:

1. Schools

Mr. Noujaim spoke highly of Nat'l. Jr. Honor Society at LRMS;

Mr. Dyer attended PES Bingo.

2. Wellness Committee

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

4. 2COM – **Gift cards in the amount of \$2K purchased and given to 2COM.**

- I. Parent Advisory Council

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting of March 11, 2020, at 8:48 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-040

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2020, District Office