

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
February 10, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

| | | Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u> |
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| <i>Beacon Falls...</i> | Christine Arnold | .7 |
| | Ben Catanzaro <i>arrived at 7:03 p.m.</i> | .7 |
| | Priscilla Cretella | .7 |
| | Erik Dey | .7 |
| <i>Prospect...</i> | Robert Dyer | 1.3 |
| | Robert Hiscox | 1.3 |
| | Nazih Noujaim | 1.3 |
| | Roxann Vaillancourt | 1.3 |

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Regina Murzak, Principal LLES
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
Jeffrey Haddad, Asst. Principal PES
Matthew Brennan, Director of Technology
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
Sara Steinberg Forman, Asst. Dir. of SPED
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cretella, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office and by remote locations.

A. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 20, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

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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*

Jen Fencil, resident of Beacon Falls asked as numbers and variants pop up why are we considering getting rid of the deep clean Wednesday and asked if she would have the option to keep her child home.

Odiri Emadu, resident of Prospect, what are plans for families who are apprehensive about in-person learning.

Ben Catanzaro arrived at 7:03 p.m.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Updates to community from Superintendent: 1/15/21 through 2/02/21.
Letter to Mayor and First Selectman re 2021 Operating Budget.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

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| Balance in General Fund as of 2/10/21: | \$4,607,118.00 |
| Tonight's invoices total: | \$475,084.12 |
| General Fund: | \$472,071.57 |
| Federal and State Grants: | \$1,250.00 |
| Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund: | \$1,762.55 |
| Capital Non Recurring Project | \$0.00 |

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Kayleigh Budnick, Gavin Moffat)

Miss Budnick read this evening's report into the minutes.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Priscilla thanked everyone for their diligence.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Discuss K-8 five days/week in person learning
We will continue with the hybrid model for the present.
2. Discuss 2019-2020 surplus
Mr. DiLeone briefly discussed the details and opened a discussion from Board members. Questions were fielded and a brief discussion ensued.
3. PAC Meeting
Meeting February 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Dates for UPSEU negotiations.
Meeting on February 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office
5. Budget discussion upcoming 2021-2022.
Start on February 24, 2021.
6. Facilities Update: refuse, grounds, snow removal bids

We are not going out to bid on snow removal or refuse; but, we will go out to bid for grounds.

B. Action Items

1. Act to accept teacher's retirement letter. (Kevin Cyr).

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to accept teacher's retirement letter, Kevin Cyr, with deep appreciation.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

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C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone reported the following: funding amounts for the second round of ESSER have been finalized by CSDE. R16 is slated to receive \$332,654. All audit related documents were filed with the State and Federal government within the timeframe allotted; the Region's health insurance brokerage services have been awarded to Brown & Brown Insurance. The CSDE has announced that they will be providing relief to the food services program through several initiatives in the coming months.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. High school yearbooks.

Mr. Yamin explained the situation that the Region is in regarding yearbooks. The Region contracted with another company that, they hope, will have yearbooks ready within the next two weeks. The Region will have to pursue legal action with Lifetouch to try and recoup funds that are being held.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

Further discussion/decision making regarding whether the surplus will go back to the towns.

March 4, 2021 will run on a virtual Wednesday schedule, due to parent/teacher conferences on March 3rd.

It was noted that there will be no changes in the current school attendance schedule, and Mr. Yamin will clarify this with communication to families.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

NVHD meeting notes of 1/27/21.

XIII. ENROLLMENT

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XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee: **Meeting 2/10/21, 6:15 p.m., District Office/virtual. 3/10/21 Level 3 Meeting Executive Session re: personnel. 2/23/21 UPSEU negotiations 5:00 p.m.- Committee to meet at 4:00 p.m., D.O.**
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee
- C. Curriculum Committee: **Meeting 2/24/21, 6:00 p.m. D.O.**

- D. Policy Committee **will meet in April**
- E. Public Communications
- F. Technology Committee: **Director's PowerPoint from 1/20/21**
- G. Recognition Committee
- H. Liaisons:
 - 1. Schools
 - 2. Wellness Committee
 - 3. Professional Development Committee
 - 4. 2COM
- I. Parent Advisory Council

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of February 10, 2021 at 7:47 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 24, 2021