

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
September 22, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

| | | Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u> |
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| <i>Beacon Falls...</i> | Christine Arnold | .7 |
| | Ben Catanzaro | .7 |
| | Priscilla Cretella <i>arrived at 7:02p.m.</i> | .7 |
| | Erik Dey | .7 |
| <i>Prospect...</i> | 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, Director of Curriculum
Kurt Ogren, Principal Woodland Regional High School
Rima McGeehan, Principal Prospect Elementary School
Jeff Haddad, Asst. Principal Prospect Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office, Prospect, CT.

A. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Erik Dey to add Action Item #8: Act to approve first reading of Policy 6141.321 Internet/Computer Network Use and #9: Act to approve first reading of Policy 6141.3291 District Assigned Device to the agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 8, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Erik Dey to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

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Ms. Cretella arrived at 7:02 p.m.

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. (Public Comment will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of 45 minutes per subject)*

Vivian Mortara, resident of Prospect, asked the Board to observe her five minutes of “Public Comment” in silence to recognize the time her daughter missed from being pulled from class.

Dino Verrelli, resident of Beacon Falls, expressed concern regarding bussing at sporting events. Mr. Verrelli requested to discuss a matter in Executive Session. Mr. Yamin and Ms. Cretella sought legal advice and arranged for this to occur at the next meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Email re: mask mandate meeting of 9-8-21

Superintendent 9-10-21 letter to the community.

Email correspondence re: crossing guard

V. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

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| Balance in General Fund as of 9/22/21: | \$6,695,626.19 |
| Tonight’s invoices total: | \$380,945.38 |
| General Fund: | \$379,313.29 |
| Federal and State Grants: | \$0.00 |
| Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund: | \$1,632.09 |
| Capital Non- Recurring Project | \$0.00 |

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT (Kayleigh Budnick, Charli Hughes)

Miss Hughes delivered this evening's report. The BOE received a copy at tonight’s meeting.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Tracey Previdi – Lunch Aide at PES/Algonquin School (8 years)

Ms. McGeehan and Mr. Haddad spoke of their appreciation for Ms. Previdi and her contributions to the PES/Algonquin community. She was presented with a certificate and thanked for her service.

Lauren Lombardo & Christopher Misuraca – designed 20th year anniversary flag and shirt emblem for WRHS. The two will be presented with certificates of appreciation.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Budget information on line item transfers. (Tony DiLeone)
Brief details and specifics were discussed.
2. 2021-22 TEVAL Flexibility Recommendations (PDEC).
Mr. Yamin recommended this become an action item.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to add Action Item #10 to the agenda: Act to accept the 2021-22 TEVAL Flexibility Recommendations from PDEC.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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3. Governor's orders re procedures related to COVID, i.e., masks and vaccines - Region 16 surveys.
Mr. Yamin stated that there will be more information provided next week as to whether or not the governor's orders regarding masks will continue or not.
Mr. Yamin asked Board members if they thought it would be beneficial to send out another parent survey.

B. Action Items

1. Act to change approved early dismissal date of 3/29/22 at WRHS to 3/23/22 to accommodate PSATs, which end March 25th.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to change the previously approved early dismissal date of 3/29/22 at WRHS to 3/23/22 to accommodate PSATs, which end March 25th.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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2. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 1324 *Fundraising from or by students and employees*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve first reading of revised policy 1324 *Fundraising from or by students and employees*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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3. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5131.6 *Drug and Alcohol-free Schools*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve first reading of revised policy 5131.6 *Drug and Alcohol-free Schools*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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4. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5131.911 *Bullying/Safe School Climate Plan*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve first reading of revised policy 5131.911 *Bullying/Safe School Climate Plan*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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5. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5141 *School District Medical Advisor*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Erik Dey to approve first reading of revised policy 5141 *School District Medical Advisor*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **21-139**

6. Act to approve first reading of **new** policy 6146.11 *Grade Weighting/Class Rank*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve first reading of **new** policy 6146.11 *Grade Weighting/Class Rank*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **21-140**

7. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 6159 *Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve first reading of revised policy 6159 *Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **21-141**

8. Act to approve first reading of revised Policy 6141.321 Internet/Computer Network Use.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to approve first reading of revised Policy 6141.321 Internet/Computer Network Use.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **21-142**

9. Act to approve first reading of revised Policy 6141.3291 District Assigned Device.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to approve first reading of revised Policy 6141.3291 District Assigned Device.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **21-143**

10. Act to accept the 2021-22 TEVAL Flexibility Recommendations from PDEC.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to accept the 2021-22 TEVAL Flexibility Recommendations from PDEC.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **21-144**

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone reported on the following: The Board was presented with a list of transfers that have taken place since the beginning of the fiscal year. In conjunction with the Director of Facilities, a proposed timeline for the municipal bonding project is being created. Dennis Dix of Dixworx LLC will be visiting CT during the week of September 27. Specifics of the bonding project will be reviewed. The climate and productivity in the business office has seen a terrific improvement since the restructuring plan.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Job description for Personal Learning Advisor.

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

Professional Learning discussion – single session days

Crossing Guard discussion

Possible Executive Session

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

2021 Woodland Hall of Fame Inductees

Updated Hiring Process Guide, adopted September 8, 2021

Approved schedule of 2022 Board of Education Meeting dates

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee:

Negotiation meetings - new teachers' contract:

9/30/21; 10/28/21 and mediation 11/18/21 all start times between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00p.m. in the District Office.

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **10/6/21 Meeting, D.O. 6:00 p.m.**

C. Curriculum Committee

D. Policy Committee – **9/22/21 Meeting, D.O., 6:15**

E. Public Communications

F. Technology Committee

G. Recognition Committee

H. Liaisons:

1. Schools

At the administrators' meeting it was noted that Mr. Parrino is doing an excellent job regarding the Facilities.

2. Wellness Committee

3. Professional Development Committee

4. 2COM

I. Parent Advisory Council

Interdepartmental Emergency Committee: Meeting 10/1/2022, 10:30 a.m., D.O.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to adjourn the September 22, 2021 Board of Education Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2021, Woodland High School, 7:00 p.m.