

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
April 6, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Weighted Vote
Per Member

Beacon Falls:

Christine Arnold	.7
Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga	.7
Ben Catanzaro	.7

Prospect:

Robert Dyer	1.3
Robert Hiscox	1.3
Karima Jackson	1.3
Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance & Business Operations
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Michelle Fortuna, Director SPED/Pupil Personnel Svcs.
Kristen Mosher, Asst. Dir. SPED/Pupil Personnel Svcs.
Matthew Brennan, Technology Director
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
Dana Mulligan, Asst. Principal WRHS
Ryan Mackenzie, Asst. Principal WRHS
Regina Murzak, Principal LLES
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
Jeff Haddad, Asst. Principal PES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox, at 7:23 p.m. in the Media Center at LRMS in 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 Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to add Action Item #6 to approve the quote from CT Custom Aquatics for the repair and renovation of the pool at WRHS for up to \$224,156.81, the lowest of three quotes.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-041

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 23, 2022, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-042

III. COMMENT

A. Town Officials

B. Public Comments - *Note: Public Comment will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of 45 minutes per subject. The BOE will not reply to comments made at a meeting. The Superintendent or Board Chair will respond to a concern within five business days*

Dino Verrelli, resident of Beacon Falls, questioned why the Region would not provide bussing for student athletes for an away event. He shared his concern that students were driving themselves and asked that the bussing situation be reconsidered. Mr. Verrelli also requested Mr. Hiscox to grant an Executive Session about a student regarding a personnel conflict. Mr. Verrelli was informed by Mr. Hiscox that he would not be granted an Executive Session. Mr. Verrelli asked what the process would be to be granted an Executive Session. Mr. Hiscox stated that he can call an Executive Session, under their attorney's advice, if he receives specific information regarding the matter.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent update 3/31/22

Cardinal Run at PES information was provided to the Board. The rain date for this event is April 8th.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga read the report into the record:

Balance in General Fund as of 4/6/22:	\$6,440,102.16
Tonight's Invoices Total	\$635,402.16
General Fund:	\$561,884.29
Federal and State Grants:	\$3,211.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$22,656.87
Capital Non-Recurring Project	\$47,650.00

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

No report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

LRMS Stem/Robotics class demo of the Rubik's Cube.

Rachel Ryan, STEM teacher at LRMS, presented a video on behalf of her 8th grade student, Austin Davis, which detailed Austin's robot solving a Rubik's cube.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Capital Improvement Project update
Pool project will be pulled from this fund.
2. Remote Learning platform for high school students
Mr. Yamin explained that the remote learning option would not be what the community may believe it is. It will be more of a "hybridized" model and there will be more information regarding the details.
3. Administration book read – *Collective Leader Efficacy* by Peter DeWitt
Mr. Yamin would like the Board to hold the dates of July 11th or 12th to be part of a retreat. Mr. Yamin will work with the date that works best for Board members.

B. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone reported on the following: The Polystyrene ban bill has passed the Environment Committee and is now pending in the senate. This may prevent styrofoam from being used in all K-12 schools. Based on the increased Special Education legal needs for this fiscal year, \$25,000 has been transferred from the electricity line item to legal services. Significant progress has been made in the final hurdles of a full Time and Attendance implementation. We anticipate hourly staff will be using the new system when they return from summer vacation. The Food Services Department is slated to receive \$10,871 in April, which is a State match grant.

C. Action Items

1. Act to hold an Annual District Meeting at Woodland Regional High School on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed school budget for 2022-2023 of \$41,723,590 by a voting method determined by the Board of Education.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to hold an Annual District Meeting at Woodland Regional High School on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the proposed school budget for 2022-2023 of \$41,723,590 by a voting method determined by the Board of Education.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-043

Mr. Yamin clarified that the reason for his recommendation that the vote be by a show of hands is that the proposed budget information has been in the community for a couple of months with no questions, concerns or complaints and that the average increase for 2022-2023 in other districts is much higher than the increase that Region 16 is proposing.

2. Act to approve the voting method on the proposed 2022-2023 school budget at the Annual District Meeting on May 2, 2022, WRHS.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve that the voting method on the proposed 2022-2023 school budget at the Annual District Meeting on May 2, 2022, at WRHS be by a show of hands.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-044

3. Act to set 2022 graduation date for WRHS as 6/16/22 and promotion ceremony date for LRMS as 6/14/22.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to set the 2022 graduation date for WRHS as 6/16/22 and the promotion ceremony date for LRMS as 6/14/22.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-045

4. Act to approve budget transfers, as presented.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$146,517.42, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-046

5. Act to non-renew employment contract for 2022-2023 of certified staff member, due to a reduction in force.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to non-renew the employment contract of a certified staff member (PE/Health teacher) for 2022-2023, due to a reduction in force.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-047

6. Act to approve the quote from CT Custom Aquatics for the repair and renovation of the pool at WRHS for up to \$224,156.81 which was the lowest of three quotes.

A MOTION was made by Ben Catanzaro and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the quote from CT Custom Aquatics for the repair and renovation of the pool at WRHS for up to \$224,156.81 which was the lowest of three quotes.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3)

22-048

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Job description for Personal Learning Advisor

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

Superintendent's evaluation

This will be done at an upcoming meeting during an Executive Session without the Superintendent. Mr. Yamin provided his evaluation materials to BOE members in advance.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Digital Media video to promote the Capital Improvement Project will be online Friday.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – **Next meeting 4/20/22, D.O., 6:00 p.m.**
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **Meeting minutes of 3/15/22**
- C. Curriculum Committee: **Meeting minutes of 3/23/22**
- D. Policy Committee: **Next meeting 5/11/22, WRHS**
- E. Public Communications
- F. Technology Committee **end of May**
- G. Recognition Committee
- H. Liaisons:
 - 1. Schools
 - 2. Wellness Committee
 - 3. Professional Development Committee
 - 4. 2COM
- I. Parent Advisory Council
- J. Interdepartmental Safety Committee: **Next meeting, 5/19/22, D.O., 9:00 a.m.**

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt Lyga and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of April 6, 2022 at 7:56 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 7.3) **22-049**

Administrators were thanked for attending this evening's meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2022, District Office, 7:00 p.m.

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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