

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
September 23, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
	Christine Arnold	.7
	Erik Dey	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Dyer <i>arrived at 7:06</i>	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt <i>arrived at 7:12</i>	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Matthew Brennan, Director of Technology
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS

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**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to add Action Item #5 to the agenda to accept the letter of retirement of Teresa Diver, LLES first grade teacher, effective October 30, 2020.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 4.1) **20-107**

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to add Action Item #6 to the agenda to change the LRMS Hybrid schedule to in-person learning. Students will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday starting October 5, 2020; the two week timeline for distance learning requests for any middle school parents will be waived between now and October 5, 2020.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 4.1) **20-108**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 9, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting with the change to delete Christine Arnold's name from Executive Session and to adjust the weighted vote total to 7.3.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 4.1)

20-109

Robert Dyer joined at 7:06 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*

One question was received from Beacon Falls resident, Maria Mettendorf: Will students who are hybrid learners and are absent on a day they should attend school but log on to participate virtually still be marked absent? Mr. Yamin explained that there are new codes from the state we are required to use delineating that those specific students will have to be marked absent. It is a good practice to get the work done at home to keep up with the assignments. This practice will be re-evaluated in the coming weeks.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Christine Arnold read the Treasurer's Report Dated 9/23/2020

Balance in General Fund as of 9/23/20:	\$6,201,727.75
Tonight's invoices total:	\$760,570.07
General Fund:	\$746,401.07
Federal and State Grants:	\$14,169.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$0.00
Capital Non Recurring Project	\$0.00

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

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Ms. Cretella mentioned hearing from two different parents from two different schools that they were impressed with administrators and teachers working collectively.

Ms. Vaillancourt arrived at 7:12 p.m.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Spreadsheet on breakdown of COVID expenses. (Tony DiLeone)
Mr. DiLeone summarized some specifics regarding the expenses.

2. Facilities update. (Mark Parrino)

Mr. Yamin summarized the specifics based on a report from Mr. Parrino.

3. Parent, student, staff surveys.

Was answered by 800 people, results will be shared at the next meeting.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve UPSEU agreement for period 7/1/20 to 6/30/21.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve UPSEU agreement for period 7/1/20 to 6/30/21.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **20-110**

2. Act to approve Greenleaf's work at LRMS in the amount of \$80,910.88.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve Greenleaf's work at LRMS in the amount of \$80,910.88.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **20-111**

3. Act to approve 10/14/20 as an early dismissal day for WRHS junior/senior SAT testing.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve 10/14/20 as an early dismissal day for WRHS junior/senior SAT testing.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **20-112**

4. Act to grant Superintendent permission to annually change a full day of school to an early dismissal day for WRHS students SAT testing once the State announces the test date.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to grant Superintendent permission to annually change a full day of school to an early dismissal day for WRHS students SAT testing once the State announces the test date.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **20-113**

5. Act to accept the letter of retirement of LLES first grade teacher, Teresa Diver.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to accept the letter of retirement of Teresa Diver, grade one teacher at Laurel Ledge Elementary School, with gratitude, effective October 30, 2020.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7) **20-114**

6. Act to change to LRMS Hybrid schedule, students will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday starting October 5, 2020, the two week timeline for distance learning requests for any middle school parents will be waived between now and October 5, 2020. (Wednesdays will continue to be for virtual learning)

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to change the LRMS Hybrid schedule to in-person learning starting October 5, 2020. Students will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and the two week timeline for distance learning requests for any middle school parents will be waived between now and October 5, 2020.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

20-115

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone highlighted the following: Greenleaf and Eversource assessments are complete, ESSER funds have been approved, Coronavirus relief funds yet to be disbursed, Indeed is being used to fill custodial positions, CSDE has re-opened the Seamless Summer option to all CT school Districts, offering free meals to all students until December 31, 2020.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bus update regarding COVID-19. (Shelly McNulty)

X. NEW BUSINESS

Survey results will be shared next meeting. First round of iReady will be reviewed by Michele Raynor at the next meeting.

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

Mr. DiLeone suggested voting on end of year scenarios and noted that the audit has started.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Public Health Indicators on COVID19 Data for LCSA and WCSA communities.
2. Memo – re: if student or staff member exhibits COVID symptoms.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee
- C. Curriculum Committee

Erik Dey will be having conversations with Mr. Ogren and Mrs. Raynor to discuss community service options for end-of-year projects.

- D. Policy Committee
- 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.**
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I. Parent Advisory Council

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of September 23, 2020 at 7:33 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

20-116

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2020