

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 13, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:		<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls</i>	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Erik Dey	.7
	David Rybinski	.7
<i>Prospect</i>	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3
	Daisy Laone	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
 Jim Carroll, Interim Dir. of Finance & Business Operations
 Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
 Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
 Matthew Brennan, Director of Technology
 Steve Martoni, Director of Facilities

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cretella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at WRHS.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Healthcare

Mr. Yamin reported that he recommends staying with Anthem Blue Cross; the decision will be known tomorrow.

Curriculum

Mrs. Raynor outlined her budget which was organized by three goals; Student Achievement, Professional Learning and Curriculum Development. Mrs. Raynor presented on the financials associated under each goal. Overall, there is about a \$5,000 increase which is related to increase in salaries.

Technology

Mr. Brennan reported on his budget which he stated was overall very flat and similar to last year. He broke his presentation into eight sections which were as follows; Connectivity, Contracting, Curriculum, Educational Infrastructure, Hardware,

Security, Technology Infrastructure and Training. Overall, Mr. Brennan reported to being down 2.5%.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Martoni reviewed the upcoming years from 2019/2020-2024/2025 and the projects associated with each.

The budget discussion ended at 7:40 p.m. and the regular order of business commenced.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 27, 2019, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1) with one correction: Under Old Business – “There was dialogue and discourse regarding opening the playground at Laurel Ledge School. Due to numerous issues of vandalism, Mr. Yamin was opposed to this.”

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

19-016

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*

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the following report dated 3/13/2019:

Balance in General Fund as of 3/13/2019	\$6,130,106.05
Tonight’s invoices total:	\$805,042.20
General Fund:	\$795,951.73
Federal and State Grants:	\$0.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$9,090.47

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT (Bayan Galal, Emma Flaherty)

Ms. Galal delivered this evening’s report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Mr. Yamin mentioned a couple of emails. The first email was regarding WRHS student Cassandra Quayson who received a Scholastic Art Award. The second email was regarding a WRHS graduate who is battling a rare form of cancer. A fundraiser will be held at Jesse Camille’s Monday March 18, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to aid this former student.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Laurel Ledge School playground.

This item was previously tabled. Mr. Yamin shared that when the gate was left unlocked beer cans were found littering the area. He suggested having the night shift lock the gates after dark and during weekends. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the gate would stay locked for two weekends; and once the weather warms up, they will try to leave it open again - starting April 1st.

2. Intervention Block: Science Curriculum; Foreign Language Elementary Schools. Mr. Yamin provided Board members with the options for bringing Spanish into 5th grade. One item that was noted was that it would have to replace media.

Concerns and possible questions were discussed. No decisions were made; this will continue to be worked on and brought to the Curriculum Committee. Mr. Yamin stated that he would price out four options for the next meeting.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve change to 2019-2020 school calendar.

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to approve the change to 2019-2020 school calendar (making the 1/29/20 Single Session/Parent Teacher Conference day a full day of school and making 3/12/20 the Single Session/Parent Teacher Conference day instead.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

19-017

2. Act to accept teacher's letter of retirement. (Susan Cinoman)

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to accept WRHS teacher Susan Cinoman's letter of retirement, with regret, effective at the end of this school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

19-018

3. Act to accept administrator's letter of retirement. (Brian Fell)

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to accept Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director Brian Fell's letter of retirement, effective at the end of this school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

19-019

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. Carroll thanked Mr. Yamin and staff for being so welcoming and helpful.

Mr. Carroll reported that a new computer lease is currently being reviewed and will be sent to the attorney for review prior to being presented to the Board. Also, Mr. Carroll continues to monitor, through CASBO, the ongoing state budget proposals that will affect public education for the next two years.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Two items were brought up, they are as follows:

1. At the next meeting Mr. Yamin would like to set up the retreat date.
2. Talk about all contracts, what is going out to bid and what is being planned regionally.

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from Wellness Committee.

XIII. ENROLLMENT (Ex. II)

March 2019 student enrollment.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee

Will need to set up Director of Finance interviews.

The Assistant Director of Special Education will be posted again on 4/1/19.

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **Next meeting 3/27/19, D.O., 6:15 p.m.**

C. Curriculum Committee: **Next meeting 5/8/19, WRHS**

D. Policy Committee: **will meet by end of year**

E. Public Communications

F. Technology Committee: **Next meeting 4/24/19, D.O.**

G. Recognition Committee

H. Liaisons:

1. Schools

Mr. Noujaim reported going to LRMS Jr. Honor Society event and the One Book One Region.

2. Wellness Committee

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

4. 2COM

a. Region 16 respect/kind initiative.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Erik Dey to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of March 13, 2019, at 8:24 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.0)

19-020

Board Secretary,

Christine Arnold

These minutes are subject to Board approval.

Submitted by Kelly Blum, Board Clerk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 27, 2019 (District Office)