

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
September 11, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote Per Member
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Erik Dey	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3
	Daisy Laone	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
Tony DiLeone Jr., Dir. of Finance & Business Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mr. Hiscox called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at WRHS in Beacon Falls.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to add agenda item #5 to the agenda, resignation of Jessica Prutting.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 14, 2019 District Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Priscilla Cretella to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 District Meeting (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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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*

Mariana Martin, Beacon Falls resident, addressed the Board of her concerns with bussing and safety of students who have to walk a far distance or dangerous route to their bus stops.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from parent/Supt.'s response re Guidance Counselor change in assignment.
2. Lighting projects at LRMS and WRHS.
3. Letter from Superintendent re vandalism at Laurel Ledge playground.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 9/11/19: \$4,081,409.15

Tonight's invoices total: \$1,794,782.18

General Fund:

\$1,793,707.18

Federal and State Grants:

\$1,075.00

Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:

\$0.00

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Emma Flaherty delivered this evening's report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Update CES air conditioning for Long River.
2. Opening of schools 2019-2020/ 50th Year Anniversary celebration.
3. Update on bussing situations in Beacon Falls.
4. Update on vandalism at Laurel Ledge School playground.

In addition to the above, Mr. Yamin mentioned the following: Introduction of Christopher Boyle, mentee of Mr. Yamin. Initial enrollment shows 48 less students than attending Region 16 schools last year. Great start to the new year including the 50th year celebration. The Region is fully staffed and SEL is off to a great start. The Facilities Committee update shows alignment and cohesiveness. A bird problem at PES was recognized and a net will need to be put on the entrance of the building.

B. Action Items

1. Act to accept teacher's letter of resignation. (Kate Dunn)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to accept the resignation letter of Kate Dunn, Special Education teacher at LRMS and Alternative Education teacher. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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2. Act to approve new certified hires for 2019-2020 school year.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve new certified hire, Amy Burns as 1.0 FTE Special Education/Resource Room Teacher at PES, MA +30, Step 14, \$86,101.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve new certified hire, Nakita Montagno as 1.0 FTE Special Education/Resource Room Teacher at PES, MA, Step 7, \$55,896.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve new certified hire, Sherry Faircloth as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at LRMS/Alternative Education teacher at MA +30, Step 14, \$86,101 (pro-rated).

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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3. Act to approve two changes to the 2019-2020 school calendar.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to approve the two changes to the 2019-2020 school calendar, namely, changing 9/25/19 to a single session/teacher collaboration/data team day and allowing WRHS students to dismiss early on 3/25/20, a SAT/PSAT test day.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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4. Act to allow the transfer of \$147,350 from interscholastic sports insurance, custodial summer staff, business & tech summer staff, interns, and special education purchased services to contingency.

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5. Act to accept teacher's letter of resignation (Jessica Prutting).

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to accept the letter of resignation from Jessica Prutting, PES School Media Specialist.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone delivered the report highlighting the following: EFS Reporting is complete and certified. Experience rating with CIRMA improved dramatically, Berkshire Hathaway is working on worker's compensation audit, the work on the tennis courts at WRHS will start any day, ACES approached the Region about joining their insurance collaborative and the option of a solar farm is being investigated at WRHS.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

SBAC results will be discussed. Mr. Noujaim requested a Technology Meeting to discuss items like Malware. A meeting will be scheduled for October.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Coming Attractions for September 2019.
2. New hires 2019-2020 – certified and non-certified.
3. CABA Conference on 9-18-19 re Future of Public Education.
4. Policy Update Summary.
5. Region 16 SAT scores.

XIII. ENROLLMENT (Ex. II)

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
A mediation will take place regarding a grievance.
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee
- C. Curriculum Committee
- 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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XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Daisy Laone to adjourn the meeting of September 11, 2019 at 7:40 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.3)

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2019, Prospect Elementary School