

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Board of Education Meeting
January 15, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
	Erik Dey	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Dyer	1.3
	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxanne Vaillancourt	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Shelly McNulty, Director of Special Ed & Pupil Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cretella, at 7:03 p.m. in the Library at WRHS Beacon Falls, CT.

A. Roll Call

A roll was taken; a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to add Action Item 11, act to hire Part-Time (19.5 hours) non-union Speech and Language Pathology Assistant for the remainder of the year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **20-001**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 10, 2019, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1) with the addition of including Mrs. Cretella's thanks for outgoing Chair Mr. Hiscox's dedication during his tenure.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **20-002**

III. COMMENT

Town Officials

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 report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 1/15/20:	\$7,513,639.48
Tonight's invoices total:	\$861,712.88
General Fund:	\$822,907.06
Federal and State Grants:	\$500.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$10,305.82
Capital Non Recurring Project	\$28,000.00

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

Miss Flaherty delivered this evening's report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Kate Cicchetti (LRMS, grade 8), First in State Open Middle School X-Country Girls Championship Race - over 100 schools competed. Miss Cicchetti was presented with a certificate.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Special Education data update: create Speech/Language Assistant position.
Mrs. McNulty shared the above report highlighting information regarding the following: Enrollment SPED Status, Prevalence rate of SPED students by Disability, Paraprofessional Positions and Average caseload by school.
2. Standing Committee positions.
3. Budget calendar.
4. BOE meetings 2020 calendar.
5. WRHS and LRMS Fall 2019 Sports Highlights.

In addition to the above updates Mr. Yamin mentioned the following: Administrative Council met and they are currently working on their District Strategic Plan; A two-day retreat is being planned for the Board at the end of the year. Mr. Yamin would like to start the part-time SLP Assistant now on a trial basis to see if the position would be helpful. The Certified Nursing Pathway is looking for 20 students to enroll. UPSEU meeting will take place next week to start negotiations. The first proposed number for healthcare was received, and the District will be meeting with brokers.

B. Action Items

1. Act to approve 2018-2019 audit. (Rep. from Zackin Zimeyski Sullivan)
Prior to the passing of this Motion, the auditors presented highlight information and fielded questions from the Board.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve 2018-2019 audit, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-003

2. Act to hire new certified staff for 2019-2020. (Christy Killeen)

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve hire of new certified staff for 2019-2020, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher/Alternative Education Teacher at MA+15, Step 12, \$74,152, prorated.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-004

3. First reading of new policy *0200 District Goals*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Erik Dey to approve first reading of new policy *0200 District Goals* with the understanding that it may be revisited with revisions.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-005

4. First reading of revised policy *1324 Fundraising from or by Students and Employees*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised policy *1324 Fundraising from or by Students and Employees*.

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 6.7)

20-006

Robert Hiscox opposed

5. First reading of revised policy *5112 Ages of Attendance*.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised policy *5112 Ages of Attendance* with clarification in paragraph 3.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-007

6. First reading of revised policy *5118 Nonresident Attendance*.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Erik Dey to approve first reading of revised policy *5118 Nonresident Attendance*.

MOTION PASSES (weighted vote totals 7.3)

20-008

A brief discussion ensued, *Priscilla Cretella opposed*.

7. First reading of revised policy *5118.1 Homeless Students*.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve first reading of revised policy *5118.1 Homeless Students*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-009

8. First reading of revised policy *5131 Conduct and Discipline*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve first reading of revised policy *5131 Conduct and Discipline*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-010

9. First reading of new policy *5144.4 Discipline: Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve first reading of new policy *5144.4 Discipline: Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-011

10. First reading of revised policy *6159 Individualized Education Program/ Special Ed Program*.

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

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-012

11. Act to hire Part-Time (19.5 hours) non-union Speech and Language Pathology Assistant for the remainder of the year.

A MOTION was made by Robert Hiscox and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to hire Part-Time (19.5 hours) non-union Speech and Language Pathology Assistant for the remainder of the (2019-2020) year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-013

C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone shared his report with the board highlighting the following: EFS and federal reporting have been completed. District principals have met regarding 2020-2021 budgets. The state has provided updated ECS funding amounts for the current fiscal year. The business office has begun Alio Time & Attendance training. Anthem requested to meet late January regarding the structure of health insurance plans to see if a savings is possible.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Noujaim asked a question regarding bonding which Mr. DiLeone will look into. Mr. Catanzaro also had questions regarding a discrepancy.

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

Facilities conversation regarding LED lighting.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Picture of 50th Year Celebration
FOI Request – College visits to WRHS
Coming Attractions - February 2020

XIII. ENROLLMENT (Ex. II) January 2020.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee – **Meeting 1/15/20, 6:15 p.m.**
- C. Curriculum Committee - **Update re: Pathways at WRHS Mrs. Raynor brought up the opportunity with NVCC credited classes in the STEM pathway.**
- D. Policy Committee - **Meeting 1/15/20, 5:45 p.m.**
- E. Public Communications- **a budget survey will be sent out Friday to the community and staff.**
- 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.**
 - 4. 2COM
- I. Parent Advisory Council

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Ben Catanzaro and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of January 15, 2020 at 8:36 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

20-014

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2020, Prospect Elementary School