

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**April 21, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|                        |                     | Weighted Vote<br><u>Per Member</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Beacon Falls...</i> | Christine Arnold    | .7                                 |
|                        | Ben Catanzaro       | .7                                 |
| <i>Prospect...</i>     | Robert Dyer         | 1.3                                |
|                        | Robert Hiscox       | 1.3                                |
|                        | Nazih Noujaim       | 1.3                                |
|                        | Roxann Vaillancourt | 1.3                                |

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox, at 7:00 p.m. at District Office, Prospect, CT.

**A. Roll Call**

Roll was called and a quorum was present

Before moving to the agenda Robert Hiscox called for a moment of silence for the Carroll family to acknowledge the loss of their daughter Nicole.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of March 24, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I).

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6) **21-042**

Minutes of March 31, 2021, Special Board of Education/Public Hearing (Ex. II)

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2021, Special Board of Education Meeting (Ex. II).

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6) **21-043**

### **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**

1. Updates to the community from the Superintendent. (3/26/21, 4/1/21, 4/2/21, 4/7/21)

### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Balance in General Fund as of 4/21/21: | \$7,742,296.60 |
| Tonight's invoices total:              | \$799,280.81   |
| General Fund:                          | \$769,529.90   |
| Federal and State Grants:              | \$0.00         |
| Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund: | \$29,750.91    |
| Capital Non Recurring Project          | \$0.00         |

### **VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Kayleigh Budnick, Gavin Moffat)**

Miss Budnick delivered this evening's report. She asked for the reasoning for the decision of transitioning from distance learning Wednesdays to the new schedule. Mr. Yamin responded indicating this change was beneficial in the following ways: by changing from two cohorts to four at the high school it increased the educational opportunities allowing students to be in school 6 out of 8 days. The school went from 140 students per day to 425 which helps increase socialization, and this was a positive way to head towards returning back to normal.

Miss Budnick also indicated that the student body would like to do something for the family who suffered the loss of a fellow student. Mr. Yamin explained some ideas are in the works and for her to coordinate her efforts with Mr. Mackenzie.

### **VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS**

Long River Middle School Principal Derek Muharem presented certificates to the 2021 LRMS CAS Scholar Leaders: Gabriel Diamante and Grace D'Amico. This award is granted to two middle school students each year for exhibiting scholarship and leadership in the community.

Mr. Muharem also recognized LRMS students Garek Bernegger and Molly Stead and Mr. Yamin recognized WRHS student Emily Laput for receiving the 2021 CABA Student Leadership Awards. This award recognizes two middle school and two high school students each year for exemplary leadership.

One student from WRHS not in attendance this evening, Eric Meade, also received the CABA Student Leadership Award this year. His certificate will be presented to him by principal Kurt Ogren at Woodland High School.

## VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

### A. Superintendent's Update

1. April 19<sup>th</sup> School opening – 5 days per week/full days.  
So far there have been positive responses, and the transition has been working out with having the extra compensatory positions.
2. April 29<sup>th</sup> Superintendent SCASA awards luncheon.  
Will be held at Jesse Camilles.
3. R16 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Blueprint. (Michele Raynor, Power Point)  
Mrs. Raynor presented regarding the above, highlighting specifics associated with diversity, equity and inclusion.
4. Information on Internship Program.  
Job duties were presented and highlighted where there was some overlap. The FT position is in the budget, and Mr. Yamin plans to change the job description to make the job more specific in order to appropriately evaluate.

### B. Action Items

1. First reading of policy 3541.3, *Routes and Services (revised)*.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the first reading of policy 3541.3, *Routes and Services (revised)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-044**

2. First reading of policy 4112.8, *Nepotism: Employment of Relatives (revised)*.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to approve the first reading of policy 4112.8, *Nepotism: Employment of Relatives (revised)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-045**

3. First reading of policy 6159, *Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program (revised.)*

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve the first reading of policy 6159, *Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program (revised.)*

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-046**

4. First reading of policy 6171, *Special Education (revised)*.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the first reading of policy 6171, *Special Education (revised)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-047**

5. First reading of policy 6172.4, *Title I Parent and Family Engagement (revised)*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the first reading of policy 6172.4, *Title I Parent and Family Engagement (revised)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-048**

6. First reading of **regulation** 6172.4, *Title I Parent and Family Engagement (revised)*.

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the first reading of **regulation** 6172.4, *Title I Parent and Family Engagement (revised)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-049**

7. First reading of policy 9321.2, *Electronic Board of Education Meetings (brand new policy from CABE)*.

A MOTION was made by Roxann Vaillancourt and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the first reading of policy 9321.2, *Electronic Board of Education Meetings (brand new policy from CABE)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-050**

8. First reading of policy 9330, *Records/FOI Requests (revised)*.

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve the first reading of policy 9330, *Records/FOI Requests (revised)*.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-051**

9. Act to hire certified staff for 2021-22 WRHS Science position. (Amber Neary)

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to hire Amber Neary as a Science teacher at WRHS for the 2021-22 school year at a salary of MA, Step 6, \$54,516.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-052**

### **C. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report**

The Food Services program is in a better position, and the return to full in-person learning will help close the existing gap even more. Frontline Time & Attendance continues to be implemented. The ESSER II application has been completed.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Pool review & E rate.

## **XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA**

Superintendent Evaluation.

## **XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee: **May 12<sup>th</sup>, Executive Session, Supt. Evaluation.**
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee: **Meeting 4/21/21, 6:30 p.m., D.O.**  
Subcommittee met tonight - LL repairs were in Mr. Parrino's report and the pool was discussed.
- C. Curriculum Committee: **Meeting 5/12/21, 6:00 p.m., LLES**
- D. Policy Committee: **Meeting 4/21/21, 5:30 p.m., D.O.**
- E. Public Communications
- F. Technology Committee: **Meeting 6/16/21, 6:30 p.m., LRMS**
- G. Recognition Committee
- H. Liaisons:
  - 1. Schools
  - 2. Wellness Committee
  - 3. Professional Development Committee
  - 4. 2COM
- I. Parent Advisory Council

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Christine Arnold and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting of April 21, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 6.6)

**21-053**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** May 12, 2021, Laurel Ledge School, 7:00 p.m.