

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Special Board of Education Meeting
May 2, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Dyer	1.3
	Karima Jackson	1.3
	Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Michele Raynor, Director of Curriculum
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Mark Parrino, Director of Facilities

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Cretella, at 8:07 p.m. in the auditorium of WRHS in Beacon Falls, CT.

A. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. COMMENT

. Town Officials

B. Public Comments - *Note: Public Comment will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of 45 minutes per subject. The BOE will not reply to comments made at a meeting. The Superintendent or Board Chair will respond to a concern within five business days.*

III. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Capital Improvement Project update and discussion
 - Bond refinance
 - Bids
 - Capital non-recurring fund @ \$650,000

Mr. Yamin handed Board members two documents regarding the CIP and reviewed the above information highlighting the following: Initial bids were received but have not yet been vetted out. Debt on page 2 was discussed. Mr. Yamin was hoping the project would be at a cost of \$1.8 million; but as conversations progressed, it was realized that labor and materials have gone up so overall cost has gone up as well. Mr. Yamin believes that the scope is good but safety concerns need to be re-evaluated. The current plan seems to fit the needs but the question of, “What are the options?” was posed.

Mr. DiLeone commented that legally the number can’t be increased tonight because the notice was already posted. The process would need to be started over. Mr. DiLeone noted that the term of the existing debt cannot be changed. He discussed that the projections of interest rates are approximately 2.25% but may go up again, which means those figures are a “best guess” and subject to change. Mr. Yamin would like to get bids to regrade the field but made those present aware that if this was done it would be at the cost of losing some home games. Mr. Brooks brought up the possibility of using sod. Mr. Yamin explained that an architect would be hired and that option would be reviewed. Ms. Burkitt-Lyga asked if our loans can be restricted to which Mr. DiLeone will look into. Mr. Parrino will also reach out to the landscape architect in the meantime. Mr. Parrino also discussed the temporary fix to the baseball field which would help us get through the season.

B. Action Items

1. Act to hold a referendum on June 2, 2022 in the Towns of Beacon Falls and Prospect to vote on whether or not to approve the proposed \$1,800,000 Capital Improvement Project at Woodland Regional High School.

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to **table** the Action Item to “Act to hold a referendum on June 2, 2022 in the Towns of Beacon Falls and Prospect to vote on whether or not to approve the proposed \$1,800,000 Capital Improvement Project at Woodland Regional High School.”

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to adjourn the Special Board of Education meeting of May 2, 2022 at 8:35 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

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*These minutes are subject to Board approval.
Submitted by Kelly Rodriguez, Board Clerk”*