

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 16
Board of Education Meeting
September 28, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Hiscox at 7:00 p.m. at Prospect Elementary School in Prospect, CT.

A. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to add Action Item #11 to the agenda: Act to approve revised Bylaw (policy) 9330, *Records/FOI request*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-137**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 14, 2022 Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes with the following correction; Karima Jackson was in attendance. (Ms. Jackson's name was not reported as being present on the minutes, but Mr. Hiscox's name was inadvertently listed twice at the top of the minutes.)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-138**

III. COMMENT

A. 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*

Dino Verrelli, resident of Beacon Falls, addressed the Board regarding the following: Mr. Verrelli thanked Mr. Yamin for meeting with him and answering some of his questions. Mr. Verrelli questioned why the Region does not charge an admission fee for soccer games. He voiced his concerns with bussing/traffic issues. Mr. Verrelli also asked what the timeline is regarding FOI. Mr. Verrelli also reminded Board members of the upcoming due process hearing.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga read the following into the record:

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| Balance in General Fund as of 9/28/22: | \$2,745,116.86 |
| Tonight's Invoices Total | \$987,310.18 |
| General Fund | \$948,677.45 |
| Federal and State Grants | \$4,905.00 |
| Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund | \$18,741.10 |
| Capital Non-Recurring Project | \$14,986.63 |

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Charli Hughes, Kaltrina Ameti)

Miss Ameti delivered the report this evening.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. ESSER Grant Allocations

Mr. Yamin provided this report to the Board.

2. Capital Improvement Project update

At the Facilities Meeting it was discussed that the gym floor project will be moving forward starting mid-May. The field and drainage system were discussed. The community will be surveyed. Mr. Yamin will try to update with financials regarding this as soon as possible but may not be able to get hard figures by the next meeting.

Mr. DiLeone clarified that this would need to go back to referendum because of the difference in scope. Mr. DiLeone read back the language to the Board.

3. Curriculum Goals 2022 – 2024

Provided to the Board via packet.

- Pathways
 - Health Pathway
 - Stem
- World Language Virtual Platform

Mr. Yamin gave a brief overview of what this would look like next year. Students would be able to take a language other than Spanish virtually.

B. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone reported on the following: local banks have been contacted regarding the \$2.3 million capital project loan. Mr. Glenn Rybacki has responded positively regarding borrowing a standard bank loan versus true bonded debt, that correspondence was provided to the Board. Governor Lamont opened the application for the HVAC grant through the Office of School Construction Grants Review. Follow up regarding this will be provided at the October 12 meeting.

C. Action Items

1. Act to approve first reading of **new** policy 4113.12, *Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Period for Teachers*.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to approve first reading of **new** policy 4113.12, *Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Period for Teachers*.

ALL IN FAVOR, EXCEPT Robert Dyer, who opposed.

(weighted vote totals 6.7)

22-139

Robert Dyer felt the state is dismissing collective bargaining and setting their own mandates.

2. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5113.2, *Truancy*.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised policy 5113.2, *Truancy*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

22-140

3. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5114, *Suspension and Expulsion Due Process*.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve first reading of revised policy 5114, *Suspension and Expulsion Due Process*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

22-141

4. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5131, *Conduct and Discipline*.

A MOTION was made by Karima Jackson and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve first reading of revised policy 5131, *Conduct and Discipline*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

22-142

5. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5141.4, *Reporting Child Abuse*.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised policy 5141.4, *Reporting Child Abuse*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-143**

6. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5144.4, *Discipline*.

A MOTION was made by Karima Jackson and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve first reading of revised policy 5144.4, *Discipline*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-144**

7. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5145.12, *Search and Seizure*.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Robert Dyer to approve first reading of revised policy 5145.12, *Search and Seizure*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-145**

8. Act to approve first reading of revised **regulation** 5145.12, *Search and Seizure*.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve first reading of revised **regulation** 5145.12, *Search and Seizure*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-146**

9. Act to approve first reading of revised policy 5145.511, *Exploitation: Sexual Harassment*.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised policy 5145.511, *Exploitation: Sexual Harassment*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-147**

10. Act to approve proposed Board of Education meeting dates for 2022-2023 school year.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-148**

11. Act to approve first reading of revised Bylaw (policy) 9330, *Records/FOI request*.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve first reading of revised Bylaw (policy) 9330, *Records/FOI request*.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0) **22-149**

Mr. Dyer questioned if there could be a set period of time; Mr. Yamin will seek legal advice.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Project.

School start times are affected because of high school sports in CT.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. District Strategic Plan (October 12, 2022) – BOE @ LLES)

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

Discussion re: turf vs. field repair.

Mr. DiLeone will provide an expenditure report at the next meeting.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Coming Attractions (October 2022).

XIII. ENROLLMENT

(The September 2022 enrollment was submitted at the last meeting.)

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee – **9/14/22 Minutes & Meeting
9/28/22, 6:00 p.m., PES**

C. Curriculum Committee – **Next Meeting – 10/26/22, 6:00 p.m. D.O. – presenting
Scores & Milestone C**

D. Policy Committee – **Meeting 9/28/2022, 6:15 p.m., PES**

E. Public Communications

F. Technology Committee – **Meeting 10/12/22, 6:15 p.m., LLES**

G. Recognition Committee

H. Liaisons:

1. Schools
2. Wellness Committee
3. Professional Development Committee
4. 2COM

I. Parent Advisory Council

J. Interdepartmental Safety Committee

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Robert Dyer and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the September 28, 2022, Board of Education meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 8.0)

22-150

These minutes are subject to Board approval.

Submitted by Kelly Rodriguez, Board Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2022, Laurel Ledge Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.