

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 16
Board of Education Meeting
January 11, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox, at 7:00 p.m. at WRHS, in Beacon Falls, CT.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

Mr. Hiscox read a statement indicating that he would be tabling Action Item #1, "Act to approve going to referendum on a turf field at WRHS". Mr. Hiscox provided a brief history regarding the topic and the reason that it would be tabled.

Mr. Yamin added the results of the survey which indicated that out of 750 responses, 79% of the community prefers turf to 20% that would not support a turf field.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022, Board of Education (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

23-001

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

Ann Cook, resident of Beacon Falls, spoke voicing her preference of a turf field to a grass field. Ms. Cook also asked about the timeline and how it might impact other sports. Ms. Cook shared her opinion that a turf field would receive support from other sports and potentially help generate an income.

Michael Strachan, senior at WRHS and football team member, shared his opinion that the grass field is currently unsafe to play on and feels a turf field would solve the problem.

Joe Lato, WRHS football coach, spoke in support of the turf field.

Casey Taylor, graduate class of 2009 and current resident of Beacon Falls, shared his opinion that the fields have gotten worse since he was a student and feels the field should be made playable. He is not fully supportive of turf but wants the field to be playable and suitable.

Tara Hummel, resident of Beacon Falls, commented that her son was injured on the grass field and feels that it needs to be repaired either way.

Jason Kane, resident of Prospect, shared his opinion that the Board needs to be proactive regarding this decision. He is in support of a turf field and would like to invest in the safety of student athletes.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent's FYI 1/11/22

Parent Letter: Update of SMART funding

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in General Fund as of 1/11/23:	\$4,645,852.38
Tonight's Invoices Total	\$1,558,023.67
General Fund	\$1,425,441.71
Federal and State Grants	\$78,175.78
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund	\$27,108.45
Capital Non-Recurring Project	\$27,297.73

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

Miss Hughes shared this evening's report.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Tammy Johnson will be recognized for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a student at LLES.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Update

1. Next Generation Accountability scores and state report card for schools.

Mrs. Raynor shared the results of the above. Some highlights were results associated

with the following: how the Region performed as a District, how each school performed, how the subgroups performed and how Region 16 compared to the state and their DRG (as well as surrounding towns). Mrs. Raynor took questions from Board members and clarified that areas of need are being addressed. Mr. Yamin shared his opinion that the Region needs to increase expectations and put students in higher level classes.

2. 2021-2022 R16 budget audit by Clermont & Assoc. (David Cappelletti)
Mr. Cappelletti reviewed the audit and fielded questions from Board members.
3. Update turf field survey.
Mr. Yamin provided this information at the beginning of the meeting.
4. Update on R16 programmatic pamphlets – copied/distributed to LRMS.
These were distributed and mailed out to towns. Information will also be provided to Citizens News.
5. District Strategic Plan pamphlet – mailed to school community & left at town halls.

B. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone shared the following: The BOWA consortium has completed their bid for heating oil, gasoline, and diesel. The propane RFP for buses will be issued later this month. Greenleaf is performing exploratory work at the schools to confirm the ability to use a non-penetrating mount for their solar arrays. The Food Services department is left with \$54,651.24 which will be expended by January 31, 2023. Paid meals will return (and parents have been notified) on February 1, 2023. At the close of December, a profit of \$90,000 is shown. It is anticipated that revenue will drop following the conclusion of free meals.

C. Action Items

1. Act to approve going to referendum to decide to support turf field.

MOTION TABLED

2. Act to approve audit for 2021-2022 school year.

A MOTION was made by Ben Catanzaro and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve audit for 2021-2022 school year.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

23-002

3. Act to transfer \$598,967. from 2021-2022 budget overage into capital non-recurring fund.

A MOTION was made by Karima Jackson and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to transfer \$598,967. from 2021-2022 budget overage into capital non-recurring fund.

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23-003

4. Act to approve bid from flooring contractor Gugliotti Associates Inc. for WRHS gym floor in the amount of \$277,500.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve bid from flooring contractor Gugliotti Associates Inc. for WRHS gym floor in the amount of \$277,500.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

23-004

5. Act to approve budget transfers for December 2022 in the amount of \$40,684.16, as presented.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to approve budget transfers for December 2022 in the amount of \$40,684.16, as presented.

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23-005

6. Act to award Safety Services bid to M J Daly in the amount of \$17,210.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to award Safety Services bid to M J Daly in the amount of \$17,210.

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23-006

IX. OLD BUSINESS

School-based meetings, conferences, PPTs
Ms. Cretella asked for an update with fundraising.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

FYI – Expenditure Report – Dec 2022

XIII. ENROLLMENT – January 2023

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – **Meeting 1/11/23, WRHS, 6:00 p.m.**

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee – **Meeting 2/8/23, LRMS, 5:30 p.m.**

C. Curriculum Committee

D. Policy Committee – **Meeting 4/19/23, District Office, 6:15 p.m.**

E. Public Communications – **minutes of 12/14/22 meeting.**

Next joint meeting with the Technology Committee: 3/8/23, 6:15 p.m., WRHS.

F. Technology Committee – **Next joint meeting with Public Communications Comm. 3/8/23 at WRHS, 6:15 p.m.**

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 Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of January 11, 2023 at 8:56 p.m.

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23-007

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2023, Long River Middle, 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are subject to Board approval.

Submitted by Kelly Rodriguez, Board Clerk.