

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 16
Board of Education Meeting
February 8, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote Per Member
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	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. in the Media Center at LRMS, in Prospect, CT.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

C. Revision/Additions to Agenda Order

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 11, 2023, Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023, Board of Education (Ex. I)

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

23-008

Mr. Hiscox moved to the Exemplary People section of the agenda at this time. Tammy Johnson, Classroom Aide at LLES was awarded a certificate of recognition for performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking student.

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*

Dave Bunk, resident of Beacon Falls, attended the Facility Meeting prior to the Board meeting. He is in support of the turf field that would serve multiple sports. He has had conversations with ADs and the CIAC and feels this would be the best choice. He looks forward to the results of the feasibility study.

Marie Kluge, resident of Prospect, made the Board aware of a Planning and Zoning Meeting that will be taking place on February 15, 2023, regarding a “gun club”. She wanted to bring awareness to the Board as it may pose some concerns.

Dino Verrelli, resident of Beacon Falls, was taken off guard by an email in which there was an error. He voiced his concerns of a lack of transparency and was concerned that he was misquoted in the prior meeting that he attended and spoke at. Mr. Verrelli brought up the Powerstation vendor and different jobs that were serviced over the years in an attempt to understand why the District doesn’t have a contract with them.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

ACES Technology Services & Legislative Breakfast
2/3/23 Superintendent of Schools Update

V. TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance in General Fund as of 2/8/23:	\$1,919,000.91
Tonight’s Invoices Total	\$1,334,912.06
General Fund	\$1,159,311.94
Federal and State Grants	\$144,855.53
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund	\$30,744.59
Capital Non-Recurring Project	\$0.00

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

Miss Hughes delivered this evening’s report highlighting information from the following: Departments, Clubs and Students Government.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Tammy Johnson, Classroom Aide at LLES, for performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking student.

VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Update

1. Explanation of summary of present Capital Improvement Project, future referendum on a turf field and District Strategic Plan to Region 16 residents.

Mr. Yamin made mention of the Facilities meeting that took place and the discussion regarding measurement criteria and framework and factors that would drive the budget. Mr. Yamin shared a brief history and brought the Board up to date.

Mr. Yamin also included in his discussion the process that would need to take place as well as apologizing for his mistake regarding the previously mentioned email.

2. Initial Framework for Budget Session – calendar attached.

Mr. Yamin reviewed the calendar and set of dates.

3. Non-certified personnel changes: new secretary at LLES, Jennifer Conklin, and administrative assistant at D.O., Sandy D'Amelio.

Mr. Yamin mentioned the savings that resulted in the decision to hold off on the gym flooring project. This resulted in a savings of \$200,000.

B. Director of Finance and Business Operations Report

Mr. DiLeone reported on the following: The Food Services department has completed the drawdown of SMART funds as of January 31, 2023. Students returned to paid status on February 1, 2023. The 2022-2023 Wellness Initiatives kicked off on January 31. Several staff members were involved and reported enjoyment during their sessions. The letter of intent for the two smaller projects at LLES and D.O. were submitted to Greenleaf on January 31, 2023. The medium sized projects at LRMS, WRHS and PES will be submitted later in February for the March deadline. If these projects are approved by Eversource, the lease purchase agreement will be brought before the Board for approval sometime in the late spring/early summer.

C. Action Items

1. Act to accept teacher's letter of retirement. (E. Hayes)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to accept Erin Hayes' letter of retirement, with sincere thanks.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

23-009

2. Act to accept teacher's letter of retirement. (M. Dandelske)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to accept Mark Dandelske's letter of retirement, with sincere thanks.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

23-010

3. Act to accept teacher's letter of retirement. (A. Paoletta)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Karima Jackson to accept Andrea Paoletta's letter of retirement, with sincere thanks.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

23-011

4. Act to approve the BOE to create a scope of work for a turf field at WRHS and go to a referendum to have the community decide whether or not to support a turf field.

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ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

23-012

It was mentioned that this was not a guarantee and Ms. Cretella urged members of both towns to make sure they offered their support. Mr. Hiscox also reminded the audience that there is a process that needs to take place.

5. Act to approve budget transfers for January 2023 in the amount of \$61,226.10.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Karima Jackson to approve budget transfers for January 2023 in the amount of \$61,226.10.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3) **23-013**

6. Act to appropriate \$2,812.50 from the Region's capital non-recurring account to post the performance bond for the two solar systems at Laurel Ledge School and the District Office, to be returned to the capital non-recurring account upon denial from Eversource or completion of the project.

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ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3) **23-014**

7. Act to appropriate \$12,500 from the Region's capital non-recurring account to post the performance bond for the three solar systems at Long River Middle School, Woodland High School and Prospect Elementary School, to be returned to the capital non-recurring account upon denial from Eversource or completion of the project.

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ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3) **23-015**

IX. OLD BUSINESS

School-based meetings, conferences, PPTs and policy adherence.

Policy Meeting on April 19, 2023.

Superintendent to review bid process to ensure transparency.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ITEMS for NEXT BOE AGENDA

A.I.-Chat-GPT discussion from Ryan Mackenzie

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Expenditure Report – Jan 2023

XIII. ENROLLMENT – February 2023

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
- 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 – **Next joint meeting with Technology Committee:
3/8/23, 6:15 p.m., WRHS**
- F. Technology Committee – **joint meeting w/ Public Communications 3/8/23**
- G. Recognition Committee
- H. Liaisons:
 - 1. Schools
 - 2. Wellness Committee
 - 3. Professional Development Committee
 - 4. 2COM
- I. Parent Advisory Council
- J. Interdepartmental Safety Committee
 - Magnets for doors to be ordered

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of February 8, 2023 at 7:39 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.3)

23-016

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2023, Woodland Regional High School, 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are subject to Board approval.

Submitted by Kelly Rodriguez, Board Clerk.