

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 26, 2020**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

		Weighted Vote <u>Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls...</i>	Christine Arnold	.7
	Priscilla Cretella	.7
	Ben Catanzaro	.7
	Erik Dey	.7
<i>Prospect...</i>	Robert Dyer	1.3
	Nazih Noujaim	1.3
	Roxanne Vaillancourt	1.3
	Robert Hiscox	1.3

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools  
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations  
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director  
Shelly McNulty, Director of Special Ed & Pupil Services  
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS  
Michelle Meyers, Assistant Principal LRMS  
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS  
Dana Mulligan, Assistant Principal WRHS  
Ryan Mackenzie, Assistant Principal WRHS  
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES  
Regina Murzak, Principal LLES

**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**

A roll was taken; a quorum was present.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

The first portion of the meeting was dedicated to a Budget Presentation by Mr. Yamin. Mr. Yamin discussed the following and fielded questions as necessary: Academic Improvement Goals, Recent Budget History, Budget Recommendations (0.0% Flat), Budget Highlights, Proposed Staffing Changes, Medicaid Fund Usage, Enrollment Trends, Projected Enrollment, Per Pupil Expenditure, Growth in Student Achievement, 5 year Budget Analysis, Expenditure by Category, Sources of Operating Revenue, Estimated Net Expenses to be paid by Member Towns, Net Cost to Member Towns.

A two minute recess was taken before beginning the regular agenda.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 12, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.1)

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Robert Hiscox to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Ex.I) **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 8.0) **20-031**

## 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*

David Rybinski, Beacon Falls resident, addressed the Board. He expressed a concern about trees at LRMS which Mr. Yamin assured him was being looked into and taken care of. Mr. Rybinski acknowledged the difficulty of students transitioning from elementary to middle and to high school. Mr. Rybinski would like to see more vocational programs offered in the Region. He is in favor of letting some students attend Region 16 schools on a tuition basis and feels there could be benefits. Mr. Rybinski also stated that with continued improvements in programming that students have the opportunity to shine as proven by his son.

## IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Beth Bucciferro.

Ms. Cretella's reply to Tom Galvin.

## V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Noujaim read the report as follows:

Balance in General Fund as of 2/26/20:	\$5,018,110.49
Tonight's invoices total:	\$765,615.36
General Fund:	\$761,889.64
Federal and State Grants:	\$475.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	\$3,250.72
Capital Non Recurring Project	\$0.00

## VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Emma Flaherty, Gavin Moffat)

Mr. Moffat delivered this evening's report.

## VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

Katie Sirowich, WRHS Quiz Bowl National Qualifier, was presented with a certificate of recognition by Board members, and the Quiz Bowl Team was offered a monetary contribution to help defray costs associated with their upcoming trip.

## VIII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

### A. Superintendent's Update

1. Review healthcare insurance audit for Region 16 employees
2. Schoology Training Session - March 12 (Parent Conferences)

In addition to the above, Mr. Yamin mentioned the boys' and girls' basketball teams and their upcoming games for playoffs and states.

## **B. Action Items**

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

Mr. DiLeone thanked the Business Office staff for all their help leading up to this evening's meeting. Anthem agreed to an overall 4.5% increase for 2020-2021 health insurance renewal. Audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 have been filed. Prospect's audited financial statements are expected by the end of week. Director of Facilities and Mr. DiLeone reached out to Eversource to clarify incentives available to replace rooftop units at LRMS. That information will be explored.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Next Generation Data - March 11

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

1. Discuss Region 16 Registration Process - March 11
2. Non-Resident Attendance Policy - 5118 - March 11

### **XII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Region 16 Schools are working with both towns on the Census 2020.

### **XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee – **Minutes of 2/12/20 meeting; UPSEU March 18 at 5:30 District Office**
- B. Facilities and Transportation Committee – **Minutes of 2/12/20**
- C. Curriculum Committee – **Meeting 3/11/20, 5:45 p.m., WRHS**
- D. Policy Committee –
- E. Public Communications
- F. Technology Committee
- G. Recognition Committee
- H. Liaisons:
  - 1. Schools
  - 2. Wellness Committee
  - 3. Professional Development Committee: **Meetings 4. Monday of month, D.O. 3:30 p.m.**
  - 4. 2COM – Gift cards to encourage students not to vape have been purchased.
- I. Parent Advisory Council

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the February 26, 2020, Board of Education Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

**ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 8.0)

**20-032**

**SPECIAL BOE MEETING FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

March 4, 2020, District Office, 5:30 p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT BOE MEETING:** March 11, 2020, Woodland Regional High School