

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
District Meeting
May 11, 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 Hiscox	1.3
	Karima Jackson	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Michele Raynor, Director of Curriculum
Tony DiLeone, Dir. of Finance and Business Operations
Derek Muharem, Principal LRMS
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hiscox, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library of WRHS in Beacon Falls, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

IV. CALL OF THE MEETING (newspaper legal notice)

Mr. DiLeone read the following into the record:

DISTRICT MEETING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #16
Towns of Beacon Falls & Prospect

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Beacon Falls and Prospect are hereby warned that a public meeting of Regional School District Number 16 will be held at Woodland Regional High School, 135 Back Rimmon Road in Beacon Falls, Connecticut on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the following recommendation of the Board of Education:

1. That \$2,300,000 be appropriated for costs related to improvements to various athletic facilities at the Woodland Regional High School, consisting of the demolition and reconstruction of the track, including drainage system, and scoreboard, replacement of the gymnasium floor, renovations to the weight room, including remodeling and replacement of equipment, and addition of storage closets outside the new cardio room. The appropriation may be spent for demolition and removal of materials, the acquisition and installation of equipment, furnishings and materials, engineering and consulting fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Board of Education is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project. The Board of Education may reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

2. That \$2,300,000 bonds and temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation. The amount of the bonds or notes authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the District for the project and applied to defray project costs. That the bond and temporary note authorization be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the towns of the District.

Dated at Prospect, Connecticut this 3rd day of May, 2022.

Robert Hiscox, Chairman Board of Education
Regional School District #16

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. Appoint a moderator to preside at the District Meeting

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to appoint Robert Hiscox as moderator to preside at the District Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4)

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b. Appoint a recording secretary for the District Meeting

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga to appoint Kelly Rodriguez as recording secretary to preside at the District Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4)

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VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Capital Improvement Project not to exceed \$2,300,000 at WRHS

Mr. Yamin began with an explanation of the purpose of this evening's meeting. After the first annual meeting, the Board and Mr. Yamin took the public's comments into consideration and would like to properly handle the regrading after drainage in order to do the project in the safest most effective manner. The second reason, the bids came in higher than anticipated due to increased costs and, therefore, the \$1,800,000 would not have been enough. An additional \$500,000 would need to be added in order to complete the project correctly. The process is as follows: the Board will vote to move to referendum; they will go back to the Towns in order for them to decide whether or not to move forward. If it is approved, contractors will be contacted and bids with hard numbers will be shared. Approval needs to be had first and then timelines can be set. It was made clear that at least a season of football will be lost. Mr. Eric Roise of Kastle Boos answered some questions from Board members. Mr.

Decker shared his opinion on the current condition of the field and his concerns. Mr. Roise shared a possible solution for a temporary fix in the meantime.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Brooks, resident of Beacon Falls, shared his satisfaction with the plan and would like to support the project. He also thanked the Board for their consideration.

Joe Lato, resident of Beacon Falls echoed Mr. Brooks' thanks and shared he thinks this will minimize safety issues.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to adjourn the District Meeting of May 11, 2022, at 6:56 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4)

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