

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 16
District Meeting
April 5, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CALL OF THE MEETING (legal notice as published in the newspaper)

Notice of Public Hearing
 Regional School District #16

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in a town meeting of the Towns of Beacon Falls and Prospect are hereby notified and warned that a public District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Woodland Regional High School, 135 Back Rimmon Road, in the Town of Beacon Falls, Connecticut at 7:00 p.m., at which the Regional Board of Education will present a proposed budget of \$42,955,395 for the next fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023. Any person may recommend the inclusion or deletion of expenditures in said proposed budget at such time. After said public hearing, the Board will prepare an annual budget for the next fiscal year, copies of which will be available at least five days before the annual meeting to be held on Monday, May 1, 2023.

Dated at Prospect, Connecticut this 28th day of March 2023.

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

III. Nominate and vote to appoint a Temporary Secretary

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Christine Arnold to nominate and vote to appoint Kelly Rodriguez as Temporary Secretary.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

23-046

IV. Nominate and vote to appoint a Moderator for the District Meeting

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by Ben Catanzaro to nominate and appoint Robert Hiscox as Moderator.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

23-047

V. Moderator -

Superintendent to present proposed final budget for 2023-2024

Mr. Yamin provided all powerpoints up to this point since March 8th in order to highlight where the budget started to where it is now; included in this information was the cost to member towns. Mr. Yamin expressed his feeling that the budget is fiscally responsible while still meeting the needs of students. Mr. Yamin's recommendation was to hold on the addition of another counselor unless enrollment changes and it can be reassessed as in previous years with no problems.

Comments from the public

Jim Carroll, resident of Beacon Falls, expressed his feelings that there should be one ballot with two questions. Mr. Yamin and Mr. Hiscox provided explanations to the Board's intentions during this evening's meeting.

Dino Verelli, resident of Beacon Falls, felt the Board should reconsider and increase the special education budget to make room in the event that family's request testing from outside the District.

VI. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to adjourn the Budget portion of the meeting and resume to the Board of Education meeting at 7:18 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 6.7)

23-048

Resume the regular Board of Education meeting of 4/5/23.

Board Secretary,

Christine Arnold

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