

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
District Meeting
April 11, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	<u>Weighted Vote Per Member</u>
<i>Beacon Falls</i>	
David Rybinski	.7
Christine Arnold	.7
Priscilla Cretella	.7
<i>Prospect</i>	
Nazih Noujaim	1.3
Roxann Vaillancourt	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance and Business Ops.
Michele Raynor, Curriculum Director
Shelly McNulty, Director of Special Ed/Pupil Services
Kurt Ogren, Principal WRHS
Dana Mulligan, Assistant Principal WRHS
Rima McGeehan, Principal PES
Jeff Haddad, Assistant Principal PES

I. Call to Order

The District Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the gymnasium at LRMS, Prospect, CT. by Vice-Chair Priscilla Cretella to present the proposed 2018-19 budget at a Public Hearing.

II. Call of the Meeting (newspaper legal notice)

Christine Arnold read the following:

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETING OF
REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST. #16

The electors and citizens who are qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Beacon Falls and Prospect are hereby notified and warned that a public District meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at Long River Middle School in the Town of Prospect at 7:00 p.m., at which the Regional Board of Education will present a proposed budget of \$40,857,082 for the next fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2018. 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 7, 2018.

Dated at Prospect, Connecticut this 28th day of March 2018.

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

III. Nominate & vote to appoint a Temporary Secretary

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by David Rybinski to nominate to appoint Kelly Blum to be Temporary Secretary.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 4.7) **18-069**

IV. Nominate & vote to appoint a Moderator

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by David Rybinski to nominate to appoint Priscilla Cretella to be Moderator.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 4.7) **18-070**

V. Budget Presentation

Moderator Priscilla Cretella turned the meeting over to Superintendent Yamin who gave a budget presentation on the proposed 2018-2019 budget. He indicated there would be a further reduction to the total budget due to the recent updated health insurance renewal information. This updated information reduces the 2018-2019 proposed budget to \$40,731,402, a decrease of -0.05% from the 2017-2018 budget. In his presentation, Mr. Yamin highlighted the following points: Recent Budget History, Budget Analysis, Budget Overview, Budget Highlights, Budget Additions, Estimated Expenditures for towns and Net costs for member towns.

VI. Comments from Public

Angela Fenton, resident of Beacon Falls, thanked the Board for their service and stated that she has been impressed with the Board and the staff at LLES. Ms. Fenton spoke regarding armed guards in the schools. While she was in favor, she wanted to know if there could be an additional presence for after-school/evening activities or if the building could be more secure during those times. She was concerned about having a part-time guidance counselor at LLES but saw in the budget book that the position would be increased to full time next year and was pleased to know that.

Michael Coviello, resident of Prospect, also thanked the Board. Mr. Coviello has a background as a police officer and has a daughter who attends PES. Mr. Coviello stated that he feels having a uniformed police officer at each school would be of more value than having armed guards, as police officers have extensive training.

Paul Cummings, resident of Beacon Falls, stated that he feels his concerns were dismissed and he would like more answers to the questions he had previously posed. Based on research and findings, he feels the armed guards are not appropriate for our schools, guns should not be in the schools, this item should be removed from the budget, and we should not support a budget that includes armed guards for our schools.

With no one else from the public wishing to speak:

A MOTION was made by Nazih Noujaim and SECONDED by Roxann Vaillancourt to move the budget of **\$40,731,402** for the next fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2018, to the public. **ALL IN FAVOR** (weighted vote totals 4.7) **18-071**

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Christine Arnold that the vote at the Annual District Meeting on May 7th be by paper ballot.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 4.7) **18-072**

The Public Hearing ended at 7:33 p.m., and the Board resumed the business of the tonight's regular Board of Education meeting.

Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

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