

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
Special Board of Education Meeting
April 30, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beacon Falls...

Priscilla Cretella
David Rybinski

Prospect...

Robert Hiscox
Nazih Noujaim (via conference call)
Roxann Vaillancourt (via conference call)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent of Schools
Pamela Mangini, Dir. of Finance and Business Ops.
Shelly McNulty, Dir. of SPED/Pupil Personnel Svcs.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Hiscox at 9:10 a.m. at the Region 16 District Office, 30 Coer Road, Prospect, CT.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

A roll was taken. A quorum was present.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

1. Update on consolidating services and providing all Region 16 pre-school programming in one location starting 2018-2019.

Mr. Yamin explained the reasoning for consolidating the pre-school services in Region 16 to one site, Prospect Elementary School, and closing the program at Laurel Ledge School starting with the 2018-2019 school year. He indicated that he had been discussing the possibility of this change with the Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Services, Shelly McNulty, for about the two years now. The change to one location will have no impact on bussing, will create equitable caseloads, allow Beacon Falls students to utilize increase supports, help high need students to transition to high need supported classrooms, and better group three-year olds and four-year olds with appropriate peers. In addition, the change will result in a financial savings for the Region, as closing the Laurel Ledge School program will reduce one teaching position.

Our school board attorney was contacted for any contractual obligation and state requirements to implement the proposed change. In addition, the parents of the Beacon Falls pre-school students were notified about this impending change for next year, and

Shelly McNulty reported there was no negative feedback. The program in Beacon Falls can always be re-instituted if the enrollment numbers warrant it.

The Board members questions and concerns were all addressed by Mr. Yamin and Ms. McNulty, and the Board consensus was that they are comfortable with the consolidation of the pre-school learning program to one school starting with the 2018-19 school year.

V. ACTION

1. Act to non-renew teacher contract for 2018-2019 due to reduction in force.

A MOTION was made by Priscilla Cretella and SECONDED by David Rybinski to non-renew the teaching contract for Kathleen Aldrich, Pre-School teacher at Laurel Ledge Elementary School, for 2018-2019, due to a reduction in force.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote 5.3)

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by David Rybinski and SECONDED by Nazih Noujaim to adjourn \ the April 30, 2018, Special Board of Education Meeting at 9:26 a.m.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote 5.3)

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Christine Arnold,

Board Secretary

*These minutes are subject to Board Approval,
Lorrie Moraniec, Acting Board Clerk*