REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 16
Board of Education Meeting
October 7, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

		Weighted Vote Per Member
Beacon Falls...	Douglas Bousquet	.7
	Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga	.7
	Eleanor McAdam	.7
	Lisa Mariano	.7
Prospect...	Robert Hiscox	1.3
	Kevin Killeen	1.3

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Yamin, Superintendent
Tony DiLeone, Chief Financial Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

This evening's meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at LLES, Beacon Falls, CT

- **A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- **B. Roll Call**
  Roll was called; a quorum was present.
- **C. Revision/Addition to Agenda Order**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 23, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and seconded by Douglas Bousquet to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ex. I)
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4) **26-122**

III. COMMENT

- **A. Town Officials**
- **B. Public Comments - *Note: Public Comment will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of 45 minutes per subject. The BOE will not reply to comments made at a meeting.***

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Superintendent's update dated October 2, 2026.
2. Press Release and Facebook Post: State and National 2025–2026 Student Performance Data.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Killeen read the following into the record:

Balance in General Fund as of 10/07/26:	$7,655,220.21
Tonight's invoices total:	$977,118.54
General Fund:	$367,778.76
Federal and State Grants:	$2,650.00
Adult Ed, Other Grants, Athletic Fund:	$13,718.78
Capital Non Recurring Project	$592,971.00

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Hunter Carey, Wusiye Dabre)

Mr. Carey delivered this evening's report, including an update from each of the departments. Some questions regarding travel safety and insurance came up when discussing the trip to Spain. Clarifying information will be discussed in the future.

VII. EXEMPLARY PEOPLE, PROGRAMS and AWARDS

VIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. **Superintendent's Update**

   Mr. Yamin made note that the District is fully hired.

   a. Enrollment / class sizes
      Class sizes are excellent and were briefly reviewed.
   b. District Wide intervention supports
      - ➢ Paraeducators
      - ➢ Specialists
      - ➢ Pupil Personnel
   c. Discuss MP planning for future enrollment projections

2. **Chief Financial Officer's Report**

   Mr. DiLeone reported the following: The number of breakfasts served continues to grow. A grab and go kiosk for cold meals was added at the middle school which has helped to bolster the number of breakfasts served daily. Mr. DiLeone, Leigh Barbour and Donna Hall will be meeting with Cigna to do a deep dive on the utilization of health insurance. Brown & Brown, the insurance broker, is also looking at other programs that can provide alternative ways of covering certain expenses, which may also help reduce future bills. The SEED grant will be funded again this year at the same time level as last year. This has been included in the budget to fund one speech & language pathologist.

3. **Action Items**

   1. Act to approve a BOE Personnel Search Committee, for the sole purpose of recommending to the Board one or more candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and seconded by Douglas Bousquet to approve a BOE Personnel Search Committee, for the sole purpose of recommending to the Board one or more candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4) **26-123**

2. Act to hire Nicole Gianakos, Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at BA, Step 9, $67,716 prorated.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and seconded by Douglas Bousquet to hire Nicole Gianakos, Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at BA, Step 9, $67,716 prorated.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4) **26-124**

3. Act to approve budget transfers in the amount of $58,633.84.

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and seconded by Douglas Bousquet to approve budget transfers in the amount of $58,633.84.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4) **26-125**

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Busing contract discussion

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT BOE AGENDA

A request was made to recognize Ms. Luddy

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Expenditure Report - September 2026.
2. Board of Education members seated term dates.
   This information was put in the Board packet.

XII. ENROLLMENT

- October 1, 2026-R16 Student Oct. 1 count

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel and Negotiations Committee
   - ➢ **Meeting, October 7, 2026, 6:15 p.m., Laurel Ledge Elementary School**
     A grievance was discussed, decisions will be forthcoming.

B. Facilities and Transportation Committee
   - ➢ **Minutes of September 23, 2026**

C. Curriculum Committee
   - ➢ **Meeting, October 28, 2026, 6:15 p.m., Long River Middle School**

D. Policy Committee
E. Public Communications
F. Technology Committee
G. Recognition Committee
H. Liaisons:
   - ➢ Schools
   - ➢ Wellness Committee
   - ➢ Professional Development Committee
   - ➢ 2COM

I. Parent Advisory Council
   - ➢ **Meeting, October 7, 2026, 5:45 p.m., virtual**

J. Interdepartmental Safety Committee
   - ➢ **Meeting, October 1, 2026, 9:00 a.m., District Office**
     Minutes were provided.

K. Leadership Team

L. Ad-Hoc Building Committee
   - ➢ **Meeting, November 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Woodland Regional High School**

VIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Tiffany Burkitt-Lyga and seconded by Douglas Bousquet to adjourn the Board of Education meeting of October 7, 2026 at 7:22 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR (weighted vote totals 5.4) **26-126**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 28, 2026, Long River Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Board Secretary,

Lisa Mariano

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

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TOWN CLERK