

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION  
East Lyme, Connecticut

**ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND ACTIVITIES (AAA) COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, February 24, 2014  
Room B101 (INTV Room), East Lyme High School  
6:15 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Arcarese and Candice Carlson (Co-Chairs), Tim Hagen, Jaime Barr Shelburn

Members Absent: Rob Kupis

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement)

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

1. Candice Carlson and Joe Arcarese were selected as co-chairpersons.
2. Update on Elementary World Language was given by Dr. Karen Costello.
  - a. East Lyme Public Schools Global Language Task Force presented.
  - b. Global Language Task Force gave 3 possible proposals to Dr. James Lombardo, Superintendent of Schools, with the possibility of adding Chinese, French, and Spanish to the elementary curriculum. All 3 plans articulate with the middle school.
  - c. Dr. Karen Costello presented a rough draft of a 5-year plan and how it will be infused into the elementary schools. Other area elementary schools have world language taught during the school day. At a future AAA meeting, the elementary principals will discuss their feelings about an elementary language program.
3. Full day kindergarten mid-year update was given by Brian Reas, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.
  - a. He stated that things are going well. There has been a 4-20% increase from September to December, last year to this year.
  - b. Feedback from teachers is that kids can practice and that the kindergarten team in the schools have come together to develop the program and will meet during the year.
  - c. Full Day kindergarten will be put on the agenda for the March, 2014 AAA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.