

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION

East Lyme, Connecticut

09/12/2011

Meeting Minutes

ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES (AAA) COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: Monday, September 12, 2011
LOCATION: Room B101 (INTV Room), East Lyme High School
TIME: 9:03^{PM}
ATTENDEES: Al Littlefield (Co-Chair), Laura Greenstein (Co-Chair), Jaime Barr, Mary Broderick, Melissa Ford, James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement)

Committee meeting called to order at 9:05^{PM} by co-chairs Laura Greenstein and Al Littlefield.

MEETING CONDUCT

1. Overview: ELPS Long Range Plan, Goals & Priorities 2011-2012 – Dr. Lombardo

Dr. Lombardo went over the ELPS Long Range Plan indicating that the plan would be a working template to facilitate district efforts to achieve the goals. The committee felt that to work towards achievement of the highlighted goals/objectives this year is a very ambitious undertaking.

The understanding that the goals/objectives listed are not placed in any priority order and that during the course of the year the established committees, working groups, and staff would be providing periodic status to Dr. Lombardo who would in turn be reporting out to the Board and as needed, the committees would also be reporting-out to the Board as well.

The goals/objectives would dovetail nicely with Dr. Lombardo's Superintendent Evaluation (which is usually done by the Board in June of each year).

2. Special Education Overview – Brian Reas

- **Administrative Structure** – Last year's Special Education focus was broad, Pre-K to 12, but this year it has been restructured into Elementary and Secondary coordinators.
- **New Program Development** – Based on the recommendations of the Future's Special Education Task Force, the concept to "Bring Our Children Home" was supported by the introduction of a pilot summer program of an Extended Day Program to serve those children who were previously transported to a private agency after their regular school day. This pilot program had parental support and met with great success.

In August, it evolved into a 2011-12 school year program based at the Middle School (which is the school attended by those students who would be served). The program would be after school, two hours per day, five days a week.

This program would have the ability to be programmatically linked to the present school-based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program and be supervised by ELPS employees. Offering this extended after-school day at the students' regular school would make an easy transition for these students.

By implementing this in-school Extended Day Program, the initial cost savings (after staff/facility expenses) is approximately \$15,000 with the potential for adding additional students at a minimal cost.

3. Brainstorm Ideas for 2011-2012 BOE Goals – After a review of the goals it was agreed that they could be regrouped and organized in a way that would facilitate prioritizing them and aligning them with the Long Range Plan.

Laura Greenstein volunteered to take the first cut at collating and combining the generated goal ideas. These would then be reviewed/commented on by the other Committee members. Once the Committee has a consensus, it would be shared with the rest of the Board and the public.

4. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:45^{PM}.

Respectfully Submitted,

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