

**EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut**

SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, November 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Room B101, East Lyme High School

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Candice Carlson, Jill Carini, Rob Kupis, Barbara Senges, Jaime Barr Shelburn
Board Members Absent: Joe Arcarese, Marlene Nickerson, Pam Rowe
Administrators Present: Dr. Lombardo (Superintendent), Donna Gittleman (Interim Assistant Superintendent), Melissa DeLoreto (NCS Principal)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:06 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Presentation and Discussion of the East Lyme Elementary Schools' Design Steering Committee Recommendation to the East Lyme Board of Education**

The East Lyme Elementary Design Steering Committee Chair Tim Hagen, Dr. Lombardo and Architect Al Jacunski presented the committee's report and recommendations to the Board. A 2011 Feasibility Study by Kaestle Boos, Associates, Inc. indentified significant infrastructure and maintenance requirements. Cost to repair all three elementary buildings, with no improvement to the layout or appearance and limited to no financial assistance from the state was estimated at \$22 million. The Design Committee concurred with the Board of Education's July 15, 2013 consensus that this is the least desirable approach.

Three Options Considered (although other options were discussed):

1. Renovate "as new" three existing schools
2. Discontinue use of all three buildings and construct a new elementary school campus ~on an existing
3. Discontinue use of one building and renovate as new and/or build as new two remaining facilities

Factors considered:

1. Educational Quality and Experience
2. Site Location
3. Site Size
4. Building/Renovation Costs
5. Operating Cost Savings
6. Disposition of Vacated School Site
7. Other Long Term considerations
8. Community Culture and Tradition

Committee's Recommendation: Two Elementary Schools: Niantic Center and Flanders

- Each with ~ 400 K-4 student capacity with classroom space for current pre-school enrollment
- Cost #s based on 2014-2015 NESDEC projected enrollment

Renovate as New Niantic Center School:

- New gymnasium
- Two-story addition
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 on first floor
- Media Center on first floor to comply with code
- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Project total estimate \$46,494,600.00 – Total cost to Town: \$32,298,050.00

Build New Flanders School:

- Position building on current site optimizing location on site
- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Project total estimate \$49,552,700.00 – Total cost to Town: \$34,621,481.00

Post Construction: Release Lillie B. Haynes School to Town:

- Recommend space is retained for such things as LEARN, Creative Playschool, Coastal Connections and the Vocational Transition Program

Time Table: (Provided Board acts NLT January 2015)*

- Complete Design/Educational Specifications	March 2015
- Town Referendum	May 2015
- File to State of CT for Reimbursement (ED-049)	June 2015*
- Secure Construction Manager Services	July 2015
- Complete Construction Plans and Specifications	May 2016
- Reimbursement Approval	June 2016
- Redistrict Elementary Students for 2016-2017 School Year	June 2016
- Vacate Niantic Center School	July 2016
- Begin Construction at Niantic Center and Flanders	July 2016
- Complete Construction	(TBD)
- Occupy New Facilities	(TBD)
- Release Lillie B. Haynes to the Town	(TBD)

** If not ready to file by June 2015, timetable slips by at least one year with additional costs.*

Tim Hagen noted that Board action is required to allow the Design Committee to move forward and begin the next phase of development of the project. Much discussion ensued. Board members were encouraged to submit questions to Dr. Lombardo directly. Responses will be provided to the full Board. The PowerPoint presentation and video of the meeting are available on the district website at www.eastlymeschools.org.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jaime moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.; Jill Carini seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Littlefield

Albert Littlefield, Secretary

East Lyme Board of Education