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COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Salem Board of Education/East Lyme Board of Education)

January 31, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
East Lyme High School
INTV Room (B101)

Salem Board Members Present:

Daniel Kung (Chair), Linda Robson (Treasurer), Stephen Buck, Chris Larose Pamela Munro (Secretary), Dinis Pimentel, Donna Sanfilippo

Salem Board Members Excused:

Robert Green (Vice-Chair), Monica Lord-McIntyre

Salem Administrator Present:

Donna Leake (Superintendent), Fayne Malloy (Director of Special Services), Kim Garadee (Business Manager)

East Lyme Board Members Present:

Timothy Hagen (Chair), Mary Broderick, Laura Greenstein (Acting Secretary), Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Richard Steel

East Lyme Board Members Excused:

Jaime Barr, Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber, Kevin Seery

East Lyme Administrators Present:

James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Michael Susi (HS Principal), Don Meltabarger (Business and Facilities Director), Nancy Burdick (Business Manager)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Joint Chairs Daniel Kung and Timothy Hagen at 6:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dan Krug moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 East Lyme/Salem Cooperative Meeting; Tim Hagen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

V. Review and Discuss Reconciliation of Salem Tuition Rates for FY 2009-2010

ELPS Business Director Don Meltabarger explained the tuition reconciliation process and reported an underpayment by Salem of \$135,197.18 for FY 2009-2010 that will be paid in ten (10) equal payments in FY 2011-2012.

VI. Approve Salem Tuition Rates for 2011-2012

Discussion took place regarding the relevance of having a third tuition rate (Premium Tuition Rate Self Contained). The rate does not take into consideration the other costs associated with students attending the high school and has not been used for many years. In addition, there is no mention of this tuition rate in the Cooperative Agreement.

MOTION: Mary Broderick moved to approve the Salem Tuition Rates for 2011-2012 as follows:

- 1) Base tuition rate of \$10,377.42; and 2) Premium tuition rate of \$21,229.66 as presented; Steve Buck seconded.

VOTE PRO: Tim Hagen/EL

VOTE CON: Dan Kung/Salem

MOTION FAILED 1:1

MOTION: Dan Kung moved to approve the Salem Tuition Rates for 2011-2012 as follows:

- 1) Base tuition rate of \$10,377.42; 2) Premium tuition rate of \$21,229.66; and 3) Premium self contained tuition rate of \$10,918.74 as presented; Marlene Nickerson seconded.

VOTE PRO: Dan Kung/Salem

VOTE CON: Tim Hagen/EL

MOTION FAILED 1:1

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- 1) Base tuition rate of \$10,377.42; and 2) Premium tuition rate of \$21,229.66 as presented; Tim Hagen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

VII.

Review and Discuss Special Education Cost Sharing for Salem and East Lyme: A Rationale for Change (Draft dated 10/18/10)

Dr. Lombardo outlined the white paper entitled *Special Education Cost Sharing for Salem and East Lyme: A Rationale for Change* (draft dated 10/18/10) and asked the Boards' consideration for a change in the manner East Lyme shares special education services with Salem. The proposal developed by the East Lyme/Salem Study Team recommends a shift from separate rates to a single tuition rate for East Lyme High School students and only additional costs for extraordinary services. Changes in Connecticut education law and practice have occurred that also suggest the need for a formula change. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

VIII. Next Cooperative Meeting Date (May 16, 2011, 6:00 P.M. at Salem School)

IX.

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss white paper entitled *Special Education Cost Sharing for Salem and East Lyme: A Rationale for Change* (draft dated 10/18/10)
Salem Tuition Rates

X. Adjournment

MOTION: Dan Kung moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Tim Hagen seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Greenstein

Laura Greenstein (Acting Secretary)
East Lyme Board of Education