

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
Public Hearing
Monday, January 31, 2011
7:30 p.m.
East Lyme High School Auditorium

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Jaime Barr (Acting Secretary), Mary Broderick, Laura Greenstein, Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rich Steel

Board Members Absent: Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Kim Davis (Special Education Coordinator), Gina Olearczyk (Special Education Coordinator), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director), Linda Anania (FL Principal), David Miko (HA Principal), Melissa Deloreto (NC Principal), Judy DeLeeuw (MS Principal), Michael Susi (HS Principal), Nancy Burdick (Business Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:45 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Receive public comment relative to the 2011-2012 school district budget

1. Mike Schultz, Lover's Lane, remarked on "a great school system," the diligence of the Board of Education, and the competency of the administrators and teachers throughout the district. He requested a more detailed account of the proposed budget, specifically in the areas of salaries and benefits and asked for more information regarding why bonding is not included in the expense per pupil costs. Mr. Schultz expressed concerns regarding rising costs in health insurance and asked the Board to explore cost saving options. He expressed his concern that with an anticipated decrease in student population, the hiring of new staff is not justified. He thanked the Board for sharing the preliminary results of the feasibility study and the opportunity for comment.
2. Dr. James Lombardo, Superintendent of Schools, answered Mr. Schultz's question by stating that there is no step increase for teachers and administrators for the 2011-2012 school year and negotiated agreements spell out an overall 2.9% salary increase over the previous year.
3. Karen Rak, 27 Black Point Road, encouraged the Board to implement a user or "Pay for Play" fee with a sliding scale.

B. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; Jaime Barr seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Barr/lls

Jaime Barr, Acting Secretary
East Lyme Board of Education