

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

MINUTES OF
FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2011
Room B102 East Lyme High School
7:00 PM (before the Regular BOE meeting)

Members Present: Marlene Nickerson, Beth Groeber (7:20), Tim Hagen, Rich Steel, and Kevin Seery (7:20)

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo, Superintendent/Don Meltabarger, Finance and Facilities Director/Brian Reas, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel/Nancy Burdick, Business Supervisor

1. Proposed FY 12 Budget Transfers

An outline of requested transfers was reviewed. Several part time salaries from eliminated district wide positions along savings in social security and health insurance benefits provided the available funds. The request for redeployment included purchase of computer equipment and contracted services including instructional assistants (SPED and OT/PT). Citing a need for more information and rationale for the purchase of iPads (as part of a proposed experimental pilot program), the board requested this be backed out of the final line total, reducing the amount from \$71,408 to \$66,585. The remaining transfers and amounts were accepted by the committee members. This was slated for approval at the board meeting following the FFO Committee meeting.

2. Monthly Budget Update

The SPED program continues to run under budget by ~\$100k however the final Excess Cost Grant (i.e. total state reimbursement) will not be known until March. Unemployment payout could run over budget, despite having increased this line item budget to \$50k (double from previous years). Poor job market with high flux in job turnover (cycles of employment/job loss) were cited as a possible causes.

3. Facilities Update

November 28th BOE meeting ribbon cutting for the Culinary Arts Laboratory
Work on the LBH LEARN wing roof is nearly complete
The repair on the HS music wing wall is 90% complete
Starting work on the HS baseball field has been delayed due undisclosed issues from the vendor
Natural gas at LBH is up and running with the MS close to being online (anticipated within two weeks).

4. Proposed Anytime Fitness/Coastal Connections Agreement

A one month pilot program has been initiated using the Anytime Fitness gym for students in Coastal Connections. Dr. Lombardo clarified that in order to fulfill the physical education credit requirements, the program would be constructed with our certified physical education teacher (Lori Zaneski). Additionally, Coastal Connections staff will transport and be present during the workouts. The cost is approximately \$8/child (\$100/month) which is significantly less than what a 0.1 Physical Education teacher salary would cost. Committee members expressed concern over the perceptions this might create in the district including inequality across physical education programs.

5. Proposed Coastal Connections Lease Agreement

Due to time constraints, this item was held for a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Groeber

Vice Chair

FFO Committee