

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

MINUTES OF
FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Room B100 East Lyme High School
Following the Regular BOE meeting

Members Present: Beth Groeber, Tim Hagen, Rich Steel, Kevin Seery

Members Absent: Marlene Nickerson

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Supt.), Don Meltabarger (Finance and Facilities Director)

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 p.m (starting with a tour of the High School Culinary Arts Lab)

1. Tour of the High School Culinary Arts Lab Board members from both the FFO and AAA committees toured the newly renovated HS Culinary Arts Lab. Board members were impressed with the quality and comprehensive overall transformation. Dr. Karen Costello and Don Meltabarger answered questions and highlighted features. The new space is expected to allow for full delivery of the recently revised culinary curriculum.

2. Monthly Budget Update

With a recent dip in per barrel oil prices, we have locked in our oil for 2011-2012 (discussed in the main meeting). Approximately \$50k savings is anticipated; however this will be used for conversion of oil to natural gas burners at the Middle School and LBH. Natural gas heat is anticipated to be actively in use by November 1st. Niantic Center, Flanders and Central Office are still running fully on oil. The SPED program is under budget by ~\$100k thanks to the addition of another in-house (in this case summer) program.

3. Update on Facilities and Vision Committee Work

Dr. Lombardo gave a status update for this committee. One meeting has been held to date where the focus was on providing an overview of the facilities report/facilities status. The group is charged with setting a vision for long term building renovations while keeping educational specifications in mind. The session also was largely brainstorming in nature.

4. Added Agenda Item (based on conversation within the main BOE meeting): Consider ways to implement the BOE goal to "Develop and conduct a public outreach campaign that will educate the community and solicit their participation and ownership of the vision for the ELPS."

Several ideas were bantered including using net board and website outreach, using the local cable access channel, consider ways to use the newly renovated culinary arts lab, and finally, find those areas of our Mission and Long Range Plan where public interaction and participation can be incorporated.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Groeber
Acting Chair