

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

01/09/2011

Meeting Minutes
Finance, Facilities, and Operations (FFO) COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 09, 2012
LOCATION: Room B102 (INTV Room), East Lyme High School
TIME: 9:35 ^{PM}
ATTENDEES: Marlene Nickerson, Al Littlefield, Pam Rowe, Chris Sandford, Jill Carini,
James Lombardo (Superintendent), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director)

Committee meeting called to order at 9:35^{PM} by Dr. Lombardo.

MEETING CONDUCT

1. Chairperson Election –

Dr. Lombardo presided over the selection/election of a committee chair. The result, by acclamation was selection of Marlene Nickerson and Al Littlefield as Co-Chairs.

2. Discussion: Greenskies, Inc. (Solar Farm in East Lyme) –

The Committee members had just seen/heard the presentation of Greenskies, Inc. at the regular-stated Board meeting. The Committee had no further questions. It was felt that the potential benefit in cost-of-energy savings were well-worth the commitment. The agreement is at no-cost to the District. If Greenskies, Inc. is successful in this endeavor, then it is a "Win Situation" and if the endeavor does not come to fruition, then the District will continue on as we have been doing.

** The consensus of the committee was a RECOMMENDATION that the Board take the action and approve the commitment/agreement with Greenskies, Inc.

3. Discussion: Proposed Carelot Enterprises, LLC Rental Agreement –

Prior to the meeting, Dr. Lombardo answered questions about the least/rental of space for Coastal Connections. For the benefit of the Committee, he synopsised the status of the current lease for the old Alternative Education building and the lease with Carelot Enterprises.

The current monthly rent on the old Alternative Education building, across from the High School driveway, is \$1950, plus utilities. We have 11 months remaining in this lease. The lease on the building does allow us to sublet the space. At present, there are two possible groups considering a sub-lease. The District has a firm commitment (to start next week) from Eastern Community Developmental Corporation (ECDC) to rent the upstairs for \$800 (plus a share of utilities) for at least the remainder of this school year. There is also additional interest in a sub-lease of the downstairs but the arrangements are still being worked out.

The \$800 sub-lease, plus utilities, will cover the lease cost for Coastal Connections at the Carelot Enterprises building for the remainder of this school year. The rental agreement with Carelot Enterprises is \$750 per month plus \$250.00 to cover utilities. We only pay rent for the time that school is in session. The lease runs from August 29, 2011 through June 22, 2012. (During the summer months, Carelot Enterprises runs other programs out of the building.)

The lease with Carelot Enterprises has options for two successive renewal periods, the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. In these out years, the lease/rent payments will be approximately \$1400.00 per month plus utilities (as opposed to the current \$1950 (plus utilities) that is paid for the old Alternative Education building).

** The consensus of the committee was a RECOMMENDATION that the Board take the action and approve the 2011-2012 lease with Carelot Enterprises.

4. Discussion: High School Athletic Complex --

It was felt that the only shot at getting the community vote on the High School Athletic Complex as a part of the February Town Budget Referendum process was to see if a combined, Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Finance for the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on 18 January. Dr. Lombardo would talk about this possibility with First Selectman, Paul Formica.

5. Discussion: Future Agenda Topics

With the impending 2012-2013 Budget process taking up the bulk of the committee time for the month of January (and possibly into February), the only item that the committee would like to put on its future agenda is a review of the Revenue Accounts.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 ^{PM}.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Albert L. Littlefield

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