

**EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION  
East Lyme, Connecticut**

**East Lyme Board of Education Minutes  
Monday, November 28, 2011  
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
INTV Room – B101  
East Lyme High School**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent), Dr. Karen Costello, Linda Anania (FL Principal), Dr. David Miko (HA Principal), Judy DeLeeuw (MS Principal), Michael Susi (HS Principal), Melissa DeLoreto (NC Principal), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director)

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Tim Hagen, Beth Groeber, Mary Broderick and Kevin Seery

**III. BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA AMENDMENT**

**MOTION:** Kevin Seery moved to modify the Board of Education Agenda by adding Facility Naming Committee as Item A.1 under Discussion/Action Items/Finance/Facilities/Community; Marlene Nickerson seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Shelly Ren, 90 Landon St., Guilford, CT, has two children who attend the Southeastern CT Chinese School (SCCS) that currently rents space from East Lyme High School. Mrs. Ren is concerned that students enrolled in the program are being taught Chinese Communist Party (CCP) propaganda instead of the traditional Chinese values of truth, compassion and tolerance. Mrs. Ren requested that the Board investigate the activities of the SCCS and advise it to follow the true traditional Chinese culture (for which she provided several pieces of literature as reference) rather than the CCP propaganda.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Jaime Barr moved approval of the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting on November 14, 2011 as presented; Al Littlefield seconded.

**VOTE PRO:** Tim Hagen, Beth Groeber, Jaime Barr, Melissa Ford, Laura Greenstein, Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rich Steel

**ABSTAIN:** Mary Broderick

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVES, SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE, and OTHER REPORTERS**

- A. Students' Representative – Sarah Kukich and Kaylee Roberts
- Kaylee Roberts congratulated Sarah Kukich who has been accepted to the Coast Guard Academy.
  - Sarah Kukich attended the CABA conference on November 12.
  - The National Honor Society is holding a food drive for Care and Share.
  - Best Buddies held a Thanksgiving lunch.
  - ELHS Women's Volleyball won the Women's State Championship for the second year in a row and received a written commendation from CASCIAC on their outstanding sportsmanship.
  - The ELHS Drama Club will perform *The Christmas Carol* on December 8, 9, and 10.
  - The ELHS Senior Class will host a Breakfast with Santa on December 17.
- B. Selectmen's Representative – First Selectman, Paul Formica
- The Capital Improvement Committee will be moving forward on future school and municipal projects.
  - Mr. Formica is looking forward to the submission of the final plan for the athletic field complex.
  - The Niantic Light Parade is being held on December 11 at 5:00 p.m. with a Winter Festival beginning at noon.
  - Mr. Formica asked the Board to consider the Green Skies renewal energy proposal of the installation of a solar panel field in approximately eight vacant lots in the Grassy Hill area of East Lyme which will provide power for Flanders School, Lillie B. Haynes School, Niantic Center School, East Lyme Middle School, and the field lights for an approximate utility savings of \$19,000 per month.
  - Mr. Formica thanked Mary Broderick, Beth Groeber, and Kevin Seery for their years of service to the Board of Education.
- C. Town Building Committee Representative – was not present
- D. Salem Board of Education Representative – Steve Buck
- Mr. Buck thanked the Board of Education and announced that this would be his last meeting as the Salem Board Representative.
- E. Other Reporters - None

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Kevin Seery moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (A. Proposed Donation to ELHS from Walmart in the Amount of \$800.00 and B. Proposed Lillie B. Haynes After School Activities Program for Fall 2011); Marlene Nickerson seconded.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Finance/Facilities/Community
1. Discussion/Action re: Facility Naming Committee – ELHS Auditorium  
Board members Mary Broderick (22 years), Kevin Seery (14 years), and Beth Groeber (4 years) were recognized for their dedicated service to the East Lyme Public Schools as they prepare to leave the Board on December 5.

**MOTION:** Kevin Seery moved the following motion: Whereas Mary Broderick has dedicated the past 22 years to improving the quality of education for a generation of students in East Lyme, the State of Connecticut, and the Nation; and whereas Mary Broderick, through inspired leadership, has become a national spokesperson for challenging students to achieve excellence in the classroom and community; and whereas Mary Broderick has been a tireless advocate promoting the education of the whole student, emphasizing the development of an individual's own personal attributes to ensure they become productive and contributing members of the community; be it resolved that the East Lyme Board of Education, in recognition of Mary Broderick's outstanding achievements while serving as a Member of the East Lyme Board of Education from 1989 to 2011, hereby names the facility currently known as the High School Auditorium as the Mary Broderick Auditorium this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011; Beth Groeber seconded.

**VOTE PRO:** Tim Hagen, Beth Groeber, Jaime Barr, Melissa Ford, Laura Greenstein, Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rich Steel

**ABSTAIN:** Mary Broderick

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ashwini Sahasrabudhe and Nicole Burgon, two second grade students from Mr. Daily's class at Flanders School, wrote and presented Mary Broderick with an acrostic poem in honor of her years of service to East Lyme Public Schools.

2. Discussion re: Proposed Draft BOE Meeting Date Calendar for 2012

The draft East Lyme Board of Education Meeting Date Calendar for 2012 was presented for review and comment only. The proposed calendar, with changes, will return to the Board on December 12 for action. Board members were asked to email comments to Dr. Lombardo or Lynn Bodnar prior to the December 12 meeting.

B. Instruction

1. Discussion/Action re: Proposed ELHS and ELMS New Courses for 2012-2013

The following proposed new courses were reviewed by Curriculum Council on October 6 and the AAA Committee on November 14:

1. *Passion to Profit* (HS Family Consumer Sciences) ½ year course
2. *Creative Writing II* (HS English) ½ year course
3. *Algebra/Geometry Transitions* (HS Math) full year course
4. *Topics in Contemporary Mathematics* (HS Math) ½ year course
5. *Algebra I Part I* (MS Math) full year course

**MOTION:** Kevin Seery moved to accept the new courses as presented; Melissa Ford seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion re: First Reading for ELHS Textbook Adoption 2012-2013 – *Excursions in Modern Mathematics*, Author: Peter Tannenbaum, Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall, Copyright Date: 2004 (5<sup>th</sup> edition)

The proposed textbook was reviewed by Curriculum Council on October 6 and the AAA Committee on November 14. The textbook is available for review at Central Office. The second reading is scheduled for December 12, 2011.

C. Policy

D. Personnel

E. Other

**IX. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

A. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. James Lombardo

- Numerous staff members attended the CUBE Conference on November 11 and 12.
- A heating valve failed in the B-wing of ELHS causing classrooms to be relocated on Monday, November 28. Dr. Lombardo thanked the custodial staff, Don Meltabarger, Ted Hunt, Ledge Light, Emcor, Mystic Quality Air, and support teams from Town officials for a job well done in repairing the leak. A letter was emailed to high school parents, BOE members and administrators.

B. Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel – Mr. Brian Reas

- The Kindergarten Committee met on Monday, November 28.

C. Business/Facilities Director – Don Meltabarger

- A rebate of \$2,379.78 was received from the Demand Response Program.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. AAA Committee – No report
- B. FFO Committee – No report
- C. Policy Committee – No report

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Salem/East Lyme Cooperative Study Group Minutes of 10/31/11

**XII. NOTICES**

- A. Notice of the following staffing changes: None

1. Appointments
2. Increases/Decreases in FTE
3. Retirements
4. Resignation
5. Student Teachers
6. Supplemental Assignments (2011-2012)

- B. Notice of the following out of state field trips: None

**XIII. BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Board Comments - None
- B. Future Agenda Items – None

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None****XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mary Broderick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; Kevin Seery seconded.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Groeber  
Elizabeth Groeber, Secretary  
East Lyme Board of Education