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East Lyme Board of Education  
**Academics, Athletics, and Activities (AAA) Committee Meeting**

June 9, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

Members Present: Candice Carlson (Co-Chair), Tim Hagen, Rob Kupis, Jaime Barr Shelburn

Members Absent: Joe Arcarese

Administration and Others Present: Barbara Senges, Brian Reas, Karen Costello, Dr. Judy DeLeeuw, Carl Reichard, Lori Singer, Henry E. Kydd III, Pamela Nowak

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Candice Carlson.

**Update of Professional Development:** Dr. Karen Costello presented to the committee a draft presentation for the full Board of Education on Professional Development within the East Lyme Public Schools. In addition, a package of Professional Development Plans for the Elementary Schools, ELHS ED Camp, Regional PD Groups, and multiple example of PD days during 2013-2014 were included. The committee suggested that a couple of slides be included in the presentation to show the linkage of the PD efforts to the Long Range for ELPS. The Committee complimented Dr. Costello on her efforts and recommended that the presentation be included at the next BOE meeting.

**Proposed High School Textbook Adoption:** Carl Reichard and Lori Singer presented their recommendations for a new textbook, **World of Chemistry**, author/editor: Zumdahl, Zumdahl, DeCoste, publisher: Brooks/Cole, copyright, 2013, to be used in Honors Chemistry. The cost per book is \$87.00. Major points for adoption were the reading level is more consistent with Honors Level and the emphasis on problems solving strategies with numerous examples worked out with explanation. The AAA committee endorsed their recommendations.

Henry Kydd presented recommendation for a new textbook series, **Magruder's American Government, Standard Version and Foundation Series**, author/editor: William A, McClenaghan, publisher: Pearson: copyright, 2013, to be used in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade American Civics course. There are two texts with the same title, topics, and organization. One text, Standard Version, is for A level students and has a higher text complexity and the other text, Foundation, is for B level students. Mr. Kydd pointed out that either text could be used, which provides flexibility for students. The cost per text is \$88.47. The committee endorsed Mr. Kydd's recommendations.

**Proposed High School Trade Book Adoption:** Pamela Nowak presented four books for adoption by the English Department. The books are as follows:

- **The Bonesetter's Daughter**, author Amy Tan
- **Paper Towns**, author John Green
- **Twisted**, author Laurie Halse Anderson
- **Pride and Prejudice**, author Jane Austen

Ms. Nowak reviewed with the committee the process for Trade book adoption. Last summer each of these books were read by the team of English Teachers and then were piloted with groups of students during the past school year. Feedback was solicited from students in the pilot groups. One book, **Dreaming in Cuban** by Cristina Garcia, was not being recommended based upon the feedback from students. Ms. Nowak indicated that they are still looking for a book that has a strong Hispanic voice. Jaime Shelburn suggested looking at the book **Red Umbrella** by Christina Gonzalez. The Committee endorsed Ms. Nowak's recommendations.

**Book Selection Process – Middle School Presentation:** Tim Hagen apologized to the committee for creating confusion on whether this topic was to be discussed at this time. It was recommended that the topic be deferred to a subsequent AAA meeting. The committee is looking forward to the ELMS's return in August with policy recommendations on future book selection.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Candice Carlson*  
Co-Chair of AAA Committee