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**COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Salem Board of Education/East Lyme Board of Education)**

January 27, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

East Lyme High School
INTV Room (B101)

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Feb 21 2014 AT 9:09 AM/PM
Lesley B. Blair
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Salem Board Members Present: Steve Buck (Chair), Dinis Pimentel (Vice-Chair), Pam Munro (Secretary), Margaret Caron, George Jackson, Monica Lord-McIntyre, Mary Ann Pudimat (Treasurer), Samuel Rindell

Salem Board Members Excused: Robert Green

Salem Administrator Present: Joseph Onofrio (Superintendent), Kim Garadee (Business Manager)

East Lyme Board Members Present: Timothy Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Joe Arcarese, Jill Carini, Candice Carlson (7:08), Rob Kupis, Pam Rowe, Barbara Senges

East Lyme Board Members Excused: Marlene Nickerson, Jaime Barr Shelburn

East Lyme Administrators Present: Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Don Meltabarger (Business and Facilities Director), Nancy Burdick (Business Manager), Robin McKenney (6:40 p.m.)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Joint Chairs Steve Buck and Timothy Hagen at 6:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Tim Hagen and Steve Buck

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Pam Rowe moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2013 East Lyme/Salem Cooperative Meeting; Margaret Caron seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

V. A. Discussion/Action re: Review Reconciliation of Salem Tuition Rates for FY 2012-2013

ELPS Business Director Don Meltabarger reviewed the tuition reconciliation calculation process.

- Calculation results were reported as an underpayment by Salem of \$70,292.53 for FY 2012-2013.
- Calculations have been audited and were recommended for approval.
- Underpayment will be paid in ten (10) equal payments during FY 2014-2015.

MOTION: George Jackson moved to approve the reconciliation Salem tuition rates for 2012-2013 as follows:

- 1) Salem Base Tuition Rate: \$10,862.28
- 2) High School Special Education Per Pupil Base Rate: \$12,663.08
- 3) Total Premium Tuition Rate: \$23,525.36

A total underpayment by Salem of \$70,292.53 (as presented)

Pam Rowe seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

B. Discussion/Action re: Proposed Salem Tuition Rates for 2014-2015

ELPS Business Director Don Meltabarger reviewed the calculation process used to determine the proposed Salem tuition rates for 2014-2015.

MOTION: Dinis Pimentel moved to approve the Salem Tuition Rates for 2014-2015 as follows:

- 1) Base Tuition Rate: \$11,404.02
- 2) High School Special Education Per Pupil Base Rate: \$13,296.23
- 3) Premium Tuition Rate: \$24,700.25 (*as presented*)

Joe Arcarese seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

C. Discussion re: Brief Update on ELPS District's Annual Initiatives

Assistant Superintendent Brian Reas provided a brief update on ELPS's initiatives for the 2013/2014 school year as follows:

- Administrator and Teacher Evaluation Plan implementation
- Continuation of ELPS Elementary School Vision work
- Reinstatement of Elementary School Global Language
- Successful Transition Program implementation
- ATLAS Curriculum Mapping Process software implementation

Concerns were voiced by both Salem and East Lyme board members regarding the administrative challenges faced by the districts to efficiently manage the state-mandated evaluation plan for administrators and teachers.

D. Discussion re: Update on ELPS and Salem Community Discussions Regarding Future Cooperative Agreement

- The current 20-year Salem/East Lyme Cooperative Agreement expires on June 30, 2019.
- Both Superintendents, business personnel, and the Salem/East Lyme Cooperative Study Group Committee are in the process of preparing a draft of a new cooperative agreement. *This will allow Salem students to continue to attend East Lyme High School for grades 9 through 12.*
- A draft of the agreement is expected to be finalized by June 30, 2014 and available for the Boards and the communities to review.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. The next meeting Salem/East Lyme Cooperative Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014 in Salem.
- B. Discussion re: Salem/East Lyme Cooperative Agreement
- C. Discussion re: Educational Data Exchange – (*George Jackson Suggested*)
- D. Discussion re: Alignment with Elementary Grading Structure – (*Sam Rindell Suggested*)

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: George Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.; Rob Kupis seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Littlefield
Al Littlefield (Secretary)
East Lyme Board of Education