

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

**Board of Education Minutes
Tuesday, May 29, 2012
Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
INTV Room B101
East Lyme High School**

REGULAR MEETING

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Jaime Barr, Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber, Al Littlefield, Pam Rowe, Jill Carini (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Marlene Nickerson (arrived 7:38 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: Richard Steel, Chris Sandford

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Judy DeLeeuw (MS Principal), Melissa DeLoreto (NC Principal), Michael Susi (HS Principal), Linda Anania (FL Principal), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Tim Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Tim Hagen and former Board member Laura Greenstein

**Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
Student Leadership Award Winners**

Kelly Sheehan, Grade 12

Patrick Smith, Grade 12

Governor's Scholar

Joan Li, Grade 11

In Recognition of Dedicated Service to the East Lyme Board of Education

Laura Greenstein

Membership service: 7/21/08 - 4/12/12

Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)

Middle School of the Year

East Lyme Middle School

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION Al Littlefield moved approval of minutes of the Board of Education May 15, 2012 Regular Meeting, as presented; Pam Rowe seconded.

VOTE PRO: Tim Hagen (Chair), Jaime Barr, Al Littlefield, Pam Rowe, Chris Sandford

ABSTAIN: Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber, Jill Carini

MOTION CARRIED

V. SPECIAL REPORTS**A. Students' Representative – Kaley Roberts**

- Upcoming HS events: Spanish National Honor Society and National Honor Society Inductions, Senior Prom, Spirit of Broadway, Cycle for a Cause
- Recent HS events: Great East Festival results – Band took silver award and the orchestra took platinum, Jr. class fundraiser – Newlywed Game

B. Selectmen's Representative**C. Salem Board of Education Representative****D. Town Building Committee Representative****E. Other Reporters****VI. CONSENT AGENDA - None****VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS****A. Finance/Facilities/Community****1. Discussion/action re: Proposed FY 12 Budget Transfers in the Amount of \$47,279.00**

Dr. Lombardo explained the transfers are necessary to reallocate budget amounts to cover equipment for the TV Studio and Graphic Design class at ELHS, special education assistive devices, and district-wide virtualization server for the network. The budget transfers were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance, Facilities and Operations Committee (FFO) on May 15, 2012. Clarification regarding technology purchases was provided as requested.

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to approve the proposed FY 12 budget transfers in the amount of \$47,279.00 as presented: Beth Groeber seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

B. Instruction**1. Discussion/action re: Proposed Recalculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) and Elimination of Class Rank for East Lyme High School Students Beginning with the Class of 2016 or the Class of 2015**

Dr. Lombardo's and HS Principal Michael Susi's recommended the modification of the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation and eliminate class rank at East Lyme High School beginning with the class of 2015 (current freshmen). Discussion has occurred at three (3) Board meetings and Mr. Susi reported on the overwhelming positive parent response.

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to approve that the district modify the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation and eliminate class rank at East Lyme High School, beginning with the class of 2015 as follows:

Recalculation of Grade Point Average (GPA)

Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) will be based on a weighted scale that starts with the simple 4.0 scale for B/C level classes and multiplies grade x weight as follows:

Advanced Placement (AP)/ECE courses are weighted with a 1.15 multiplier;

Honors classes are weighted by a 1.1 multiplier;

A-level classes are weighted by a 1.05 multiplier;
 B-level and C-level classes earn a weighted GPA equivalent to the simple GPA and are weighted by a 1.0 multiplier.

Both simple GPA and weighted GPA will be reported.

Simple/unweighted GPA will include all classes including non-leveled electives.

Recognition of Top 20 Scholars

Weighted GPA will be used to determine East Lyme Scholars (top 20) and students from that group would be given an opportunity to “audition” to speak, and all would be recognized, at graduation on the program and with Honor Stoles.

Class Rank

Class rank will not be reported; however, it will be calculated based on weighted GPA and kept confidential for colleges and scholarship applications that require it.

Pam Rowe seconded.

VOTE PRO: Tim Hagen (Chair), Jaime Barr, Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber, Al Littlefield, Pam Rowe

VOTE CON: Jill Carini

MOTION CARRIED 6:1

2. Discussion/action re: Proposed Full-Day Kindergarten Study Committee Presentation

On behalf of the Full-Day Kindergarten Study Committee, Assistant Superintendent Brian Reas reviewed the committee’s charge, and presented its findings and recommendation regarding full-day Kindergarten programming in East Lyme Public Schools. Based on community feedback, review of research, the district’s current Kindergarten experience, and visitations to other districts, the committee recommended the implementation of a full-day Kindergarten program starting in the school year 2013-2014 with an option for one half-day section. Mr. Reas and committee members responded to questions regarding educational benefits, transitioning, optional programs, academic equity, and costs associated with the program. Dr. Lombardo asked the Board to authorize the Superintendent to develop a timeline and fiscal plan to implement a full-day Kindergarten program starting in the school year 2013-2014 with an option for one half-day section. Dr Lombardo will update the Board early next fall. The Board thanked the committee for their work.

MOTION: Jill Carini moved to authorize the Superintendent to develop a timeline and fiscal plan to implement a full-day Kindergarten program starting in the school year 2013-2014 with an option for one half-day section as presented: Al Littlefield seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion/action re: Proposed East Lyme Public Schools’ Educational Technology Plan for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015

Dr. Lombardo asked the Board to adopt the ELPS Educational Technology Plan for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015 and thanked Robyn McKenney and the ELPS Technology Committee for their work.

MOTION: Pam Rowe moved to adopt the ELPS Educational Technology Plan for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015 as presented: Melissa Ford seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

C. Policy

1. Discussion/action re: Second Reading of BOE Policy 3524.2 (a-b) – Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Hazardous Material in Schools – Green Cleaning Program (New)

The first reading was held on April 24, 2012.

MOTION: Jaime Barr moved to adopt EL BOE Policy 3524.2 (a-b) – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Hazardous Material in Schools – Green Cleaning Program as presented: Beth Groeber seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion/action re: Second Reading of Board Regulation 3524.2 (a-c) – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Hazardous Material in Schools – Green Cleaning Program (New)

The first reading was held on April 24, 2012.

MOTION: Jaime Barr moved to adopt EL BOE Regulation 3524.2 (a-c) – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Hazardous Material in Schools – Green Cleaning Program as presented: Jill Carini seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion/action re: Second Reading of Board Policy 3542.43 – Business- Food Service – Charging Policy (New)

The first reading was held on April 24, 2012.

MOTION: Jaime Barr moved to adopt EL BOE Policy 3542.43 – Business – Food Service – Charging Policy as presented: Pam Rowe seconded.

VOTE PRO: Tim Hagen (Chair), Jaime Barr, Beth Groeber, Al Littlefield, Pam Rowe, Jill Carini, Marlene Nickerson

VOTE CON: Melissa Ford

MOTION CARRIED 7:1

D. Personnel

E. Other

VIII. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. James Lombardo

- Commended ELHS orchestra and jazz band students and their teachers for the amazing concert last week

B. Assistant Superintendent of Schools – Mr. Brian Reas

- Wellness Fair for ELPS staff – 6/18/12

C. Business/Facilities Director – Mr. Don Meltabarger

- HS baseball field drainage problem update – fix is underway

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. AAA Committee – Next Committee Meeting is 6/11/12

B. FFO Committee – Next Committee Meeting is 6/11/12

C. Policy Committee

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ELHS Viking Saga, Volume 45, Edition 18, 5/22/12

XI. NOTICES

A. Notices of the following staffing changes:

1. Appointments
 - Justine Hricko, .45 School Aide, FL, 5/7/12
2. Resignations
 - George Cirillo, .8 Safety Officer, HS, 6/15/12
 - Eleanor Maddock, 1.0 Math Teacher, HS, 6/30/12

B. Notice of the following out of state field trips:

1. ELHS students to Salem and Niantic to participate in the Memorial Day Parades, Monday, 5/28/12

XII. BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Board Comments

B. Future Agenda Items

1. Educational purpose and costs of field trips at all levels – Jaime Barr
2. Recess and lunch – Melissa Ford

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

The Board took a short break at 8:45 p.m.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and to include Dr. Lombardo to discuss personnel issues; Jaime Barr seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:44 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Pam Rowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.; Al Littlefield seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Barr

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Acting Secretary, East Lyme Board of Education