

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

**ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Monday, March 15, 2010  
Room B101, East Lyme High School  
Immediately following Special Board Meeting

PRESENT: Mary Broderick (Co-Chair), Laura Greenstein (Co-Chair), Jaime Ellis, Melissa Ford

OTHERS PRESENT: James Lombardo (Superintendent), Wayne Sweeney (Interim Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel, Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Dr. John Sullivan (Interim HS Principal), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director)

**AGENDA/PURPOSE**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

**1. Review High School New Elective Offerings in Physical Education and Fine Arts by Principal John Sullivan and Curriculum and Instructional Leaders**

ELHS teachers Kim Thompson, Sue Johnston, Eloise Bottinelli, Fine Arts CIL Jim Warykas and Health/PE CIL Freda Gianakos presented course descriptions and rationale for the following four (4) proposed new courses for their departments:

1. *Yogalates* – Length ½ yr, Credit ½
2. *Advanced Ceramics and Pottery III* – Length ½ yr, Credit ½ - Grades 11-12
3. *Digital Piano I* – Length ½ yr, Credit ½ - Grades 9-12
4. *Creating Music with Computers* – Length ½ yr, Credit ½ - Grades 9-12

All proposed courses are at no FTE increase and will replace existing electives based on student enrollment. Funding has been set aside for *Creating Music with Computer* software. No additional equipment is needed for the other courses.

**2. Review Updated Proposed Procedure Re: Student Driving Policy**

Dr. Lombardo presented a proposed administrative regulation regarding Board Policy 5131.4 Students/Transportation for Off-Site Instruction. Based on a legal opinion and discussions with the administrators, students and staff, the proposal ensures that the District can provide students with unique educational opportunities that can best be offered in settings outside of the regular classroom while ensuring the safety of students and minimizing the liability risk to the ELPS and its employees. No student will be denied access to a course or activity due to lack of personal transportation, at a cost to the District. The Superintendent will have the authority to make

exceptions, within the law. The committee's recommendation, to include a slightly revised policy and proposed regulation, will be presented to the full Board on Monday, March 22, 2010.

**3. Review Updated Proposed Procedure Re: Tuition Policy**

Dr. Lombardo is awaiting a legal opinion regarding differentiating the non-resident tuition fee for regular education and special education students. More discussion will follow.

**4. Review of Proposed 2010/2011 ELPS Calendar**

Dr. Lombardo presented the proposed 2010/2011 ELPS Calendar as recommended by the Superintendent's Calendar Committee. The AAA Committee supported the professional development days but recommended a well-supervised and affordable afterschool childcare program be available to parents on those shortened days. Alternate shortened session dates for April 28 and 29, 2010 conferences/PD will be explored. The graduation date and snow days were also discussed. The proposed calendar will be presented to the Board on March 22, 2010.

**5. Report re: ASCD Conference Learning**

Information was provided by Dr. Lombardo during the Special Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Broderick  
Co-Chair

Laura Greenstein  
Co-Chair