

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

MINUTES OF
ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Room B101, East Lyme High School
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Broderick (Co-Chair), Laura Greenstein (Co-Chair)

Members Excused: Al Littlefield, Jaime Ellis, Melissa Ford

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Superintendent), Dr. Karen Costello
(Administrator for Program Improvement)

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m.

1. Review EL BOE Policy 3240 Business/Tuition – Dr. Lombardo presented sample policies for review and discussion. He recommended a formula to determine tuition costs that reflected actual operating costs. Including a dollar amount for capital costs was discussed. Dr. Lombardo will provide a calculation formula inclusive of debt service.
2. Review EL BOE Policy 5131.4 Students/Transportation for Off-Site Instruction – The second reading is scheduled for the full Board on April 27 and the committee will recommend approval as presented.
3. Review Proposed EL BOE Regulation 5131.4 Students/Transportation for Off-Site Instruction – The second reading is scheduled for the full Board on April 27 and the committee will recommend approval as presented.
4. Update on ELPS Task Forces –
 - Alternative Education Task Force (Dr. Lombardo) – Task force members are in the process of drafting a mission statement and visiting three schools to explore alternative education models. Following these visits, the committee will draft a proposed program for 2011-2012.
 - Communication Task Force – Chair Jill Curioso reviewed a written report dated April 20, 2010 describing the committee's recommendations for improving both internal and external communications between students, staff and community members. Although the committee expects to complete their charge by the end of this school year, ongoing meetings are encouraged.
 - Global Task Force (Dr. Karen Costello) – The committee's status report of April 20, 2010 was reviewed. The committee has focused on the skills, knowledge and sensibilities students will

require in the coming years to prepare them to be productive and contributing members of a global society and how East Lyme is preparing students for future work and civic lives. Upcoming meetings will focus on the review, discussion and modifications of two action plans and recommendations for professional development program changes.

5. Draft of the Proposed 2010-2011 ELPS Calendar dated 4/13/10 (6th Draft) – Feedback included child care concerns for half-days and April vacation snow/emergency makeup days. Dr. Lombardo noted that child care opportunities for parents will be available. The proposed calendar will be presented to the full Board on April 27, with all snow/emergency days to be made up at the end of the school year.
6. Reconsideration of Race to the Top (RTTT) Application – Although CT did not receive a grant in phase I, the district has option to support the state’s application for phase II. Application requirements and state changes were explained by Dr. Lombardo. Several concerns were voiced by the committee as follows: 1) the costs to meet requirements may exceed grant money; 2) requirements may prove counter productive to the district’s “life long learning” philosophy; 3) other important programs may be suspended. The committee and Dr. Lombardo will recommend to the Board not to pursue the state’s phase II application.
7. Presentation re: Overview of Curriculum Development Process (Dr. Karen Costello) – The PowerPoint presentation will be presented to the full Board at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Broderick
Co-Chair

Laura Greenstein
Co-Chair