

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

MINUTES OF
ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Room B101, East Lyme High School
9:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Broderick and Laura Greenstein (Co-Chairs), Melissa Ford, Al Littlefield

Members Absent: Jaime Ellis

Administrators Present: Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Jason Bitgood (Assistant Principal for the ELHS Alternative Education Program)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m.

1. **Proposed Algebra Part I/Part II Course** – Dr. Karen Costello, Administrator for Program Improvement, presented a proposal of a two-year Algebra I course and asked the committee’s support to bring it forward to the Board. Former District Math Coordinator Jason Bitgood and HS Math CIL Steve Hargis joined Dr. Costello in outlining research data, rationale and expected outcomes of the proposal. Steve provided data demonstrating that students taking 8th grade Algebra I tend not to continue with math for four years. The design of the two year curriculum was to accomplish the following:
 - Allow students to investigate topics in greater depth
 - Allow more time to master grade 8 standards
 - Minimize parental over-rides
 - Ensure more comprehensive understanding through more application-based exercises
 - Incorporate extended projects that can help students gain deeper understanding
 - Provide less reliance on one specific resourceThe materials will be distributed to Board members and will be discussed at a future meeting.
2. **Proposed Health and Balanced Living Curriculum (K-12) Update** – Dr. Costello presented individual binders of the abbreviated version of the ELPS K-12 Health and Balanced Living Curriculum as requested. The binders have been distributed to Board members and this item will be added as a discussion/possible adoption item to the next BOE regular meeting agenda on October 26, 2010.
3. **Curriculum Process and the Role of the BOE in the Process** – Committee members were asked to review BOE Policy 6140 and Regulation 6140 Instruction – Curriculum and the Curriculum Council Handbook for proper alignment as they relate to the Board’s role in the curriculum process. Dr. Costello distributed Curriculum Council related materials. The BOE policy and regulations are available on the district website at www.eastlymeschools.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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