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

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Regular Meeting: 7:30 P.M.
INTV Room (B101)
East Lyme High School**

Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: Kevin Seery (Chair), Beth Groeber (Secretary), Melissa Ford, Laura Greenstein, Tim Hagen, Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Richard Steel

Board Members Absent: Mary Broderick, Jaime Ellis

Administrators Present: James Lombardo (Superintendent), Wayne Sweeney (Admin Consultant for Superintendent), Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director), Judy DeLeeuw (MS Principal), Linda Anania (FL Principal), John Sullivan (Interim HS Principal) Jeff Provost (HS Assistant Principal), Laurie Zaneski (HS Assistant Principal)

I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Student Representative Jennifer Cordero

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Melissa Ford moved approval of the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting on October 13, 2009 as amended (III. Public Comment last sentence change “ELTA/BOE” to read “ELAA/BOE”); Laura Greenstein seconded.

VOTE PRO: Kevin Seery, Beth Groeber, Melissa Ford, Laura Greenstein, Tim Hagen, Marlene Nickerson, Richard Steel

ABSTAIN: Al Littlefield

MOTION CARRIED

V. SPECIAL REPORTS: STUDENTS’ REPRESENTATIVES, SELECTMEN’S REPRESENTATIVE, and OTHER REPORTERS

- A. Students’ Representative – Tasmia Khan and Jennifer Cordero
- Junior class won Spirit Week
 - Homecoming football game against Ledyard was won by EL and the Homecoming dance was Saturday night
 - Girls’ Swim Team is undefeated
 - Field Hockey Team won against Morgan on Thursday
 - Best Buddies Haunted Prom was well attended
 - Key Club members held a Halloween party with the EL Children’s Museum last weekend
 - Spanish National Honor Society students will visit the elementary schools to conduct fun activities
 - Med Club raised \$260.00 for “Malaria No More”
 - Science Olympiad Club will compete regionally
 - French trip to Quebec in February
 - Haunted Hayride Fundraiser
 - Fall production will be held November 6-7 and 13-14

- B. Selectmen's Representative – Pam Rowe
 - Public Hearing
 - Conservation Plan available on website
 - Former First Selectmen unveiling at Town Hall
 - Selectwoman RoseAnn Hardy was honored for her service to the town and October 15th was proclaimed at “RoseAnn Hardy Day” by First Selectman Paul Formica
 - Youth Services is looking for a Board of Education member to attend their monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month
 - The Haunted House fundraiser will be held on October 29 to benefit Care and Share
- C. Building Committee Representative – Gerard Burkhardt was not present.
- D. Other Reporters
 - Melissa Ford reported on the “Building Resilience” talk by Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg at the Garde in New London

VI. CONSENT AGENDA - None

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Finance/Facilities/Community

1. Discussion re: Utilization of Stimulus Funding for the District

Dr. Lombardo and Don Meltabarger provided a summary of how the stimulus funding was used this year. A total of \$591,395 was received for the ARRA IDEA 611 grant for the award period 2/17/09 – 6/30/11. The majority of these funds were used for special education tuition for FY10 due to identification of additional special education students in the current fiscal year. The Special Education Coordinator salary and benefits for 2009-2010 will be fully funded by the grant for FY10, however will only be funded 50% for FY11. The FY10 ECS was funded 85.74% by the State of CT (\$6,087,602) and 14.26% by the federal stimulus funds for a total of \$1,013,009. Funding of the ECS grant for next year is unclear at this time due to the uncertainty of the State's budget.

2. Discussion re: Proposed HS Boiler Project

The Board of Selectmen proposed that the Board of Education ask the Board of Finance to appropriate \$10,000 to do an independent engineering study to determine whether the boiler replacement project should be natural gas, dual fuel or repair the current boiler and make it a dual fuel boiler. Subsequently, the Board of Finance denied the appropriation of \$10,000 for the study. If East Lyme decides not to install the natural gas boilers, the project would no longer qualify for the CL&P incentive of \$90,493 and the no cost incentive from Yankee Gas to install the gas line from RT 161 to the high school at an estimated savings of \$100,000+. Currently, only one of the three HS boilers is operational. Don Meltabarger will prepare a presentation for the Board of Selectmen showing the rough cost to repair and maintain the boilers, buildings, and stack as compared to the replacement of natural gas boilers. Upon positive action by the Board of Selectmen, the request will be forwarded to the Board of Finance with a town meeting to follow. The bid process will be follow town approval.

- B. Instruction
- C. Personnel
- D. Policy
- E. Other

1. Discussion/action re: Proposed Adoption of District Goals and Priorities for 2009-2010

Dr. Lombardo asked the Board to adopt the proposed ELPS Goals and Priorities for 2009-2010 presented to at the October 13 meeting. The Board thanked Dr. Lombardo and staff and community members for their input.

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved the adoption of the proposed East Lyme Public School Goals and Priorities for 2009-2010 as presented; Melissa Ford seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**A. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. James Lombardo****1. H1N1 Virus District Update**

- Additional information is being sent home regarding the virus and our response to it.
- To date, we are not experiencing the increase in absences as reported by some other districts.
- Overall absenteeism average is 7% compared to 4% on a typical day.
- Parents are encouraged to keep children home until they are fever free for over 24 hours.
- Practice good hygiene.

2. National ASCD Conference in Vancouver

Dr. Lombardo's recent visit included observations of several elementary and secondary schools, a visit to the Aboriginal Learning Center, discussions with educational leaders at the university, government and public school levels, and a day touring the Olympic venues.

Themes that emerged during his visit included:

- Leadership at all levels is supported by the public schools, particularly at the student level.
 - Positive behavioral strategies are emphasized at both the elementary and secondary levels.
 - Teacher professional development includes significant involvement and sharing of promising approaches among teachers.
 - Special education services are provided to a much narrower proportion of the student population.
 - World language acquisition is emphasized at all grade levels.
3. Later this week administrators will work to develop plans of action to follow through on the various activities required to fulfill our district goals and priorities for 2009-2010.
4. We have completed the necessary cleaning of the alternative education building and various A wing classrooms that experienced mold growth earlier this year. Air testing has cleared these areas for use. Bids are being sought for the installation of dehumidifiers in affected spaces to ensure a more permanent solution to the problem.

B. Business Manager - Mr. Don Meltabarger

- \$1,559.05 was received in cost savings from the energy response program
- ELHS Solar Electric Usage

C. Other**1. Dr. John Sullivan**

- Senior Alec Christian was recently awarded the Martin Luther King Scholarship in the amount of \$20,000. He is the second ELHS recipient ever to receive this scholarship.

2. Melissa Ford

- Recently attended a Curriculum Committee meeting. Agenda items included the Healthy Balanced Living Guide, a presentation on formative assessment and SRBI.

3. Linda Anania

- Congratulations to FL teacher Lisa Vaudreuil and MS teacher Joy Sheffield-Ramirez for completing the three year CSDE Mathematics and Science Partnership Instructional Coaching Academy Program
- Congratulations to FL teacher Nancy Pennington will receive the prestigious CT Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CTAHPERD) "Professional Merit Award" at an awards banquet on November 19, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Budget Committee****B. Community Relations Committee****D. Personnel Policy Committee****E. Long Range Planning Committee****F. Buildings & Grounds Committee****G. Elementary/Middle School Enhancement Committee****H. Substance Abuse Ad Hoc Committee****I. School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee****J. East Lyme Aquatic and Fitness Center Committee****K. Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee****L. Other Committee Reports**

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ELHS Viking Saga, Edition 4, Volume XLVI, dated 10/20/09

XI. NOTICES

A. Notice of the following 2009/2010 staffing changes:

1. Appointments:

- Monica Brodeur, .20 Daycare Aide, FL, 10/6/09
- Dawn Cricco, .33 Instructional Aide, DW at HA, 10/5/09
- Karly Grillo, .25 Daycare Aide, FL, 10/7/09
- Christie Pilarski, .75 Instructional Aide, FL, 10/7/09

2. Resignations:

- Heather Fried, .6 Science Teacher, HS, 11/25/09

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

1. ELHS students to NYC, NY on Monday, November 2, 2010 to attend a journalism conference
2. ELHS Rowing Team to MA on April 10, 24 and 22, 2010 to compete in three (3) regattas

XII. BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Board Comments

B. Future Agenda Items

- b. Futures HealthCore Presentation – 11/9/09

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

A short break took place at 8:27 p.m.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Members Present: Kevin Seery, Elizabeth Groeber, Melissa Ford, Laura Greenstein, Tim Hagen,
Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Richard Steel

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to enter into executive session at 8:31 p.m., and to include Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Lombardo, for the purpose of personnel issues and collective bargaining discussion; Marlene Nickerson seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Exited executive session at 8:43 p.m.


XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.; Marlene Nickerson seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Groeber, Secretary
East Lyme Board of Education