

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2010
Room B101, East Lyme High School
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlene Nickerson (Chair), Beth Groeber (Vice Chair),
Tim Hagen, Kevin Seery, Rich Steel

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr James Lombardo (Superintendent), Wayne Sweeney
(Interim Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil
Personnel, Karen Costello (Administrator for Program
Improvement), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director),
Nancy Burdick (Business Manager), Steve Harvey (Board of
Finance), Karen Rak (Resident)

1. Input on East Lyme 5-year Capital Plan – The 5-year capital plan was reviewed.

2. 2010-2011 Budget Questions/Ideas – The proposed 2010-2011 budget has been reduced to 1.97%. Alternative health care options will be explored in the future. A reduction of 15% in per pupil expenditures will be defined. Five (5) teachers are expected to retire. Three (3) teaching positions are expected to be reduced through attrition and should not affect student programs. Positions will be identified after course selections are made by high school students next month. A drop in high school student enrollment is expected. Dr. Lombardo has provided a blueprint to identify potential areas of savings. “Pay for Play” was discussed. A process is needed to present concerns of the budget committee to the Board. The importance of pursuing further cost savings options for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 was discussed. The consensus of the committee was to recommend adoption of the proposed 2010-2011 budget of \$39,974,915, a 1.97% increase over the current year.

3. HS Culinary Arts Programs – Dr. Karen Costello and Culinary Arts teacher Pat Newton presented the proposed plan for the expansion of the high school culinary arts lab and the revised curriculum as recommended by Curriculum Council. Concerns were voiced and additional information was requested.

