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

Monday, February 22, 2010
Executive Session: 7:00 P.M. (Room B100, ELHS)
Regular Meeting: 7:30 P.M.
INTV Room (B101)
East Lyme High School

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m., and to include Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Lombardo, for the purpose of pending litigation and personnel issues; Jaime Ellis seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Exited executive session at 7:29 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Members Excused: None

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo (Superintendent) Wayne Sweeney (Interim Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Don Meltabarger (Business/Facilities Director), Dr. John Sullivan (Interim HS Principal), Laurie Zaneski (HS Assistant Principal), Judy DeLeeuw (MS Principal), Dr. David Miko (HA Principal), Linda Anania (FL Principal), Melissa DeLoreto (NC Principal)

- I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:35 p.m.**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Tim Hagen and First Selectman Paul Formica**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

PRESENTATION OF ELHS ART WINNERS

By
James Warykas
Curriculum and Instructional Leader
ELHS Fine Arts Department

Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards

Christine Wyatt - Honorable Mention for Ceramics/Glass

Taylor Farley - Honorable mention for Sculpture

Emily Rosa - Gold for Drawing (entered into National Competition)

Alison Madole - Silver for Drawing

Danielle Shen - Silver for Drawing

Nathan Maddux - Gold for Photography Portfolio (entered into the National Competition)

Taylor Hubbs - Gold for Art Portfolio (entered into National Competition) (submitted under auspices of BAY)

Amanda Raynes - Honorable Mention-Art Portfolio (submitted under auspices of BAY)(also art's Rotary Student of the Month)

Kristina Georgian - Honorable Mention-Art Portfolio (submitted under auspices of BAY)

Above winners are students of Rachel Michaud, Eloise Gada, Kathy Young-Murphy

Representing East Lyme High School as the Visual Arts winner for the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) at the April Arts Recognition banquet at Aqua-Turf in Southington will be artist Jessica Perkins

Representing East Lyme High School as the Performing Arts winner for the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) at the April Arts Recognition banquet at Aqua-Turf in Southington will be pianist Andrew King

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Marlene Nickerson moved approval of the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010 as amended (Remove Beth Groeber from VOTE under approval of January 25, 2010 minutes); Al Littlefield seconded.

VOTE: Tim Hagen, Mary Broderick, Jaime Ellis, Laura Greenstein, Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rich Steel

ABSTAIN: Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Al Littlefield moved approval of the minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting on February 11, 2010 as presented; Melissa Ford seconded.

VOTE: Tim Hagen, Mary Broderick, Melissa Ford, Laura Greenstein, Al Littlefield, Marlene Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rich Steel

ABSTAIN: Jaime Ellis, Beth Groeber

MOTION CARRIED

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

A. Students' Representative – Tasmia Khan and Jen Cordero

- CAPT begins 3/2/10

- Drama production “Into the Woods” opens on March 11
- Spring track begins Thursday – Athletic updates
- Pasta dinner Haiti fundraiser raised \$2,000
- Hypnotist Show on March 5 – Haiti fundraiser
- Jazz Band will visit Manchester HS

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- Agendas and minutes of all Board of Education meetings (to include committee meetings) are emailed to Student Reps who will present them to the National Honor Society and Student Senate for discussion and possible Board interaction.
- The Dime Bank Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring the ELHS 2010 Empty Bowls Project on March 25, 2010. Over 400 ceramic bowls have been made by ceramics teacher Eloise Bottinelli and her students. Buy a student bowl, and soup will be provided by culinary arts teachers Pat Newton and Melanie Sandoval and their students to benefit the Care and Share program.

B. Selectmen’s Representative – First Selectman Paul Formica

- Half of the Niantic Boardwalk will be closed beginning March 1 due to the Amtrak 3-year project
- Overview of state and town wide budget programs
- Emphasized the importance of departments working together for better efficiencies
- The new EL Public Works building will open soon
- A 5-year capital implementation plan is being developed – submit estimates to Town Hall
- BOE will share its budget with the BOS on March 1, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall
- The next few years - a good opportunity to do things differently

C. Building Committee Representative – Gerard Burkhardt was not present.

D. Salem Board of Education Representative – Steve Buck

- ELMS Health/Physical Education Teacher James Moran has been selected as the Salem Middle School Principal

E. Other Reporters – None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Instruction

1. Continuation of Discussion Regarding ELHS Culinary Arts Program and Facilities Changes

Board members were given the opportunity to share concerns and to ask further questions of Dr. Karen Costello, Freda Gianakos and Pat Newton. Dr. Sullivan reassured the Board that discussion with special education staff has taken place and a suitable relocation of the classroom will be made. The importance of providing opportunities for our students to find a personal vision of success was recognized.

As a result of Board discussion, the following information was requested:

1. a philosophy statement
2. an estimate of ongoing lab maintenance costs
3. professional development needs
4. how the program will connect with other disciplines
5. program opportunities provided to special education students ages 15-21
6. are fair opportunities being afforded to all vocational educational programs in the district
7. actual costs associated with the expansion
8. what is needed to replace the current facilities without the proposed expansion

Following receipt of this information, the AAA and FFO committees are expected to move toward a vote at their next meeting on March 15, 2010.

B. Facilities

1. Continuation of Discussion Regarding ELHS Synthetic Turf Project
Referred to Finance, Facilities and Organization Committee

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C. Finance

1. Discussion/action re: Proposed Donation of EL Rowing Association Equipment to the ELPS
Due to an administrative oversight a 1999 transport trailer was inadvertently left off the asset transfer list accepted by the Board last spring. The estimated value of the trailer is \$5,000.00.

MOTION: Mary Broderick moved to accept from the EL Rowing Association the donation of a 1999 transport trailer, with an estimated value of \$5,000.00 as presented; Rich Steel seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

D. Policy

E. Other

VIII. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. James Lombardo

- Mr. Michael Susi has been named principal of East Lyme High School effective 7/1/10
- Thank you to Mr. Wayne Sweeney and the ELPS Special Education Task Force. Their recommendations will be presented to the Board on 3/22/10.
- The Alternative Education Task Force will meet on Thursday.
- The Communications Task Force has been rescheduled to 3/3/10.

B. Business Manager - Mr. Don Meltabarger

- Special education excess costs reimbursement rate is now expected to increase from 77% to 84%.

C. Other

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Salem/EL Cooperative Agreement Study Committee

The East Lyme and Salem administrators were asked to work through staff support and technology structure to ensure efficiency and effectiveness for special education students. The committee will make a recommendation by 5/12/10.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ELPS 2010 – 2011 Budget, adopted by the BOE on 2/8/10

B. Letter from Dr. James Lombardo to BOF Chair Bob Kleinhans re: ELPS Capital Leases dated 2/12/10

C. ELHS Viking Saga, Edition 12, Volume XLIII, 2/11/10

XI. NOTICES

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

1. Resignations:

- Jim Barnes, 1.0 Director of Security, ELPS, 4/1/10
- Jim Moran, 1.0 Health/Physical Education Teacher, MS/HS, TBD

B. Notice of the following out of state field trips/athletic competitions: None at this time.

XII. BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Board Comments

1. NCS Pasta Supper fundraiser on Friday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. to benefit Haiti
2. CABE “Day on the Hill” 3/3/10

B. Future Agenda Items

1. BOE Policy 5131.4 Students/Transportation for Off-Site Instruction
2. Evaluation of Aramark services to self-employed

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XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jaime Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.; Al Littlefield seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Groeber/lb
Elizabeth Groeber, Secretary
East Lyme Board of Education