

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2016

7:00 p.m. (Immediately following Public Hearing)

Frances Hart Ewers Memorial Library, East Lyme High School

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Eric Bauman, Candice Carlson, Bill Derry, John Kleinhans, Jaime Barr Shelburn, Barbara Senges, Jill Carini (arrived 7:41 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: Marlene Nickerson


Administrators Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Linda Anania (Principal, FL), Dr. David Miko (Principal, HA), Melissa DeLoreto (Principal, NC), Dr. Judy DeLeeuw (Principal, MS), Mike Susi (Principal, HS), Kim Davis (Special Education Coordinator), Maria Whalen (Director of Business and Facilities), Nancy Burdick (Business Supervisor), Pat Lannon (Technology Director)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:52 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Discussion re: FY 16-17 Budget Workshop

At the request of the Board at the last meeting, Superintendent Newton presented his adjusted budget showing further reduction scenarios as follows:



East Lyme Public Schools

**Superintendent's Adjusted Budget:
Further Reduction Scenarios for FY
2016-2017**

Presented to EL BOE on 2-12-16
by Superintendent Jeffrey Newton

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Adjusted Budget Proposal

Adopted Budget - FY 2016	\$ 44,033,000	
Superintendent's Proposed - FY 2017 (1/1/2016)	\$ 46,032,000	
Total Increase over FY 2016	\$ 2,000,000	4.54%
Superintendent's Adjusted Proposal - FY 2017 (2/1/16)	\$ 45,763,000	
Total Increase over FY 2016	\$ 1,730,000	3.91%
Restore - Project Oceanology (BOE Action February 1, 2016)	\$ 41,700	
Adjusted Proposal - FY 2017: AS REVISED	\$ 45,811,355	4.04%

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Adjusted Budget Proposal		
Proposed Reductions to Achieve a 3.5% Increase:		
1	Transition Program move to AIS: (Reduction to FY 2017 Budget)	\$ 1,808
2	Reduce Benefits - Insurance Write IDEA FY 2016-2019 Contracts Include .30 benefits for 3 Teachers	\$ 18,021
3	Reduce Safety Facilities Usage	\$ 10,167
4	Adult Ed 7 utilities (AE): Eliminate Dormant AE Activity Fund A Eliminate Dormant AE Revenue Account	\$ 14,644
5	Reduce DW Computer Equipment (Charge Expense to Revenue)	\$ 7,976
6	2.0 FTE Teachers AIS	\$ 164,180
TOTAL PROPOSED REDUCTION		\$231,897
Superintendent's Adjusted Proposal: FY 2017 at 3.56%		\$ 45,575,958 3.56%

Adjusted Budget Proposal		
Proposed Reductions to Achieve a 3.09% Increase:		
7	Use Fines account for ELTA Incentive Reduce Contractual Incentives (Sick Leave Payroll)	\$ 74,026
8	1.0 FTE Teachers ELEM	\$ 82,090
9	Custodian OT for Facilities Usage (Charge to Revenue)	\$ 26,007
TOTAL PROPOSED REDUCTION		\$182,123
Superintendent's Adjusted Proposal: FY 2017 at 3.09%		\$ 45,393,835 3.09%

Summary - New Initiatives 2016-2017	
0.5 FTE Reading Teacher FL	\$52,600
1.0 Reading Teacher HS	\$82,590
0.5 Social Worker DW	\$30,000
1.0 Tech Coordinator HS (Aide position repurposed)	\$16,250
1.0 Teaching Asst (Math) FL	\$28,415
1.0 Teaching Asst (Reading) MS	\$28,415
0.3 School Aide HA	\$4,975
Lunch Aides HS (no cost - repurposed funds)	-----
Nurse's Aide (10 hr/wk) HS (no cost - repurposed funds)	-----
11 Month Acct. Clerk HS (no cost - repurposed funds)	-----
10 -> 12 Month Secretary HA/NC	\$5,591
0.6 Security Person MS	\$16,469
Homework Support Program MS	\$21,026
K-4 Math Textbook Adoption	\$76,342
Summary of New Costs (Not In Budget): \$362,673	

Building principals spoke of the rise in student enrollment they are now experiencing at the elementary school level.

Dr. Judy DeLeeuw reviewed a plan to not offer grade 5 multi age as a choice for 2016-2017 that could result in the reduction of two middle school teachers.

Other topics of discussion included:

- Possibility of fee increases for facility usage
- One time use of revenue to cover budget increases
- Importance of maintaining class sizes and not reducing current staff
- Spiral (Chinese Students at East Lyme High School) including use of revenue funds for other programs. *(This will be further discussed at future meetings.)*
- The Revenue Accounts were briefly discussed. *(More detail will be discussed at follow-future meetings.)*

Superintendent Newton was asked to bring forward on Monday, February 22, a budget recommendation of 3.5% based on the Board's discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jaime Barr Shelburn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.; Jill Carini seconded.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Littlefield

Albert Littlefield, Secretary
East Lyme Board of Education