

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Monday, April 27, 2015  
7:30 p.m.**

Upstairs Conference Room, East Lyme Board of Education Central Office

**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Joe Arcarese, Rob Kupis, Marlene Nickerson, Pam Rowe, Jaime Barr Shelburn, Candice Carlson (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Jill Carini (arrived 7:45 p.m.), Barbara Senges (arrived 7:50 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Donna Gittleman (Interim Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Linda Anania (FL Principal), Dr. David Miko (HA Principal), Melissa DeLoreto (NC Principal), Dr. Judy DeLeeuw (ELMS Principal), Jeff Provost (HS Asst. Principal), Maria Whalen (Director of Business and Facilities), Nancy Burdick (Business Supervisor), Pat Lannon (Technology Director)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:17 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Budget Workshop**

As a result of the collaborative efforts of the ELPS administration, Superintendent Jeff Newton reviewed the following information with the Board:

- Proposed reductions taking the budget from the BOE adopted FY 2016 budget of \$44,483,080 (3.95% over the current year's budget) to the BOF proposed \$44,030,080 (2.9% increase over the FY 2015 adopted budget).
- At the time the Budget was developed/adopted, the self-insured health insurance increase was estimated by the district at 4%. Since then, the revised increase has gone up to 12% leaving the budget \$301,839 underfunded. Maria Whalen offered some suggestions as to decrease the underfunded amount leaving approximately \$198,000 underfunded in the current budget.
- The underfunding caused by the insurance increase, would require the Administration to re-examine and possibly eliminate and/or re-defined the new initiatives for FY 2016.
- Projected enrollment as of March 31, 2015 for FY 2016 was presented.

The Board discussed budget savings considerations in length. Mr. Newton thanked the Board for giving direction to the administration.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jaime Barr Shelburn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.; Pam Rowe seconded.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Albert Littlefield*

Albert Littlefield, Secretary

East Lyme Board of Education