

East Lyme Board of Education  
**Academics, Athletics, and Activities (AAA) Committee Meeting**  
Monday, April 6, 2015, 6:15 p.m.  
Room B101, East Lyme High School

Members Present: Rob Kupis (Acting Chair), Tim Hagen, Barbara Senges

Members Excused: Joe Arcarese (Co-Chair), Candice Carlson (Co-Chair), Jaime Barr Shelburn

Administration Present: Jeff Newton (Superintendent), Donna Gittleman (Interim Assistant Superintendent), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Mike Susi (Principal ELHS)

**MINUTES**

The Committee meeting began at 6:15 PM.

**1. Discussion re: Proposed New ELHS courses for 2015-2016**

**a. English/Language Arts Curriculum – Film II (1/2 year, ½ credit)**

This course was created out of a request from the Film 1 students. There has been such enjoyment in Film 1 that the students have requested it to continue. They are being taught how to not only watch a movie for the "fun" of it, but to become critical thinkers about the movie. Plot, director's style and story line. They are applying these strategies to many different genres of movies including comedy and westerns.

**b. Science Department – A.P. Physics 2 (1 year, 1 credit) (Usually a senior year course)**

The curriculum is based upon what the colleges would like to see students have. This is a second year course for students who have completed AP Physics 1, or similar. It is an algebra based course that explores topics like: Fluids, thermodynamics, electrostatics, electrical circuits, magnetic fields, optics, and others. Starting this year AP physics has been split into two courses. This was done to conform to college preferences, allowing for students to spend more time learning the content.

**c. Technology Department - Digital Filmmaking III (1/2 year, ½ credit) No level**

Filmmaking I is a basic intro to making movies with your phone. It is a broad introduction to this technology. Those that choose to continue in Filmmaking II are provided the opportunity to increase their knowledge with technology such as "Final Cut Professional". In Filmmaking III students are able to create projects that cater to their specific interest in filmmaking. They are provided options to help them specialize in various aspects of film production. Course will help students interested in a career in digital media production.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rob Kupis*  
Acting Chair, AAA Committee