

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

"East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker."

SPECIAL MEETING – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Room B101, East Lyme High School

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Jaime Barr Shelburn, Eric Bauman, Jill Carini, Candice Carlson, John Kleinhans, Barbara Senges

Board Members Absent: Marlene Nickerson, Bill Derry

Administrators Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Amy Drowne (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment), Linda Anania (Principal, Flanders School), Melissa DeLoreto (Principal, Lillie B. Haynes School), Jeffrey Provost (Interim Principal, Niantic Center School)

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:35 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen.

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Discussion re: East Lyme Elementary School Facilities**

The Committee of the Whole meeting forum was used to facilitate discussion among/between the Board of Education, ELPS Administrators, and members of the Facilities Steering Committee.

The main points for discussion were the following:

- Review where we have been and where we are now
 - Enrollment Projections
 - Alteration Requirements
 - Redistricting
- The discussion on Redistricting included a discussion of the definition and pros/cons of a large school vs. a small school.

The following presentation was used to guide the discussion:

East Lyme Public Schools

Elementary School Facilities

Presented to the East Lyme Board of Education
Committee of the Whole on September 27, 2016

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Discussion Agenda

1. Review where we have been and where we are now
2. Enrollment Projections
3. Alteration Requirements
4. Redistricting

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Design Steering Committee

Meetings To Date:

Aug 18, 2016

Sep 7, 2016

Sep 20, 2016

Committee Membership:

Tim Hagen

Jeff Newton

Linda Anania

Eric Bauman

Melissa DeLoreto

Bill Derry

Linda Johansen

Ray O'Connor

Jeff Provost

Marc Salerno

John Whritner

John Rhodes

Mark Nickerson

John Arnold

Maria Whalen

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Town of East Lyme Fiscal Picture

- **ISSUE:** We need to upgrade the overall environment of our Elementary School facilities.
- **CONCERNS:**
 - East Lyme has a total debt service of over \$55 million
 - The State has serious debt and budgetary constraints which may lead to increasing the cost sharing burden to state municipalities and/or directly to the tax payer
 - East Lyme Education operating budget will be constrained by recent negotiated contracts with bargaining units and insurance cost increases
- **CONCLUSION:** Building new or renovating-as-new is not a fiscally prudent option in today's situation

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Town of East Lyme Fiscal Picture

• **ISSUE:** We still need to upgrade the overall environment of our Elementary School facilities

• **POINTS:**

- Over the next five years the Town's existing debt service will decrease by a factor of two
- Interest rates still remain very low
- Fixing our Elementary School facilities will have cost savings on the operational budget
- Working with the Town, up to \$30 million could be an affordable budget to address our Elementary Schools

• **CONCLUSION:** Develop an alteration plan for the Elementary School facilities with a budgetary goal to East Lyme of \$30 million.

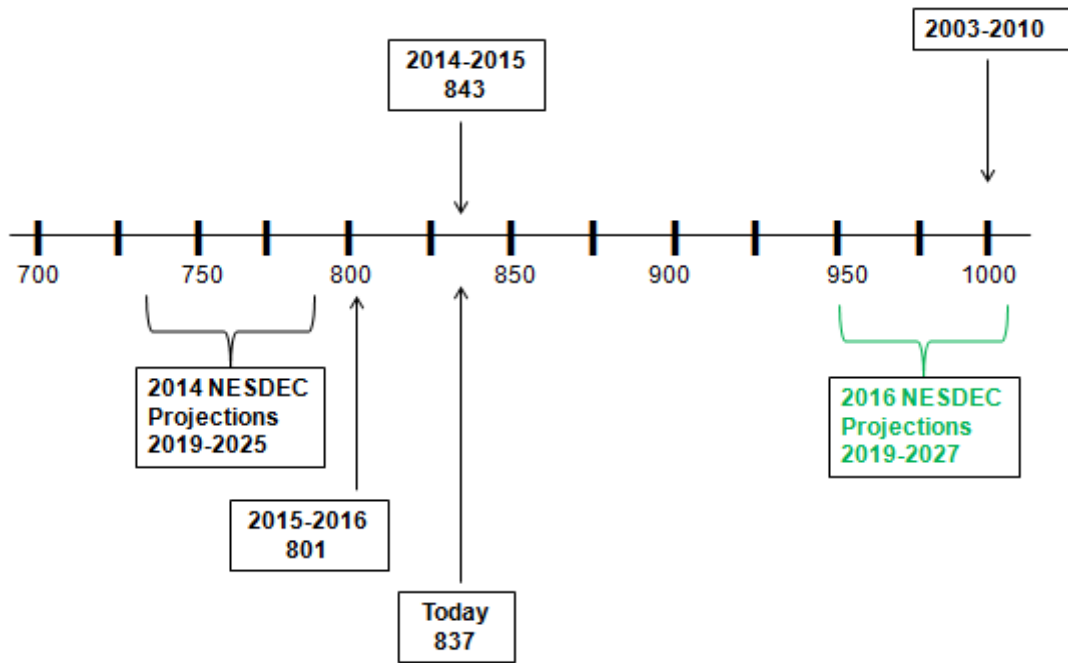
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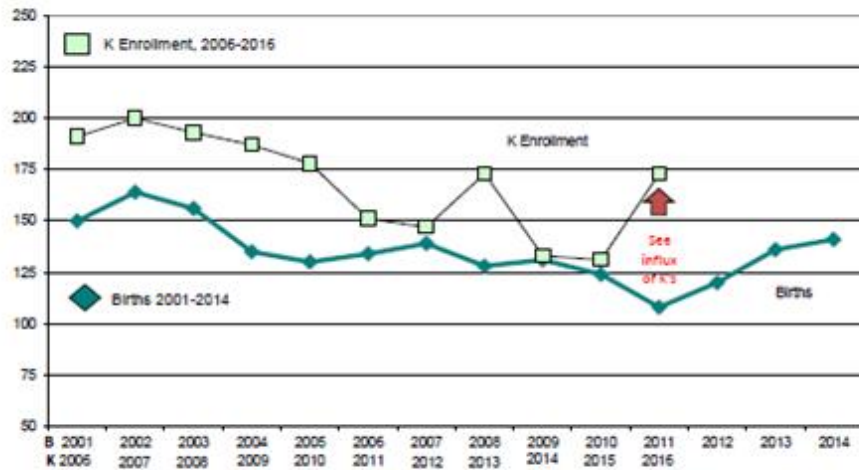
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Elementary School Alteration

How many K-4 students should we plan for?



NESEDEC
East Lyme, CT Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



Enrollment Projections Oct 14, 2014 vs. Sep 20, 2016 (Draft)

	Oct 14, 2014	Sep 20, 2016
Birth Rate Estimates From 2015 to 2019	Ave = 125 Range = 123 to 127	Ave = 129 Range = 126 to 132
*Net Move-ins per year (2020-2024)	Ave = 17.4 Range = 17-18	Ave = 51.4 Range = 50 to 52
K enrollment (2020-2024)	Ave = 142 Range = 140-145	Ave = 180 Range = 176 to 184

K-4 Enrollment Projections		
2020	754	1000
2021	774	1007
2022	781	1026
2023	766	1018
2024	766	1002

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Actual Data for Last 11 Cycles

Birth rates (2001-2011)	Ave = 136 Range = 108 to 164
Net move-ins (2006-2016)	Ave = 33 Range = 2 to 65
K enrollment (2006-2016)	Ave = 168 Range = 131 to 200

K-4 Enrollment	
2010	988
2011	941
2012	894
2013	882
2014	843
2015	801
2016	835

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Some Projections

	NESDEC Sep 20, 2016	Assume Past Ave Move-in	Assume Past Ave Birth rate
Birth rate (2015 to 2019)	129	129	136
Net Move-ins (2020-2024)	51	33	51
K enrollment (2020-2024)	180	162	187
K-4 enrollment 2022	1026	900	1038

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PROJECT ALTERATIONS

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Elementary School Alterations

Non-Negotiables:

- Essential to ensure every child has an equal opportunity to learn in the best educational setting
- Ensure that staff are provided the best opportunity to educate our children in the most positive environment
- Remain focused on the balance between educational needs and fiscal responsibility
- Listen to our community stakeholders in an ongoing effort to gather input

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Elementary School Alterations

Alterations Design Requirements:

- Provide best practices for school facility security and safety
- Upgrade facilities for handicap (ADA compliant)
- Maintain class sizes consistent with current practices and BOE guidelines
- Upgrade environmental and air quality systems
- Provide balanced schools in size and support services
- Enhance both internal and external building finishes
- Total alterations cost not to exceed \$30 million with a net cost to the Town not to exceed \$27 million after reimbursement.

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REDISTRICTING?

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Current Enrollment for K-4 in FL, HA, & NC

9/1/16	FL	LBH	NC	Students/ Grade	Sections/ Grade
K	85 (5) 18,17,17,17,16	57 (3) 20,19,18	31 (2) 16,15	173	10
1	59 (4) 16,15,15,13	47 (3) 16,16,15	32 (2) 16,16	138	9
2	63 (4) 17,16,15,15	62 (4) 16,16,15,15	33 (2) 17,16	158	10
3	86 (4) 22,22,21,21	72 (4) 18,18,18,18	37 (2) 19,18	195	10
4	73 (4) 19,19,18,17	64 (3) 22,21,21	36 (2) 19,17	173	9
Total Elem Students	366	302	169	837	-
Total Sections	21	17	10	-	48

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Current Enrollment in 3 Balanced Schools w/48 Sections

9/1/16	School1	School2	School3	Students/ Grade	Sections/ Grade
K 16/class	57 15,14,14,14	58 15,15,14,14	58 15,15,14,14	173	12
1 16/class	46 16,15,15	46 16,15,15	46 16,15,15	138	9
2 18/class	52 18,17,17	53 18,18,17	53 18,18,17	158	9
3 21/class	65 22,22,21	65 22,22,21	65 22,22,21	195	9
4 24/class	57 19,19,19	58 20,19,19	58 20,19,19	173	9
Total Elem Students	277	280	280	837	-
Total Sections	16	16	16	-	48

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What would redistricting require?

- Move 89 children out of Flanders with most going to LBH
- Move 111 children to NCS with most coming out of current LBH

So about 200 children would be moved to a new school (includes about 40 K students)

- Number of students relocated may be less with examination of bus routes for LBH and NCS
- Staff redistribution would be required
- Support services would be shared across the three schools
- Realign classroom and grade level assignments
- Possible interior classroom modifications?

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Al Littlefield

Albert Littlefield, Secretary
East Lyme Board of Education