

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

**Special Meeting  
Monday, January 29, 2018  
7:45 p.m. (Immediately Following Public Hearing)  
Room B101, East Lyme High School**

**MINUTES**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Amy Drowne (Assistant Superintendent), Kim Davis (Director of Student Services), Maryanna Stevens (Director of Finance, Marketing and Growth Management), Linda Anania (Principal, Flanders School), Melissa DeLoreto (Principal, Lillie B. Haynes School), Jeff Provost (Principal, Niantic Center School), Jason Bitgood (Principal, East Lyme Middle School), Mike Susi (Principal, East Lyme High School), Pat Lannon (Technology Director)

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:46 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chair Tim Hagen and Secretary Al Littlefield

III. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

A. **Discussion/action re: Proposed Adoption of ELPS Budget for FY 2018-2019**

- The Board of Education Public Hearing preceded this meeting.
- Superintendent Newton stated that the administration has done its very best to deliver a solid budget that is fiscally responsible. The Board acknowledged the district's work and thanked everyone for working so closely together.
- First Selectman Mark Nickerson thanked the administration and the Board for including the mental health initiative in the proposed budget and said that the town does not have the infrastructure, space, or funding in place to support these services. He supports the proposed budget as presented and is glad to see the mental health staffing initiative as a priority.
- Some Board comments included the following:
  - All budget questions have been answered, streamlined budget with no fat
  - East Lyme Youth Services is doing a great job, but the town budget should include funding for town-wide social-emotional services
  - The Board fully supports the social-emotional initiative component
  - The Board champions this mental health initiative and should be modeled across towns
- Chair Tim Hagen thanked everyone for starting the budget discussions so much earlier and committing to a robust schedule and added that the District's Strategic Plan and Budget Workshops were extremely beneficial in the budget process.

**MOTION:** Jaime Barr Shelburn moved to adopt the FY 2018-2019 budget for the East Lyme Public School District in the amount of \$47,776,943 an increase of 2.59% over this year's current budget, as presented; Jill Carini seconded.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jaime Barr Shelburn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.; Bill Derry seconded.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Albert Littlefield*

Albert Littlefield, Secretary  
East Lyme Board of Education