

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

**Special Meeting  
Monday, April 2, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

Room B101, East Lyme High School

**MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Tim Hagen (Chair), Al Littlefield (Secretary), Jill Carini (arrived 6:13 p.m.), Candice Carlson, Bill Derry, Leigh Gianakos, Barbara Senges

Board Members Absent: Jaime Barr Shelburn, Eric Bauman, John Kleinhans

Administrators Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Amy Drowne (Assistant Superintendent), Kim Davis (Director of Student Services), Pat Lannon (Technology Director)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 p.m. by Chair Tim Hagen
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chair Tim Hagen
- III. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

**A. Discussion/action re: Proposed ELHS Graduation Date for the Class of 2018**

Superintendent Newton recommended the Board set Friday, June 22, 2018 as the graduation date for the ELHS Class of 2018 and the last day of school for the 2017-2018 school year (180 school days).

- The last work day for teachers and paraprofessionals will also be Friday, June 22, 2018.
- Any additional school cancellation days that result in less than 180 school days would be made up following the graduation date.
- Superintendent Newton explained that CT law requires that public schools be in session for at least 180 days per school year.
- The BOE approved school calendar dated 01/23/17 states the last day of school for the 2017/2018 school year is Friday, June 15, 2018 (182 school days), with additional snow/emergency days to be made up at the end of the school year.
- To date, students have missed nine (9) school days due to inclement weather.
- The Board previously approved recapturing two of those days by bringing students in for a half day on both March 30 and May 25.

**MOTION:** Al Littlefield moved to set the graduation date for the ELHS Class of 2018 to be Friday, June 22, 2018 and to adjust the 2017-2018 ELPS Calendar to reflect Friday, June 22, 2018 as the last day of school, providing 180 school days for all ELPS students. Any additional school cancellations days that result in less than 180 school days for students will be made up following the graduation date; Candice Carlson seconded.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Discussion re: Preparation for April 12, 2018 Community Forum Regarding Elementary Redistricting**

Board members planned for the BOE Community Forum Regarding Elementary Redistricting scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m., in the Mary Broderick Auditorium at East Lyme High School.

- BOE Chair Tim Hagen and Superintendent Newton will provide opening remarks regarding the history behind the Board's decision to redistrict elementary students effective the 2019-2020 school year and Mike Zuba of Milone and MacBroom will follow up with a redistricting presentation and review of options 3 and 4 to include some tweaks to date.
- Following the presentation, the audience will be provided an opportunity to ask questions and offer comment.
- Superintendent Newton sent a letter on Friday, March 30 notifying parents/guardians of the community forum and follow up reminders will be sent out next week.
- First Student is in the process of preparing bus transportation information as requested by the Board.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Superintendent Newton noted an executive session was not necessary.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Leigh Gianakos moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.; Candice Carlson seconded.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Albert Littlefield*

Albert Littlefield, Secretary  
East Lyme Board of Education