

East Lyme Board of Education  
**Informal Informational Meeting**  
January 14, 2016  
4:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dr. Tim Hagen, Mr. Jeffrey Newton, Camille Alberti, Ken Biega, William Derry, Steve Harney, W. Albert Jacunski, Mark Nickerson, Lisa Picarazzi, John Rhodes, Dr. John Whritner,

**Informal Information Discussion Regarding the Elementary Building Projects**

Informational discussion to develop further input about the BOE recommended elementary schools building projects and related costs.

Board of Education Chair Dr. Timothy Hagen and Superintendent Jeffrey Newton shared that the reason for the informal meeting was to openly discuss the cost issue associated with the proposed school projects. The Board of Education directed the Superintendent to investigate other alternatives and speak with various constituents.

Lisa Picarazzi brought up the one school model as a possibility. It was stated that the vision committee had previously eliminated that as an option even though it was the cheapest plan. Based on past community forums, one school was not an option parents were interested in.

Members present voiced concern over the tax increase the town would suffer with the two school plan. First Selectman Mark Nickerson reiterated that this would be problematic and 70% of the voters have no affiliation with the schools. Mark Nickerson will work on a tax increase assessment for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dr. Timothy Hagen*  
Timothy Hagen, Ph.D.  
Steering Committee Chair

*Mr. Jeffrey Newton*  
Mr. Jeffrey R. Newton  
Superintendent of Schools