

East Lyme Board of Education  
**Informal Informational Meeting**  
December 1, 2015  
1:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dr. Tim Hagen, Mr. Jeffrey Newton, Mary Broderick, Wayne Fraser, Mark Nickerson, Jack Reynolds, Kevin Seery,

**Informal Informational Discussion Regarding the Elementary Schools Building Projects**

Discussed the history of town projects and gathered information to develop further input about the BOE recommended elementary schools building projects and related costs.

Superintendent Jeffrey Newton and Board of Education Chair Dr. Timothy Hagen shared that the Board of Education directed Superintendent Newton to investigate a less expensive alternative as the current proposed plan to renovate as new Niantic Center School and build a new Flanders School was too expensive for the town.

First Selectman Mark Nickerson agreed that the proposed plan was too expensive and applauded the administration and Board of Education for looking at cheaper alternatives and considering the high tax increase that the two school project brought forward.

Former First Selectman Wayne Fraser outlined how he and Former Superintendent Jack Reynolds brought the past middle school project to a successful renovation.

Kevin Seery shared that the middle school project only passed by 16 votes.

Jeffrey Newton and Tim Hagen thanked the group and informed them that they will continue to gain further insight from other individuals across the town.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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