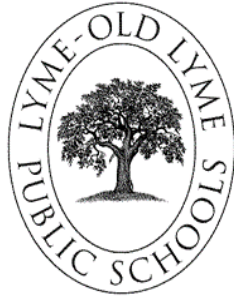


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REGION #18

District Budget Hearing

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

April 4, 2016

Board Present: Michelle Roche, Chairwoman; Jean Wilczynski, Treasurer; Rick Goulding, Secretary; Diane Linderman; Nancy Lucas Edson; Stacy Winchell

Absent by Previous Arrangement: Erick Cushman; Beth Jones; Mary Powell St. Louis

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; James Cavalieri, Principal of Lyme School; Michelle Dean, Interim Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School; Patricia Downes, Principal of Mile Creek School; Nancy Johnston, Director of Special Services; Holly McCalla, Business Manager; John Rhodes, Director of Facilities & Technology

Others Present: three community members from LOL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Michelle Roche.

Rick Goulding read the call of the meeting as follows:

Notice is hereby given that the Regional School Board for Regional School District No. 18 for the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme will hold a public hearing on the budget request for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at Regional School District No. 18, Lyme-Old Lyme High School auditorium, 69 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016. All interested parties are invited to attend and present their comments or questions.

Mr. Neviaser gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2016-2017 proposed budget. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes for informational purposes.

The meeting was opened up for questions and comments.

Judith Read from Old Lyme inquired about the increase in special education costs. It was explained that

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this was due to an increase in outplacements which can be very costly. There are currently 12 outplaced students; they anticipate 11 outplacements for the 2016-2017 school year. The Superintendent explained the uncertainty involved when budgeting for outplacements.

Mrs. Read also inquired about the increase in the student population at the high school level for next year. Mr. Neviasser explained that this is due to four large classes, the district's marketing efforts, and students opting to attend LOLHS vs. the private sector.

Mona Colwell from Old Lyme inquired and raised concern over the \$50,000 earmarked for marketing efforts which is included in the 2016-2017 budget to attract new students to the district. Mr. Neviasser explained that this money will be used for various advertising efforts and for a marketing consultant. This marketing initiative is aimed at four target groups: current students who might opt to attend school elsewhere; Lyme-Old Lyme students who currently attend magnet or private/parochial schools; out of district students (tuition students); and families considering relocating to the Lyme-Old Lyme community. Mr. Neviasser further noted that the current tuition rate is \$18,870, and they believe this marketing venture will more than pay for itself should it attract additional tuition students (currently there are five tuition students at Lyme-Old Lyme High School).

There were no further comments or questions on the proposed budget for next year.

MOTION: Mrs. Roche made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Goulding, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, the vote on the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 will be held on the day following the annual budget meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 7-7 of the Statutes. The District Budget Meeting will be held on May 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium; the referendum will be held on May 3, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the towns' firehouses.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. upon motion by Dr. Goulding and a second by Mrs. Wilczynski.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Goulding, Secretary