

LYME - OLD LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MEETING MINUTES

District Budget Hearing

Location: Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Date: April 7, 2014

Board Present: Paul Fuchs, Vice Chair; Michelle Roche, Treasurer; Beth Jones, Secretary; Rick Goulding; Nancy Lucas Edson; Sarah Smalley; Jean Wilczynski

Absent by Previous Arrangement: James Witkins; Diane Linderman

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Nancy Johnston, Director of Special Services; John Rhodes, Director of Facilities; Ellen Tyler, Principal of Center School; Marilyn Warren, Business Manager; James Wygonik, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Others Present: Ryan Chaney, LOLMS Teacher, Andy Russell, Old Lyme Board of Finance Chairman; 3 Townspeople from LOL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Fuchs.

Beth Jones 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 Old Lyme and Lyme will hold a public hearing on the budget request for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 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 7, 2014. All interested persons are invited to attend and present their comments or questions.

Mr. Neviaser presented a brief overview of the 2014-15 budget via a PowerPoint presentation which is attached to these minutes for informational purposes.

The meeting was opened up for questions and comments.

A parent of two current third graders inquired about the possibility of next year's 4th grade class being over the current class size guidelines for that grade (18-20 students). She asked what number triggered the creation of another section. Mr. Neviaser and Dr. Jones, a member of the Enrollment & Equity Committee, addressed her concerns noting the close monitoring of class sizes that takes place over the summer months when students are moving in and out of the district.

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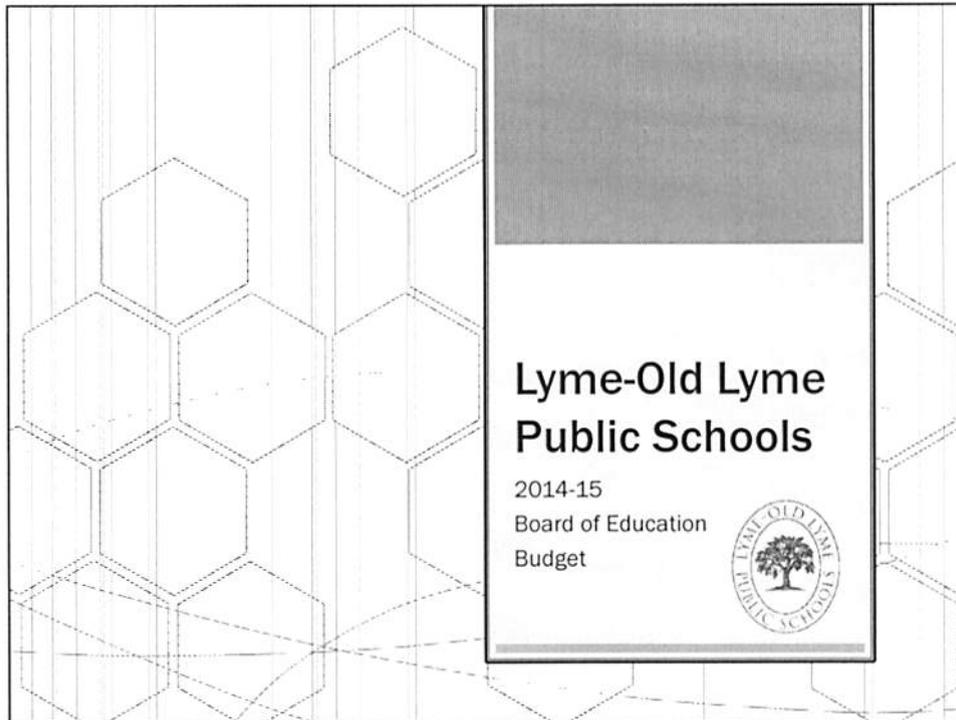
There were no further questions or comments.

Dr. Jones 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 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 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium; the referendum will be held on May 6, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the towns' firehouses. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Jones, Secretary



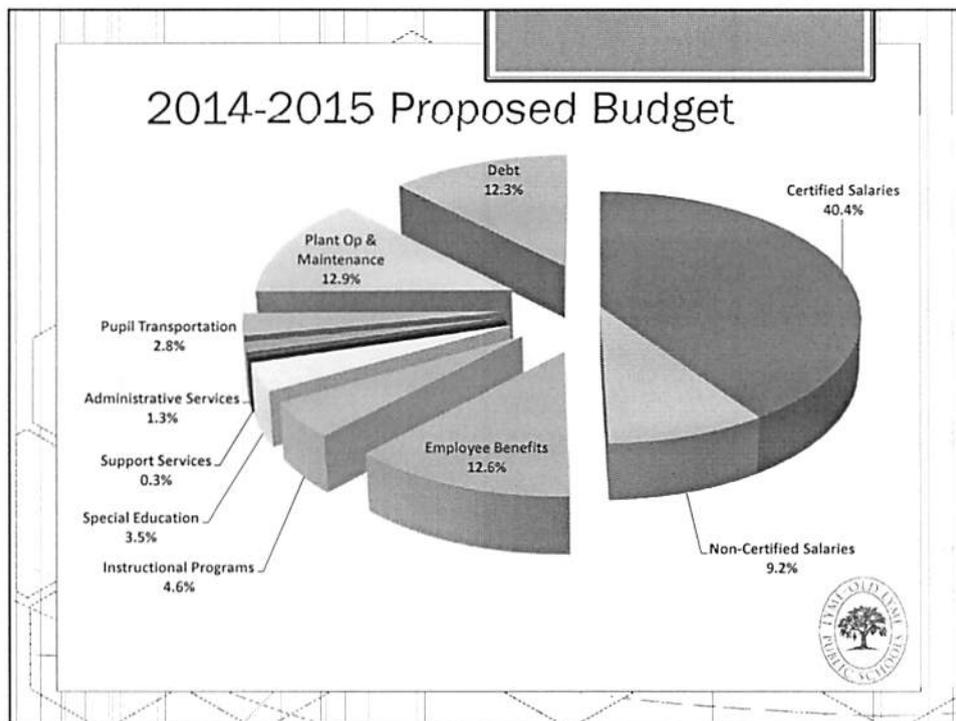
Goals to be Served by Budget

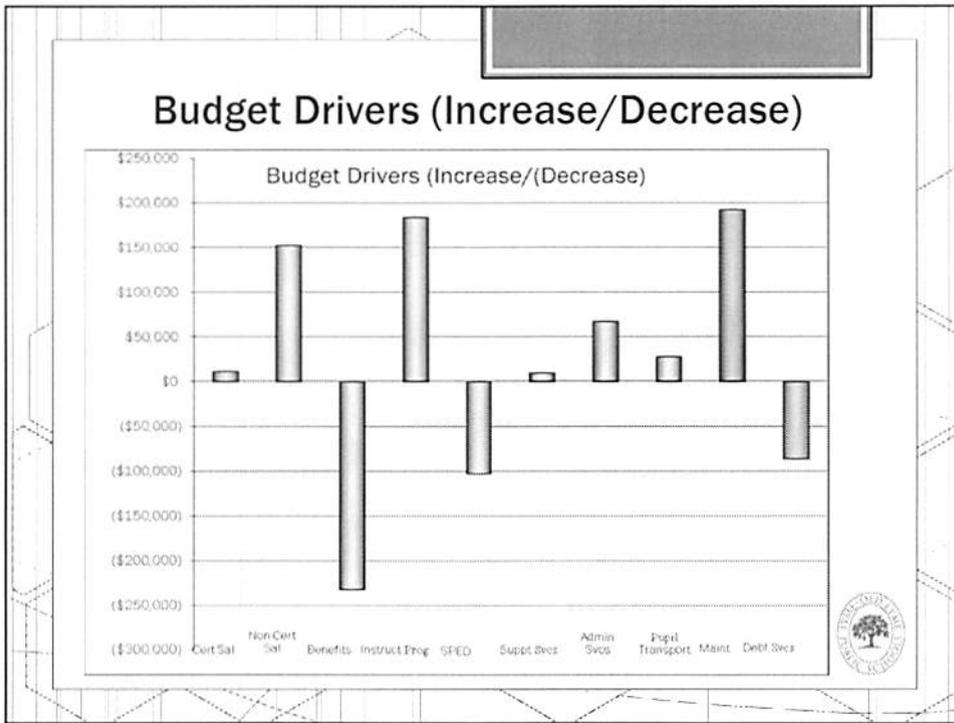
- To preserve and build upon the high standards of education in LOL while remaining fiscally responsible to our communities.
- To support the ongoing renewal of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and staff development activities in response to the expectations of the CCSS.
- To continue to plan and provide technology infrastructure and applications that are consistent with highly effective and efficient programming and operational standards.
- To maintain high facility standards for all District buildings and grounds.
- To continue to monitor, adjust (as needed), and implement the next stage of the redistricting plan.
- To maintain a dynamic and responsive approach to programming needs and mandates in special education.
- To maintain both compliance and reasonability in response to state and federal mandates.

The Bottom Line:

\$31,963,401 0.70% increase

<p><u>Operations /Program Budget:</u> \$28,017,300</p> <p>An increase of \$308,193 or 1.11% over the 13-14 SY Operations/ Program budget</p>	<p><u>Debt Service:</u> \$3,946,101</p> <p>A decrease of \$86,581 or 2.15% under the 13-14 SY debt service</p>
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Enrollment

Level	2011	2012	2013	2014 Projected*
Elementary	687	665	611	586/590*
Middle	351	360	364	352/355*
High	412	420	430	427/432*
TOTAL	1450 (-43)	1445 (-5)	1405 (-40)	1370/ 1372* (-33/35)

The operations/program budget reflects:

- Continued adherence to class size guidelines
- A reduction in certified staff relative to declining enrollments
- Continuance of existing academic and extracurricular activities
- Adjustments for anticipated changes in the special education population
- Adequate funding for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds
- Scheduled replacement of technology and equipment
- Program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards



Program Improvements:

- Increased math staffing at LOLHS
- NEASC re-accreditation process
- Increased student access to technology



Facilities Projects:

- Upgrade Lyme Consolidated Playground Equipment
- Upgrade Lyme Consolidated Gymnasium/Auditorium Sound System
- Install additional Mile Creek, LOLMS, Lyme Consolidated, and Center School Security Cameras
- Mile Creek, LOLMS, Lyme Consolidated, and Center School Lighting and Motor Efficiency Upgrades
- Replace Lyme Consolidated and Mile Creek Media Center Carpets
- Replace Mile Creek Clock System
- Install LOLHS Science Lab Sound Systems
- Complete Center School Pre-K Conversion



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