

LYME - OLD LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MEETING MINUTES

Special Board of Education Meeting

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

February 12, 2014

Board Present: James Witkins, Chairman; Paul Fuchs, Vice Chair; Michelle Roche, Treasurer; Rick Goulding; Diane Linderman; Nancy Lucas Edson; Jean Wilczynski

Absent by Previous Arrangement: Beth Jones; Sarah Smalley

Administration Present: Ian Neviasher, Superintendent of Schools; Elizabeth Borden, Director of Curriculum; James Cavalieri, Principal of Lyme School; Patricia Downes, Principal of Mile Creek School; Nancy Johnston, Director of Special Services; Christopher Pomroy, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School; John Rhodes, Director of Facilities; Marilyn Warren, Business Manager; James Wygonik, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Others Present: Ryan Chaney, LOLMS Teacher; Meredith Britton and John Fairfield-Sonn, High School Student Representatives; 3 Townspeople from LOL; Kim Drelich, *The Day*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witkins at 6:35 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Forum on the proposed 2014-2015 budget. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

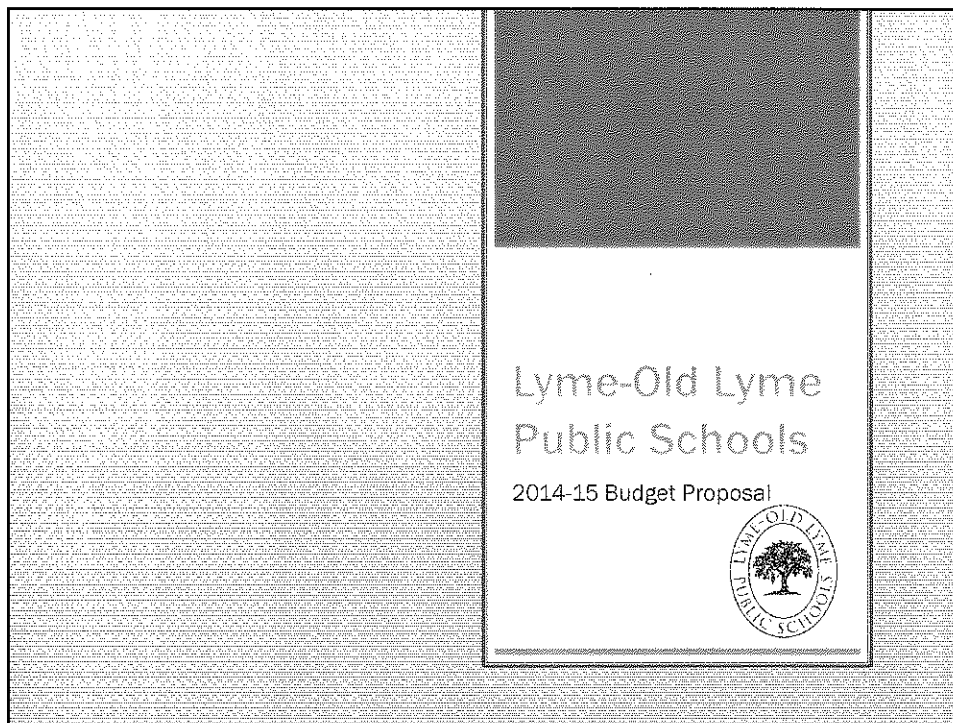
A PowerPoint presentation was given on the 2014-2015 budget by Superintendent Neviasher which reflected a tentative budget figure of \$31,963,401, a .70% increase from the current year's budget. Reporting highlights included: goals to be served by the budget; graphic depiction of areas to be served by budget; budget drivers; enrollment projections; program inclusion and improvements; and upcoming facilities projects. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes for informational purposes.

The meeting was opened up for questions and comments from the public. There were no comments or questions. Mr. Neviasher discussed the opportunity for budget presentations to community groups.

The special meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Fuchs and a second by Mrs. Roche.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Fuchs, Secretary Pro Tem




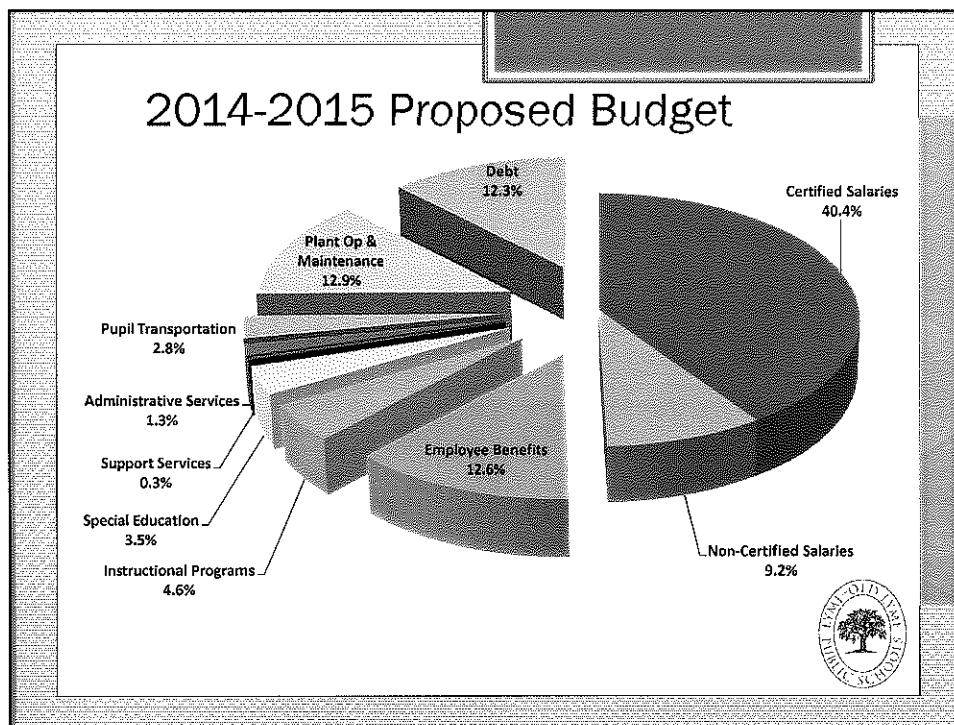
Goals to be Served by Budget

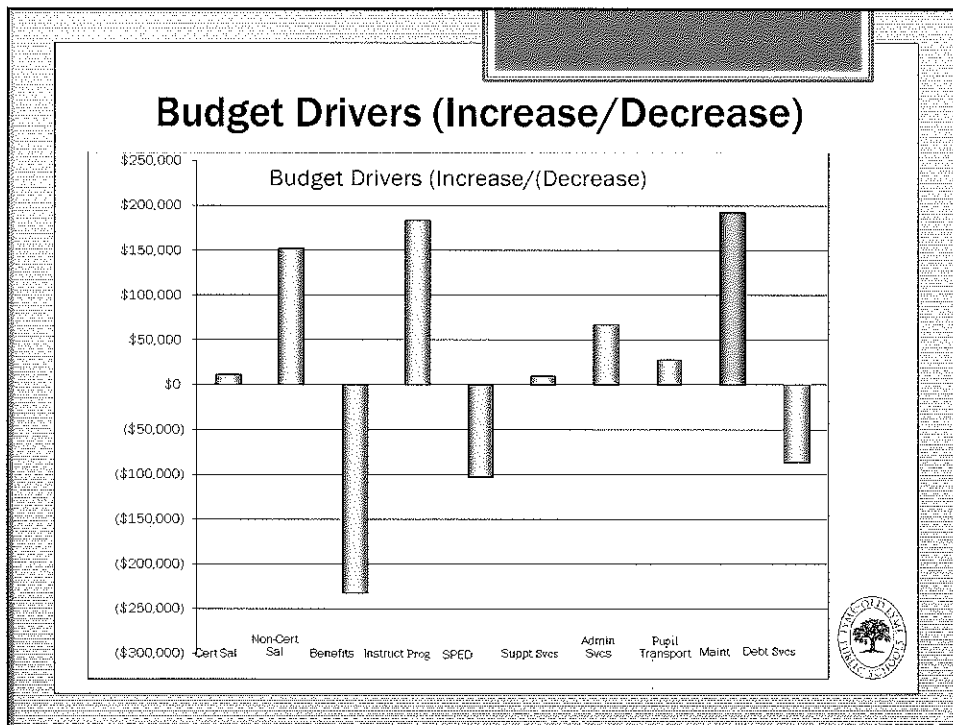
- To preserve and build upon the high standards of education in LOL while remaining fiscally responsible to our communities.
- To support the ongoing renewal of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and staff development activities in response to the expectations of the CCSS.
- To continue to plan and 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	352/356*
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



What's next?

- Opportunity for public comment
- Board action on the proposed budget

