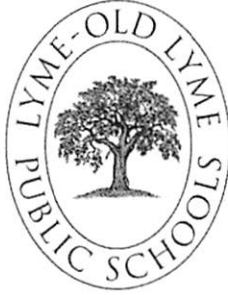


# LYME-OLD LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## REGION #18

### **Special Board of Education Meeting**

November 1, 2017

*Board Present:* Michelle Roche, Chairwoman; Beth Jones, Vice Chair; Jean Wilczynski, Treasurer; Rick Goulding, Secretary; Erick Cushman; Diane Linderman; Nancy Lucas Edson; Mary Powell St. Louis; Stacy Winchell

*Administration Present:* Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Mark Ambruso, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School; James Cavalieri, Principal of Lyme Consolidated School; Michelle Dean, Director of Curriculum; Melissa Dougherty, Director of Special Services; Patricia Downes, Principal of Mile Creek School; Jeanne Manfredi, Assistant Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme High School; Holly McCalla, Business Manager; John Rhodes, Director of Facilities & Technology; Noah Ventola, Assistant Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School; James Wygonik, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme High School

*Old Lyme Board of Finance/Selectmen:* Adam Burrows; Mary Jo Nosal; Bonnie Reemsnyder; Andy Russell

*Lyme Board of Finance/Selectmen:* David Brown; Steve Mattson; Mark Wayland

*, Others Present:* Glynis Houde, AFT Co-President; Karen Taylor; Stacey Leonardo

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Roche at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a budget workshop to present and discuss budget needs and drivers with the boards of finance and selectmen from both towns, school administrators, and parent leadership. Mr. Neviaser gave a PowerPoint presentation which detailed the purposes of the workshop and some of the notable influences on the budget that are likely to increase or decrease expenditures. A summary of this presentation is attached to these minutes for informational purposes.

At the conclusion of the presentation, input was gathered from the participants. The following is a summary of the comments and observations made on the 2018-2019 budget planning:

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- Student enrollment is declining; why are costs increasing? Suggestion to report staff numbers to help community understand enrollment and staffing.
- Discussion on savings with solar opportunities. Ensure any agreement made does not affect contract the Town of old Lyme has with electrical supplier.
- Comparison of district's budget with other districts.
- Keeping an eye on infrastructure and capital projects. Project the needs of the district for the next 5-10 years.
- Recruiting private school students.
- Impact to educational and extracurricular programs that come with declining enrollment.
- Expansion of preschool program with tuition component.
- Knowledge of how many preschool students are turned away due to high numbers.
- Work in collaboration with Old Lyme Children's Learning Center.
- Opening up the alternative high school program housed in Center School to other school districts (fee based).
- Promotion of success rates.

There being no other comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. upon motion by Dr. Goulding and a second by Mrs. Linderman.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Goulding, Secretary

## 2018-19 Budget Workshop

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

### Purposes of Session

- To present information about prime drivers that will influence the 2018-19 budget.
- To gather and share input from school and community leaders.

## Process

- Introductions
- Presentation of budget drivers
- Break out group(s) to gather questions, observations, and comments
- Reporting out on questions, observations, and comments.

## Enrollment Decline

### The Trend

Level	2015	2016	2017	2018 Projected* (Roll-ups)
Elementary	517	493	495	468* (455)
Middle	351	321	302	276* (275)
High	462	488	472	472* (479)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1330</b> <b>(-20)</b>	<b>1302</b> <b>(-28)</b>	<b>1269</b> <b>(-33)</b>	<b>1216*</b> <b>(1209)</b> <b>(-53*/60)</b>

### The Impact

- Continued reduction of certified teaching positions



## Special Education

### The Trend

Year	# of K-12 Students	% of Population
2012	158	11
2013	159	11.5
2014	158	11.9
2015	159	12.1
2016	160	12.5
2017	156	12.3

### The Issues

- Decrease in enrollment vs. increase in % with special needs
- Outplacement uncertainty
- Tuition for special education students at magnet schools
- Impact of legislation (e.g., requests for IEE's, burden of proof, mandated training)

## Financial Considerations

- Existing debt service from the high school renovation and the four school project
- Contractual obligations
- Health insurance rates
- Revenues
- State funding issues

## Professional Development

PD is provided through competitive and entitlement grants as well as district funding.

### 9 to 12

Partner with Ivy Bound to provide staff and students with SAT content and prep strategies.

### 6 to 8 ELA

Analyze and adjust curriculum and instruction based on recent SBAC results.

### 7-12 Math

Work with nationally recognized math specialist, Greg Tang, to offer PD to staff ensuring vertical alignment.

### 6 to 12 Tech

Continue to utilize district expertise to provide training in Canvas to assist teachers in meeting district expectations for technology integrated learning environment.

## Technology & Equipment

### Supporting the Digital Learning Environment

Continue to increase device to student ratio

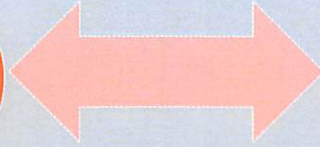
Address aging infrastructure equipment

Provide focused PD to support an increase in LMS expectations for grades 6-12



## Facilities and Utilities

Energy costs  
Joint contract bid  
with Towns of Old  
Lyme and Old  
Saybrook



Energy efficiencies:  
MC Roof/Windows,  
HS geothermal  
heating, LCS Roof,  
LED lighting, HVAC  
controls

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- Facility Security
  - Fields/ water
  - Solar
  - Air conditioning/ HVAC upgrades

## Break Out Group Task

- Create equal groups with representation from the following constituencies: parents, towns, BOE, and administration
- Facilitator will record questions, comments, observations—do not judge or answer. (15 minutes)
- Report out on questions, comments, and observations.

Budget presentations will incorporate the  
input received today.

