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REGION #18

Special Board of Education Meeting

Center School February 1, 2017

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

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Elizabeth Borden, Director of Curriculum; Michelle Dean, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School; Melissa Dougherty, Director of Special Services; Holly McCalla, Business Manager; Jeanne Manfredi, Assistant Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme High School; John Rhodes, Director of Facilities & Technology; James Wygonik, Principal of Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Others Present: Gina Wohlke, AFT President; two community members from Lyme-Old Lyme; Kim Drelich, The Day

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Roche at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Forum on the proposed 2017-2018 budget. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A PowerPoint presentation was given on the 2017-2018 budget by Superintendent Neviaser which reflected a proposed budget figure of \$33,634,271, a 0.49% 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 the budget; budget drivers; enrollment projections; what the operations/program budget reflects; program 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.

Harvey Gemme, a resident of Old Lyme whose children attend Lyme Consolidated School, stated how pleased he was with the quality of education his children were receiving in the school district.

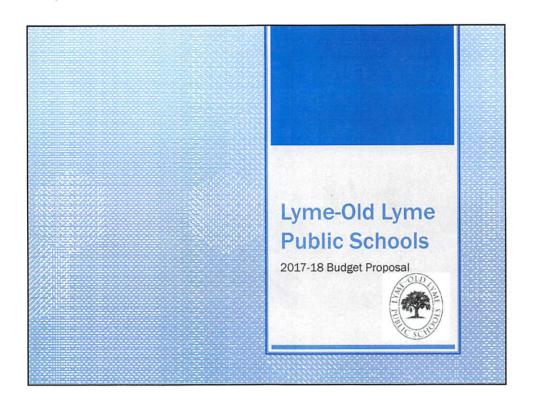
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There being no further comments or questions, the special meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. upon motion by Dr. Goulding and a second by Mrs. Lucas Edson.

Respectfully submitted,

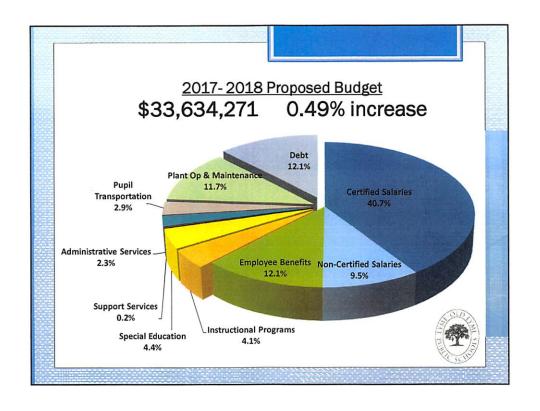
Rick Goulding, Secretary

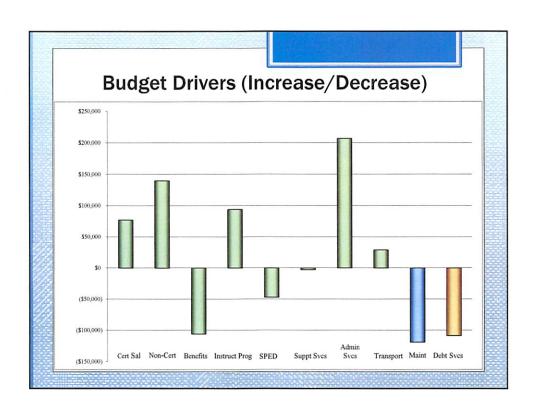


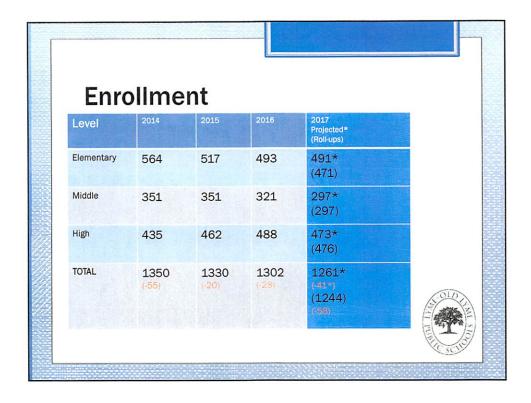
Goals to be Served by the 2017-2018 Budget

To support the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan by:

- Preserving and building upon the high standards of education in LOL while remaining fiscally responsible to our communities
- Supporting the ongoing renewal of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and staff development activities in response to the expectations of state and national standards.
- Continuing to plan and provide technology infrastructure and applications that are consistent with highly effective and efficient programming and operational standards.
- Maintaining high facility standards for all district buildings and grounds.
- Maintaining a dynamic and responsive approach to programming needs and mandates in special education.
- Maintaining both compliance and reasonability in response to state and federal mandates.







The operations/program budget reflects:

- Continued adherence to class size guidelines
- Reduction of staff to account for enrollment decline
- 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:

- New/updated elementary math program
- Technology infrastructure advancements
- Replacement of staff computers
- Continued installation of Sound Field systems



Facilities Projects:

- Installation of window AC units at middle school and Lyme School
- Add main campus pathway lighting
- Increase the number of security cameras
- Install a concrete lacrosse practice wall
- Replace the fuel oil tank at Lyme School



