LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience ***in a Public School Setting***

Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at Center School
LIVE STREAM OF MEETING: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF2_W7yYtFwx067Ici9776Q/live

I. Call to Order

II. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 8, 2025 and Special Meetings of January 15, 2025; January 22, 2025; and January 29, 2025

III. Visitors
1. Students from Lyme Consolidated School
2. Report from Student Representatives
3. Public Comment
While in person public comment is still acceptable, those wishing to make public comment virtually may use the following Zoom link: https://region18.zoom.us/j/87635839590; Meeting ID: 876 3583 9590; +16465588656,,83527766795# US (New York). Those choosing this option will be required to follow the same expectations for those making public comment in person. After being recognized by the chairperson, participants must state their name and place of residence before making their comments to the Board.

IV. Correspondence

V. Administrative Reports
1. Superintendent's Report
2. Business Manager's Report

VI. Educational Presentation
1. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Classroom

VII. Chair and Committee Reports (Facilities, Finance, Communications, Policy, LEARN, LOL Prevention Coalition, PK-8 Building Committee)

VIII. New Business
1. Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget
2. Approval of Tuition Student Request at Center School for 2025-2026 School Year
3. Approval of PK-8 Building Committee Recommendations

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IX. Old Business
1. Bus Contract

X. Executive Session
XI. Adjournment

***** Information on the Public Comment section of the meeting***

While boards of education must hold their meetings in public, they are not public meetings. Boards of education can adopt reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of speech at their meetings. Boards of education can require that speakers sign up to speak, and they can adopt a rule that each speaker will be allowed no more than three minutes to speak. Boards can also require that speakers adhere to reasonable standards of decorum. As provided in Robert's Rules of Order, the chair may require that speakers be courteous, avoid personal attacks, refrain from the use of vulgarity and the like. No speaker at a meeting of a board of education has a First Amendment right to be disruptive or rude. (Mooney, Thomas B. "A Practical Guide to Connecticut School Law." 9th ed., Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, 2018.)

The Lyme-Old Lyme Board of Education encourages public comment at all of its public meetings on issues of concern. Those wishing to make public comment will be required to state their name and address of residence. The Chairperson of the Board of Education may also provide opportunities for comments and/or questions by the public at appropriate junctions of public meetings. However, due to the usual length of such Board of Education proceedings, the Chairperson reserves the right to place a reasonable time limit on comments by individuals. Where a member of the public wishes to exceed the three minute time limit for public comment, advance notice of seven days to the Chairperson of the Lyme-Old Lyme Board of Education is requested. If an individual wishes to inform the Board of Education in writing regarding a particular issue, such written material shall be presented to the Board Chairperson 72 hours in advance of the meeting in question to allow ample time for all Board of Education members to receive said written material prior to the stated meeting date. Written material addressed to the Board of Education will be included in the minutes of the following regular or special meeting only when it is received by the Board clerk and includes the sender's full name and address.

In the event that a Board of Education meeting is interrupted by any person or group of persons who render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Chairperson of the Lyme/Old Lyme Board of Education shall order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only regular items on the agenda may be considered in such case. Media representatives, unless they were disorderly, shall be permitted to attend the sessions held in this manner.

After time has passed, the Chairperson, in his or her discretion, may recess the Board Meeting and invite back those members of the public not responsible for the disruption. (BOE Bylaw 9325).