Community Leadership Meeting
November 6, 2015

Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Bonnie Reemsnyder, Old Lyme First Selectwoman; Ralph Eno, Lyme First Selectman; Nancy Johnston, Director of Special Services; Steve Mattson, Lyme Selectman; Mary Jo Nosal, Old Lyme Selectwoman; Andy Russell, Old Lyme Board of Finance Chairman; James Witkins, Board of Education Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. The following agenda items were discussed:

New Board of Education Members. Mr. Neviaser reviewed the results of the recent election and discussed the process for welcoming and training the new Board of Ed members. He thanked Mr. Witkins for his many years of dedicated service to the Board of Education.

Special Education Update. Mrs. Johnston reviewed current legislation impacting special education services. She also explained the costs and reimbursements from the state for outplaced students.

Recognitions. Mr. Neviaser reviewed recent recognitions for the district including the Michael's Cup.

Negotiations. Mr. Witkins and Mr. Neviaser updated the group on the status of the RETA negotiations.

Facilities Updates. Mr. Neviaser reviewed ongoing projects and repairs being completed throughout the district.

Enrollment. Mr. Neviaser discussed the recent enrollment reports which show a continued decline in the elementary student population.

Questions were raised regarding the new SAT test and the possibility of using the schools as polling places in future elections.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.