

**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING
Official Minutes
February 8, 2018**

Present: Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Eileen Howley, LEARN; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Emily Rosenthal, Madison; Jefferey Hart, New London; Al Daniels, Norwich; Michael Siebert, Salem; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Suzanne Sack, Region #17 Haddam-Killingworth; Christopher Jones, Waterford

Representatives not attending: Charlene Fearon, Chester; Doug Traynor, Clinton; Imran Munawar, Deep River; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Erick Cushman, Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme; Colleen Rix, Montville; Pamela Potemri, North Stonington; Philip Broadhurst, Old Saybrook; Cindy Luty, Preston; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Not Attending and Not Represented: Guilford

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Jay Hartling, Nat Brown, Lynn Nenni, Donna Worst

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment: none

Reading or Review of Correspondence: Dr. Howley shared a letter of appreciation from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) thanking LEARN for its continued support in providing audio visual and technical support to the annual CABE Conference. Additional correspondence from Dr. Sarah Barzee, Chief Talent Officer, Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification, that LEARN's 2017-2018 school year Educator Certification Compliance Report has been received and the district is in compliance.

Superintendent's Perspective: Ledyard Superintendent, Jay Hartling, presented

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes: Regular business meeting-January 11, 2018

Approval of the Budget for 2017-2018

Approval of Grant application: "State Bilingual Grant" funded by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Barmasse, second by Hart

Motion approved unanimously

Information from the Executive Director:

The following Information from the Executive Director was included in the packet:

Hiring Update

Distributions provided in packet- 2017-2018 Salary & Benefits Survey, LEARN Board Meeting Schedules (2017-2018 & 2018-2019)

Executive Committee Minutes- January 26, 2018

Student Support Services (SSS) Building Committee Minutes- January 26, 2018

Information from the Executive Director: cont'd

Legislative Update: Dr. Howley reported on the RESC's meeting with State Education Co-Chairs regarding cost saving regional opportunities and the current fingerprinting policy

LEARN Agency Updates: Recent press coverage included The Marine Science Magnet High School partnership with the Mystic Aquarium and the ongoing tropical fish breeding program as well as coverage of LEARN's purchase of the Berth El Synagogue/school in New London for the location of the new Student Support Services diagnostic center and special needs classroom space.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Dr. Howley requested the approval for the appointment of Mathew A. Spinelli as the Advanced Manufacturing Program Administrator to administer the new advanced manufacturing program at the Connecticut River Academy in partnership with Goodwin College.

Motion to approve the Advanced Manufacturing Program Administrator, Mathew Spinelli by Seibert, second by Hart.

Motion passed unanimously

Preliminary discussion of draft salary and benefits 2018-2019

Approval of Student Support Services Magnet Evaluation Fees

Motion to approve the Student Support Services 2018-2019 Magnet Evaluation Fees by Siebert, second by Hart

Motion passed unanimously

Educational Perspective: LEARN Executive Director, Dr. Eileen Howley, presented a LEARN Board Orientation for new members: Understanding LEARN

Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: Regional Transportation to be discussed at future meeting

Adjournment: Motion by Barmasse, second by Hart

Adjourned: 11:04 a.m.