

**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING of March 8, 2018 postponed due to winter storm**  
**Unofficial Minutes**  
**Special meeting March 15, 2018**

Present: Imran Munawar, Deep River; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Eileen Howley, LEARN; Emily Rosenthal, Madison; Jefferey Hart, New London; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Cindy Luty, Preston; Christopher Jones, Waterford

Representatives not attending: Charlene Fearon, Chester; Doug Traynor, Clinton; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Vinny Baglio, Guilford; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Suzanne Sack, Region #17 Haddam-Killingworth; Erick Cushman, Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme; Colleen Rix, Montville; Pamela Potemri, North Stonington; Al Daniels, Norwich; Philip Broadhurst, Old Saybrook; Michael Siebert, Salem; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Not Attending and Not Represented:

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Jack Cross, Kenneth Hall, Joe Parise, Kate Ericson, Nat Brown, Lynn Nenni, David Howes, Bridgette Gordon-Hickey, Liz Binger, Matt Engelhardt, Lisa Cooney, Bonnie Silvestri, Erica Robb, Karen Cannady-Fand, Yvonne Tobey, Donna Worst

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:** none

As a courtesy to our guests, **Motion to move new business item "Request for Use of LEARN Facilities" to top of the agenda by Hart, second by Hagen.**  
**Motion approved unanimously**

**Reading or Review of Correspondence:** included in Executive Director's information

**Superintendent's Perspective:** LEARN Director of Development, Jack Cross, introduced his staff and presented on the current work of the Development Department. The overview included LEARN magnet schools marketing and communications, an update on the new Student Support Services Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy, work with the Vermont International Academy and work with the National Coast Guard Museum Association on future educational program collaborations.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of the Minutes: Regular business meeting-February 8, 2018  
Approval of the Budget for 2017-2018  
Approval of Grant applications  
**Motion to approve the consent agenda by Hagen , 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  
Executive Committee Minutes- February 23, 2018

Student Support Services (SSS) Building Committee Minutes- February 23, 2018  
Correspondence- Dr. Howley presented correspondence naming the Marine Science Magnet High School and the Riverside Magnet School as "Schools of Distinction".

UConn announces the partnership between its Neag School of Education and the LEARN Regional Educational Service Center through a promotional communication to introduce the new Masters in Special Education program. Students are given field placement with LEARN and may receive benefits such as health insurance, mortgage assistance, loan deferment and other benefits.  
Legislative Update- the RESC Alliance Directors testified before the Appropriations Committee regarding support for magnet funding, rectifying the current burdensome fingerprinting policy, and support for early childhood education. RESC Alliance members joined with CAPSS and the CT Technology Assistance Project to work on creating an educational software hub regarding student data privacy.

**Old Business:** Proposed 2018-2019 Salary and Benefits

**Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Salary and Benefits as presented made by Munawar, second by Hart.**

**Motion approved unanimously**

**New Business:**

Policy 5141.11 Students- Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault

**Policy was tabled to next meeting**

Non-renewals of Non-tenured Certified Staff

**Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, the LEARN Board of Directors non-renew the teaching contract of those named below at the end of the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by the Executive Director; and ratify, adopt and accept the Executive Director's determination that the contract be non-renewed.**

**Further move that the Executive Director be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to those named below and that the Executive Director be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Directors to any requests for a hearing or for other data which may be forthcoming from those named below and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 10-151; and further move that the Executive Director be directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board of Directors.**

The motion applies to the following individuals:

- Sharon Beesley
- Justine Binkowski
- Robin Carrier
- Katherine Hubbard
- Danielle Lamarre
- Randie Marino
- Matthew Meisterling
- Jacob Mendelssohn
- Tina Pepin
- Natalia Sidorova
- Siobhan Warren

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Aimee Wood

**Above motion made by Esposito, second by Hagen.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

Appointment of LEARN Counsel  
**Motion to approve appointment of Carmody, Torrance, Sandak and Hennessey, LLP as  
LEARN counsel made by Luty, second by Volkmann.  
Motion passed unanimously**

Request for Use of School Facilities – application and policy in packet  
Policy #1333 permits board to grant use of LEARN owned facilities. Discussion followed.  
**Motion to approve request for Use of The Friendship School made by Munawar, second by  
Hart  
In Favor: 0  
Opposed: unanimous  
Motion does not carry**

Review of Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy final plan and cost estimates  
**Motion to approve the final plan of Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy as presented made  
by Hart, second by Luty.  
Motion approved unanimously**

**Motion to approve the cost estimates for the Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy as  
presented made by Luty, second by Volkmann.  
Motion approved unanimously**

**Educational Perspective: none**

**Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:  
Curriculum committees were discussed / School Security and Safety for future discussion**

**Adjournment: Motion by Hagen, second by Hart.**

Adjourned: 11:05 a.m.