

LEARN Vision: To ensure that every child has access to high quality public education through systems of education, support, and service.

**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING
November 14, 2019**

Present: Michael Hornyak, Clinton; Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Kate Ericson, LEARN; Robert Mitchell, Montville; Jefferey Hart, New London; Phil Mendolia, North Stonington; Al Daniels, Norwich; Cindy Luty, Preston; Suzanne Sack, Region #17; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Christopher Jones, Waterford; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Representatives not attending: Theresa Ann Myers, Chester; Imran Munawar, Deep River; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Emily Rosenthal, Madison; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Stacey Leonardo, Region #18; Jan Furman, Old Saybrook; Sean Reith, Salem

Not Attending and Not Represented:

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Patrice McCarthy, Nicoleta McTigue, Alaina Clausen, Joanne Lund, Jen Favolora, Michael Belden, Nat Brown, Mary Ann O'Donnell, Donna Worst

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Public Comment:

Reading or Review of Correspondence: Mrs. Ericson shared correspondence from CSDE regarding the review and approval of the corrective action plans presented for the Child Nutrition Program at Dual Language & Arts Magnet Middle School, The Friendship School and the Summer Seamless Program.

Superintendent's Perspective: CABE general counsel, Patrice McCarthy, discussed success strategies for leadership team evaluation for Boards of Education and Superintendent of Schools and distributed guidelines approved by CABE & CAPSS. She also provided insights into the upcoming 2019-2020 legislative session topics.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes- October 10, 2019
- Approval of the Budget for 2019-2020
- Approval of grant applications: there were no grant summaries
- Motion to approve the consent agenda by Daniels, second by Mitchell**
- Motion passed unanimously**

Information from the Executive Director

The following Information from the Executive Director was included in the packet:
Hiring Updates: a new trending data format was presented which provides a 3 year snapshot of monthly hiring and resignation data for the following job classifications: teachers, administrative staff, non-certified school-based staff, and non-certified twelve month staff. In addition to the

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traditional format, the intent of the trending data is to provide additional insight to assist in staff retention and areas of need.

Executive Committee Minutes October 25, 2019

Student Support Services Building Committee minutes October 10, 2019

Legislative Update-provided by Patrice McCarthy included goals of the Advisory Commission of Intergovernmental Relations which will look into shared services and increasing collaboration among school boards, reviewing healthy school start times, non-medical exemptions for vaccinations, social emotional learning, school climate policy, and special education funding Agency Updates- LEARN leadership continues to meet with district superintendents to discuss their needs, their goals and how LEARN can assist. A task force headed by Beth Bye will be addressing birth to three issues. LEARN will host a symposium of Early Childhood in December. Director of Innovation & Development, Jack Cross, continues to work on sub regional transportation and has coordinated a collaboration with Waterford, East Lyme, and Salem regarding a uniform contract to bid together.

Old Business: none

New Business: Draft audit presented by Blum Shapiro, Nicoleta MctiGue & Alaina Clausen. Copies of the annual financial report were distributed at the meeting.

Motion to accept the audit as presented by Hart, second by Luty

Motion passed unanimously

Board member Hart nominated Chris Jones to fill the fiscal officer being vacated by Joanne Barnasse.

Chris Jones received a unanimous vote to fill the position through June 30, 2020.

A motion was requested to approve the disposal of five vans no longer needed by the Transportation Department due to excess mileage and/or needed repairs. Due to the change in service needs of the area, additional replacement vans will not be needed.

Motion to dispose of the five vans listed and included in the packet made by Hart, second by Daniels. Motion passed unanimously

Educational Perspective:

Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: Health Insurance Consortiums, High School start times, regionalism

Adjournment: Motion by Daniels, second by Hart, to adjourn at 10:52 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.