

**LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

*Remote meeting via Zoom*

**April 24, 2020**

Present: Craig Esposito; Chair, Tim Hagen; Vice Chair, Rita Volkmann; Secretary, Chris Jones; Fiscal Officer, Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director, Cynthia Ritchie; New London Superintendent, Maryann O'Donnell; Clinton Superintendent

Guests: Bob Mitchell, Mike Belden, Erica Robb

**Called to order: 8:34 a.m.**

1.0 Nominating Committee – members: Tim Hagen, Rita Volkmann, Chris Jones, Bob Mitchell presented the proposed 2020-2021 slate of officers to be brought before the board in May and voted upon in June per Policy # 9200; Election of Officers. An email will be sent to all board members prior to the May board meeting outlining the process and presenting the proposed slate of officers.

Chair- Craig Esposito

Vice Chair- Tim Hagen

Fiscal Officer- Chris Jones

Secretary- Rita Volkmann

**Motion to present the proposed 2020-2021 slate of officers and process information to the board as presented by Mitchell, second by Volkmann**

**Passed unanimously (4-0)**

2.0 2020-2021 Budget Review – Executive Director Ericson provided a summary letter to accompany, CFO, Mike Belden's presentation of the proposed 2020-2021 LEARN budget to present to the board in May and voted upon in June. Budget coordinator, Erica Robb, assisted.

3.0 Review May Agenda- Roundtable topic for discussion- 2019 Graduation Plans

4.0 Principal Appointments

4.1 Marine Science Magnet High School

Tara Amatrudo at a salary of \$145,406 (subject to union negotiation)

8 year career at CTRA (LEARN employee)

Managing MSAP grant 3 million dollars over 5 years

Major leader in district on equity and racial integration

Helped build the school of 481 students

Commitment to student voice (outcomes, students centered)

Increased the percent of students accessing Goodwin courses by 25%

Interview committee parents, students, staff, sent 4 candidates to LEARN

Significant Accolades in creating opportunities for students of color

Recognized for growth academic performance on SATs for AA males

Recognized as one of the top 50 magnets schools of America

Strong relationships across

**Motion to appoint Tara Amatrudo as Principal of Marine Science Magnet High School at a salary of \$145,406 (subject to union negotiation) by Volkmann, second by Esposito**

**Passed unanimously (4-0)**

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- 4.2 Regional Multicultural Magnet School  
Mariana Reyes at a salary of \$123,196  
New London Resident  
Came to LEARN as instructional assistant; grown through the system as one of our most promising school leaders  
Staff and parent feedback show us their excitement the school is taking under her leadership  
Deep knowledge special education  
Good listener- to get full picture  
Desire to want to hear all voices and collaboration  
Respects experience of veteran staff  
Transparent  
Not afraid to talk about hard issues

**Motion to appoint Mariana Reyes as Principal of the Regional Multicultural Magnet School at a salary of \$123,196 by Volkmann, second by Esposito  
Passed unanimously (4-0)**

- 5.0 Reduction in Force- DLAMMS- Discussion regarding the "Contract Termination of Certain Certified Staff Affected by Dual Language and Arts Magnet Middle School Closure".
- 6.0 Preliminary discussion of Executive Director Evaluation

**Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.**

Esposito, second by Hagen  
Motion Passed unanimously