

LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 22, 2021

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44 Hatchedts Hill Road

Old Lyme, CT 06371

Virtual Zoom

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Craig Esposito; Chair, Tim Hagen; Vice Chair, Rita Volkmann; Secretary, Robert Mitchell; Fiscal Officer Katherine Ericson; LEARN Executive Director, Maryann O'Donnell; Clinton Superintendent of Schools,

Members not attending: Cynthia Ritchie; New London Superintendent of Schools

Meeting began at 8:38 a.m.

Agenda

1.0 Review February Agenda

Executive Director informed the Board that while the Board has approved numerous new Board policies this year, this month there are no new policies to bring forward. Human Resources is partnering with counsel to review/revise/add to the certified and non-certified personnel policies that are due for updating.

2.0 Director of Curriculum and Instruction

2.1 Interim Director appointed - Jenny Pinto, appointed the interim Director of Teaching and Learning until the vacancy is filled.

2.2 Search for new Director - Job Posting closes today. The Executive Director is happy to report that regional assistant superintendents will participate in the interview process.

3.0 Food Service Contract; SLA

Kate Ericson informed the Board that The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued the *Nationwide Waiver of Food Service Management Contract Duration in the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program EXTENSION (COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #71)* on January 6, 2021. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has opted in to this waiver. The waiver allows food service management company (FSMC) contracts that may expire by or around June 30, 2021, and have not been extended for school year (SY) 2020-21 to be extended through SY 2021-22 (June 30, 2022). All Connecticut School Food Authorities (SFA) with current expiring contracts are eligible to opt in to this waiver, as no Connecticut SFA opted into the 2020-21 waiver. LEARN will extend our food service contract for one year and go out to formal bid in the 2021-2022 school year .

4.0 Marketing Firm- New Partnership

LEARN is going to pilot a partnership with a local marketing firm to see if they can support the revision of the agency mission framework, build strong systems for communication, and increase the capacity of staff in using 21st tools in our on-going marketing and communications efforts in ways to capture that work succinctly.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 a.m.