

# LEARN Executive Committee Meeting Summary

October 27, 2023

8:30-10:00

Room 216

LEARN

44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme

*Zoom option was available*

Present: Robert Mitchell; Chair, Dale Bernardoni; Secretary, Katherine Ericson; LEARN Executive Director, Craig Esposito; Outgoing Board Chair

Not in attendance: Aaron Daniels; Vice Chair, Mindy Stone; Fiscal Officer, Cynthia Ritchie; Superintendent of New London Public Schools, Maryann O'Donnell; Superintendent, Clinton Public Schools

Meeting began: 8:35 am

## AGENDA

- 1.0 Review of November Board Agenda  
The November 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda was reviewed

- 2.0 Review of the Executive Director's Goals

Kate Ericson discussed the objectives of the year for the LEARN schools, departments, and services. The largest lift of the year will be securing state funding for a new school at 51 Daniels Avenue. LEARN elementary schools are taking part in LEARN's district wide training in partnership with The HILL for Literacy. This partnership is a systemic approach to improving literacy instruction. Another vitally important action for the agency is securing funding for the 51 Daniels Avenue project. The Executive Director's efforts are to ensure that LEARN is advocating for the funding and communicating with various stakeholders about the purpose and benefits of this regional project. Operationally, the agency is striving to continue to modernize and automate our offices to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

- 3.0 Bid Waiver Request: Fire Panel (*bid waiver is included in packet with Purchasing Policy # 3323*)

**Motion to approve the bid waiver for a fire panel replacement at the Marine Science Magnet High School through the sole source provider ADT who maintains and repairs all fire safety equipment at the school for the cost of \$39,960 by Bob Mitchell, second by Craig Esposito Motion carried.**

- 4.0 Plumbing Contract Approval

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- 5.0 LEARN Updates

LEARN Literacy team met with the CSDE regarding LEARN's Literacy Waiver application. In the end, LEARN will be given a final decision on the waiver by December 15, 2023. The Transition Academy is moving forward with the renovation project and the town has received all of LEARN's permit requests. Negotiations dates have been set for the teachers' union (LEA) and will be set for the admin union (LAO) by this upcoming meeting.

- 6.0 Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 9:50am by Bob Mitchell, second by Dale Bernardoni Motion carried**