

**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING**

**Minutes
February 7, 2019**

Present: Theresa Ann Myers, Chester; Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Kathleen Balestracci, Guilford; Dr. Eileen Howley, LEARN; Tom Pellegrino, Madison; Robert Mitchell, Montville; Jan Furman, Old Saybrook; Suzanne Sack, Region #17; Stacey Leonardo, Region #18; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Christopher Jones, Waterford

Representatives not attending: Doug Traynor, Clinton; Imran Munawar, Deep River; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Jefferey Hart, New London; Al Daniels, Norwich; Pam Potemri, North Stonington; Cindy Luty, Preston; Kate Sandmann, Region #4; Michael Siebert, Salem; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Not Attending and Not Represented:

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Patrice McCarthy, Carole Glenn, Nat Brown, Lynn Nenni, Jack Cross, Donna Worst

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 9:03a.m.

Public Comment:

Reading or Review of Correspondence: Dr. Howley shared the following correspondence: A letter from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) congratulating the Connecticut River Academy on the time invested in the accreditation process and noted their decennial report will be presented to the committee at the April 2019 meeting; correspondence from Lynn Guerriero, Sr. Director of Magnet School Operations, Goodwin College, our schools will be changing their school start times to either 7:30am or 8:40am at Riverside Magnet School and Connecticut River Academy; and a letter from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) which included a certificate for a 2018 Bonnie B. Carney Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications for the LEARN Administrative Calendar 2018-2019.

Superintendent's Perspective: Patrice McCarthy, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Connecticut Association of Board of Education (CABE) provided insight into the new legislative session and CABE's advocacy and support roles.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes- January 10, 2019

Approval of the Budget for 2018-2019

Approval of grant applications: *Office of Teaching & Learning*: Circle of Friends on Tour, funded by the CT Department of Education, Interdistrict Cooperative Grants-Bureau of Choice Programs; Touch the Future, Teach!, funded by the CT Department of Education, Interdistrict Cooperative Grants-Bureau of Choice Programs; and Weaving Across Cultures, funded by the CT Department of Education Interdistrict Cooperative Grants- Bureau of Choice Programs.

Dual Language & Arts Magnet Middle School: Pfizer Local Community Grant, funded by Pfizer; 2019 Southeast General Grant, funded by Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut; and LRIG Education Grant, funded by Laboratory Robotics Interest Group of New England (LRIG).

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Barmasse, second by Volkmann

Motion passed unanimously

Information from the Executive Director

The following Information from the Executive Director

Hiring Update- included in packet

Distributions- LEARN Regional Transportation Study draft; Proposed Salaries 2019-2020-Job Classifications across pay ranges; and LEARN Agency-Wide Budget (new detailed format)

Executive Committee meeting minutes- January 25, 2019 (included in packet)

Student Support Services Building Committee minutes- January 10, 2019 (included in packet)

Legislative Update-provided by Patrice McCarthy, Deputy Director and General Counsel, CAFE

Agency update- Invitations were distributed for the Regional Multicultural Magnet School's photography exhibit: "Profiles in Learning". LEARN CFO, Lynn Nenni presented a draft of the new monthly budget format to be included in the board packet moving forward offering a more detailed, agency- wide review.

Old Business:

A draft of the LEARN Regional Transportation Study was distributed including the support materials referenced in the study. Director of Innovation & Development, Jack Cross provided a summary of the study.

LEARN Director of Human Resources, Nat Brown, provided a 2019-2020 Salary & Benefits proposal draft.

New Business:

Policy # 5115-Students: Exclusion from School for Disciplinary Purposes: first read-procedures were also shared.

Policy # 5144- Students: Use of Physical Restraint/Seclusion: first read

Educational Perspective: Carole Glenn, LEARN Director of Young Children and Families presented: Understanding Kindergarten Entry Date Issues: A Regional Discussion.

Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: Time did not allow for roundtable

Motion to Adjourn by Barmasse, second by Volkmann

Motion passed unanimously

Adjourned:

11:09 a.m.