

LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
Remote meeting via Zoom
March 27, 2020

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

Members not present: Cynthia Ritchie, New London Superintendent

Guests: none

Called to order: 8:34 a.m.

- 1.0 Review April Agenda- April 9, 2020, board meeting will be held remotely via “ZOOM” platform with no guest speaker for agenda item 5, the “Superintendent Perspective” due to the challenges district –wide regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 2.0 Electricity Supply Contract – LEARN’s current electricity supply contract expires in April, 2020. CFO, Mike Belden, was provided analysis of available electricity supply rates through New England energy broker. As in past practice, the Executive Director was able to lock-in pricing for the 2020-2022 electricity supply contract with Constellation Energy for a 6% decrease in costs providing a savings of \$10,000.
- 3.0 Communications to share

3.1 Distance Learning [LEARN's Interim Alternative Educational Opportunities Plan](#).

Kate Ericson shared the Phases of LEARN’s Interim Alternative Learning Plan with the committee. The initial phase provided activities created by teachers from across the region for parents to do with their children. Phase II begins on Monday, March 30, 2020. Teachers have been working as teams to build learning activities for next week. At this time, the learning will not be live/online teaching, but teachers will be available to support students/families throughout the week as they engage in the learning. LEARN’s Student Support Services has designed our model for supporting students with disabilities in the magnet schools and the out-placement programs.

3.2 Employment update

Kate Ericson shared the current thinking regarding layoffs. Originally, LEARN expected to lay off 230 Interventionists. After completing the design of the learning plan, it became evident that LEARN would need to retain a portion of the Interventionist staff during this prolonged closure. The LEARN Leadership Team will be finalizing the details regarding the staffing and will share with the Executive Committee members upon conclusion.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 a.m. by Jones, second by Esposito
Motion Passed unanimously