

## LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 23, 2020

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44 Hachetts Hill Road

Old Lyme, CT 06371

Virtual Zoom

### MEETING SUMMARY

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

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

Guests: Michael Belden, Joanne Lund, Nikoleta McTigue, Alaina Clausen

**Meeting began at 8:32 a.m.**

#### Agenda

1.0 Review Draft Audit - Blum Shapiro draft audit review: Nikoleta McTigue, Alaina Clausen

2.0 Review November Agenda

3.0 Review of Executive Director's Goals -

Ms. Ericson reviewed her 2020-2021 goals with the Executive Committee. All three goal areas articulate how the agency's work will support achievement of the agency's vision, mission, and goals.

4.0 TFS Assistant Principal vacancy-

Ms. Ericson informed the Executive Committee of the resignation of The Friendship School Assistant Principal, Luz Rivera, resignation effective 10/23/20. During the search for a new Assistant Principal, LEARN has appointed Paul Carolan, retired principal, as the interim assistant principal.

5.0 HR Director search update -

Ms. Ericson provided the Executive Committee with an overview of the recruitment and selection process for the position of LEARN's Director of Human Resources. After three rounds of interviews, Ms. Ericson has brought forward, Ms. Christine Pemberton.

Executive Committee Motioned to Approve Christine Pemberton as LEARN's next Director of Human Resources. **Motion to approve Christine Pemberton as LEARN's next Director of Human Resources by Mitchell, second by Esposito, Motion Carried 4-0.**

6.0 Covid-19 Related Updates

Ms. Ericson reiterated that LEARN continues to make decisions on each school based on pertinent data relating to each LEARN school. All LEARN Board members are informed of any changes in the educational model as decisions are made.

7.0 Integrated Health Clinic

LEARN has initiated discussions with the Child and Family Agency to discuss the potential for an integrated health center being located at The Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy, 562 Ocean Ave., New London.

8.0 Agency Marketing Strategy—

Ms. Ericson discussed with the Board her desire to put more resources into the branding of the agency and the LEARN family of schools to increase number of applicants applying to LEARN magnet schools.

9.0 Goodwin LEA:

Ms. Ericson relayed information to the LEARN Board regarding Goodwin University's official status as an LEA.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:13 a.m.**