

LEARN Board of Directors
December 8, 2022
Minutes

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01am
2. Present: Chester; Dale Bernardoni, East Lyme; Catherine Steel, Groton; Rita Volkmann, LEARN; Kate Ericson, Ledyard; Mary Harris, Montville; Robert Mitchell, Norwich; Al Daniels, Region #18 Old Saybrook; Lee-Ann Flynn, Preston; Cindy Luty Region # 17; Jen Favalora, Region # 18; Steven Wilson, Stonington; Craig Esposito

Not Attending and Not Represented: Clinton; Michael Hornyak, Deep River; vacant, East Haddam; Bryan Perry, East Hampton; Amy Ordonez, Essex; Carolyn Rotella, Guilford; Kristen Peck, Madison; Mary Ann Connelly, New London; Jefferey Hart, North Stonington; Phil Mendolia, Salem; Sean Reith, Waterford; Michele Devine, Westbrook; Zack Hayden

Presenters Staff and Other Guests: Dr. Ryan Donlon, Nikoleta McTigue, Patrice McCarthy, Mike Belden, Joanne Lund, Christine Pemberton, Donna Worst
3. Public Comment: none
4. Reading and/or Review of Correspondence: Executive Director Ericson shared the following Correspondence: 1. Letter from *CT Project* announcing an award of \$1,000. 2. Space waiver acknowledgement from DAS for the Ocean Ave project 3. CLA letter announcing completion of audit with no material weaknesses. 4. Workman's Compensation Trust will be reimbursing \$56,421 to LEARN
5. CABA Executive Director and General Counsel Patrice McCarthy presented. January 4th will begin the next legislative session and she urged the board to reach out to their legislators on the Education Committee to discuss issues in their district.
6. Consent Agenda:
 - 6.1 Approval of the Minutes: Regular Business meeting—November 10, 2022
 - 6.2 Approval of 2022-2023 Budget *included in packet*
 - 6.3 Approval of Grant Applications- 1. Perkins V Secondary Grant (\$90,277) funded by CSDE, funding source, SU Dept of Education, Title III Grant (\$68,204) funded by CSDE, funding source, CSDE

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Luty, second by Daniels
Motion approved unanimously
7. Information from the Executive Director:
 - 7.1 Hiring-included in board packet
 - 7.2 Distributions-
 - 7.3 Executive Committee meeting minutes – November 17, 2022
 - 7.4 SSS Building Committee meeting minutes- November 17, 2022
 - 7.5 Legislative Update- Next legislative session begins January 4, 2023
 - 7.6 LEARN Agency Updates – Executive Director Ericson presented the agency updates including conferences attended, alternative school update, and expansion of the Teacher Residency Program to include Special Education
9. New Business:
 - 9.1 Review of Draft Audit-CliftonLarsonAllen CPA, Nikoleta McTigue, presented the draft audit for 2022. No discrepancies were identified, and the audit was considered clean.
Motion to accept the draft audit as presented by Volkmann, second by Luty
Motion approved unanimously

9.2 Magnet School Tuitions 2023-2024 were included in the packet
Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Magnet School Tuitions as presented by Daniels second by Harris
Motion approved unanimously

9.3 Special Education Tuitions 2023-2024
Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Special Education Tuitions as presented by Daniels, second by Flynn
Motion approved unanimously

10. **Educational Perspective:** Associate Executive Director, Dr. Ryan Donlon to present Short Term Magnet School Planning

11. **Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:**

12. **Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn at 11:06am by Daniels second by Volkmann

Motion approved unanimously

MISSION STATEMENT LEARN is a Regional Educational Service Center working with, and for, its member districts to improve the quality of public education for all learners. We provide leadership for teaching and learning; We provide high quality, innovative schools and programs; We identify and deliver customized and cost-effective programs and services; and we promote collaborative partnerships and reg