

LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

April 26, 2024

8:30-10:00

Room 216

LEARN

44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme

Zoom option available - login below.

Present: Dale Bernardoni, Fiscal Agent, Craig Esposito, Ex-Officio; Jen Favalora, Secretary, Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director, Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent Clinton

Not Attending: Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent New London, Bob Mitchell, Chair

Guests: Michael Belden, Maria Cuadros

Begin: 8:35am

1.0 Nominating Committee to provide slate of officers for YR 2024-2025

a. Discussion on the slate of officers who will be brought to the LEARN Board of Directors.

2.0 Preliminary Review of Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

Michael Belden presented the draft presentation of the budget summary to the Executive Committee.

3.0 Review of May Agenda

4.0 Goodwin University Magnet School System (GUMS) Admin appointments

4.1 Appointment of Jenna Toner as Goodwin University Magnet School System's Director of the Connecticut River Middle Academy School (resume available).

MOTION to appoint Jenna Toner as Goodwin University Magnet School System's Director of the Connecticut River Middle Academy School @ a salary of \$120,233 by Esposito, second by Bernardoni. Motion passed 3-0

4.2 Appointment of Kevin A. Skrodzki as Goodwin University Magnet School System's Director of Educational Technology Services (resume available).

MOTION to appoint Kevin A. Skrodzki as Goodwin University Magnet School System's Director of Educational Technology Services @ a salary of \$117,000 by Esposito, second by Bernardoni. Motion passed 3-0

5.0 Update on 51 Daniels Avenue property

Currently the legislative language states that LEARN is eligible for 15% more reimbursement for their PreK portion of their building. It is ambiguous as to what the final reimbursement will be for the building.

6.0 Transition Academy Renovation:

Kate Ericson reported that the Transition Academy is in the final stages of renovation. Painting and flooring will be completed this week. HVAC and Electrical are completed. A preliminary walkthrough with the Fire Marshall will be completed April 26, 2024. Final inspections by the Building Official and the Fire Marshall will take place in early May. Furniture is being ordered.

7.0 Phone Procurement

LEARN's Director of Technology received quotes from three agencies for the purchase of new phones at the Regional Multicultural Magnet Schools. The CT-TSG is recommended due to the fact the quote includes a three-year warranty on all phones, as well as free set-up.

Motion to approve the selection of the CT-TSG contract for \$40,862 Jen Favalora, second Bernardoni. Motion passes 3-0.

8.0 Executive Director's Year End Reflection/Evaluation

Kate Ericson shared her overall reflections on the year. Focusing specifically on her leadership and how she is measuring her impact. Two factors that she uses to measure the health of the agency are the number of direct calls she receives from superintendents, as well as the number of connections she makes with the state legislators. This year has seen a large increase in both of these metrics, leading to positive outcomes for the growth of LEARN.

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:57am