

**LEARN Board of Directors
Minutes
December14, 2023**

1. **Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance @ 9:00am**

Present: Chester; Dale Bernardoni, East Haddam; Terri Garrity, LEARN; Kate Ericson, Montville; Robert Mitchell, Preston; Cindy Luty, Region # 17; Jen Favalora, Region #18; Scott Brown; Craig Esposito,

Not Attending and Not Represented Clinton; Michael Hornyak, Deep River; vacant, East Hampton; vacant, East Lyme; Catherine Steel, Essex; Carolyn Rotella, Groton; vacant, Guilford; Kristen Peck, Ledyard; Mary Harris, Madison; Mary Ann Connelly, New London; Jefferey Hart, North Stonington; Christine Wagner, Norwich; Al Daniels, Old Saybrook; Steven Beeler, Salem; Sean Reith, Stonington; vacant, Waterford; vacant, Westbrook; vacant

Presenters Staff and Other Guests: Troy Hopkins, Kimberly Haggerty, Bridgette Gordon-Hickey, Michael Belden, Joanne Lund, Donna Worst

2. Audience and Guests: All present were introduced

3. Public Comment:

4. Reading and/or Review of Correspondence: Mrs. Ericson shared information from Workers Compensation Trust announcing that LEARN has qualified for a \$77,894 premium refund

5. Superintendent Perspective: Troy Hopkins and *distributed with the synopsis*)

6. Consent Agenda:

6.1 Approval of the Minutes: Regular Business meeting, November 9, 2023

6.2 Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Summary as of November 30, 2023

6.3 Approval of Grant Application: *CT Early Childhood Facilities Construction and Renovation Grant* (\$152,806) January 1, 2024- December 31, 2024, funding source: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funding agency: CT office of Early Childhood (OEC) & LISC Connecticut

**Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented by Esposito, second by Luty
Motion passed unanimously**

7. Information from the Executive Director:

7.1 Hiring- *The New Hires and Resignations update was included in the packet with accompanying trend report and details provided in the meeting synopsis.*

7.2 Distributions –

7.3 Executive Committee meeting minutes- November 27, 2023 (*were included in packet*)

7.4 SSS Building Committee minutes – *no meeting*

7.5 Legislative Updates: DAS will make a decision on December 15, 2023 and provide the priority project list for projects eligible for grant assistance.

7.6 Agency Updates:

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business:

9.1 Magnet School Tuitions 2024-2025 (*tuition documents included in packet*) -motion was

postponed indefinitely

- 9.2 Special Education Tuitions and Evaluation Fees 2024-2025 (*tuition& evaluation fees included in packet*)
Motion to approve 2024-2025 LEARN Special Education Tuitions and Evaluation Fees as presented by Bernardoni, second by Brown
Motion passed unanimously

- 9.3 LEARN Service Rates (list of *services offered and rates documentation included in packet*)
Motion to approve 2024-2025 LEARN Service Rates as presented by Bernardoni, second by Luty
Motion passed unanimously

10. Educational Perspective:

11. Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: - Discussion on how to achieve greater member participation at the local Board of Ed level

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn @ 10:55am by Mitchell, second by Esposito
Motion passed unanimously