



LEARN Executive Committee SUMMARY

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DATE: Friday, August 23, 2024
PLACE: LEARN, 44 Hachetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371, Room 216
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Robert Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Vice Chair; Jen Favalora, Fiscal Officer; Beverly Washington, Secretary; Craig Esposito, Ex-Officio; and Katherine Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Not Attending: Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools New London; Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools Clinton

Meeting began at 8:35 a.m.

1. Review of September 2024 Board of Directors' Agenda

1.1. Policies, questions on roundtable

2. Bid waiver: Cyber Security Contract

Motion to approve the bid waiver for a cybersecurity contract with Pentera for \$120,000.

- **Presented by Robert Mitchell**
- **Second by Dale Bernardoni**
- **Motion Passed**
 - **Yes Votes = 5**
 - **No Votes = 0**

3. HR Updates

3.1. Teachers, PT, SLP, school counselors, BCBAs

4. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Update

4.1. Wired and ready for stations to be placed at all sites: Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) on August 26; Ocean Avenue Learning Academy (OALA) on August 27; and LEARN on August 28.

5. Hachetts Hill Renovations Update

Main floor renovations will be completed next week. Overall, bathrooms, rugs, lighting, painting, and modern furniture we purchased align with the new logo colors. The new front office area will be ADA compliant and create a welcoming environment for all guests. Overall, the renovation is giving us a fresh look, as well as allowing us to optimize our spaces to give us room to grow if needed.



6. Extended School Year Summary

Kate Ericson shared with the Executive Committee the remarkable success of this year's two Extended School Year programs. LEARN had over 100 staff members working at both the Ocean Avenue LEARNING Academy, as well as at the newly located Transition Academy. This year, 84 students from across the region received five weeks of services at our programs. The students and staff are excited about their new location, and the opportunities it is affording us to expand programming for students.

7. Admin Retreat Recap

Kate Ericson informed the Executive Committee that the LEARN Admin retreat took place at the Mystic Seaport this past Monday and Tuesday. Thirty-one administrators, directors, and supervisors engaged in learning based on the theme of Leading for Equity. Central to this theme is the recognition of the need for specific skills and strategies to be used to support individuals through change. Leaders discussed their equity work for the year, and reflected on how they would support all stakeholders through the change process.

8. Convocation and Opening of Schools

LEARN's Convocation will be held at the Port and Starboard at Ocean Beach Park. Tuesday, August 27th LEARN will have almost 550 staff members celebrating the start of the school year. Staff will also be guided through a focus group activity where they will supply hopes and dreams for the new Early Childhood School.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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