

Executive Committee

MEETING SUMMARY



Date: October 25, 2024
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 107/ 44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

A remote meeting option is provided for those unable to attend in person. The login information can be found at the end of the agenda.

Present: Robert Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Vice Chair; Jen Favalora, Fiscal Officer; Beverly Washington, Secretary; Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools New London; Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools Clinton; and Katherine Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Not Attending:

Meeting began at 8:35 a.m.

1. Review November 2024 Board of Directors' Agenda

Executive Director Ericson announced the two speakers for November's meeting—Patrice McCarthy and The Friendship School (TFS) team.

2. Review Executive Director's Goals (attached)

Executive Director Ericson discussed her goals across three focus areas of leadership.

- Building design and support of grade level transitions at The Friendship School (TFS) and Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) will serve as key drivers of the Executive Director's work for the upcoming year.
- Capital improvement projects will conclude this year at the Ocean Avenue LEARNING Academy (OALA) and Hatchetts Hill. Two other capital improvement projects will begin in support of Marine Science Magnet High School's (MSMHS) desire to create additional classrooms and the reconfiguration of RMMS from grades K-5 to grades 3-8.

3. Representative Kathleen McCarty Visit

Executive Director Ericson detailed her recent visit with Representative Kathleen McCarty and Representative Jeff Curry, which included a full tour of the newly renovated Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy, The Friendship School, and the site of the new Early Childhood School.

4. LEARN Updates

The Executive Director shared that LEARN has formed a new partnership with CARTWHEEL, a telehealth program that will support students and families with wraparound services related to mental health needs.

5. Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) Architectural Study

LEARN is currently in the process of working with an architectural firm to map out how RMMS will slowly shift to grades 3-8.

6. Marine Science Magnet High School (MSMHS) Architectural Study

MSMHS is looking to construct 3-5 new classroom spaces within the existing school building. These classrooms will provide the school with greater scheduling flexibility in the future.

7. Middle School Planning Strategy

Executive Director Ericson shared LEARN's plan to use a committee of teachers, from elementary and high school, to help design the new middle school program.

8. Hatchetts Hill 2nd Floor Renovation Project Status

The second floor at LEARN is currently under construction. The project includes renovation of the bathrooms, a kitchenette, and the addition of two office areas, as well as fresh paint, new rugs, and new office furniture.

9. National School Board Association Conference

Executive Director Ericson invited the Executive Committee to attend the 2025 National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.



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