

Executive Committee

MEETING SUMMARY



Date: January 24, 2025
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 107/ 44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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

Not Attending: Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools New London

Meeting began at 8:36 a.m.

1. Review February 2025 Board of Directors' Agenda

- 2.** Professional Design Services Proposal, Renovations for phased MS transition at Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) SP+A Project No. 24.041. This project has been ongoing and has already established a framework for design services for fiscal year 2025, with a budget of \$49,216.00. As a result, the Executive Director did not request quotes for the project.

Executive Director Ericson informed the Committee that LEARN has decided to continue working with Silver/Petrucelli + Associates, who began the work this summer and have been retained to move forward with the renovation project.

3. Magnet School Funding

RESC Executive Directors met with legislators to continue to advocate for magnet school funding to ensure long-term sustainability of magnet schools.

4. Connecticut Paid Leave

The Committee discussed Public Act 24-8, which expands the availability of paid sick time in Connecticut, as the law became effective as of January 1st. Executive Director Ericson conveyed that she and superintendents across the state are actively advocating for the exclusion of school districts from the scope of this law, citing concerns over its potentially disruptive impact on district operations.

5. Potential New Regional Shared Services Grant Application

LEARN submitted the Regional Shared Service Solutions grant application in December and the application is currently in the review stage with the Office of Policy and Management. The Executive Director continues to collaborate with partnering districts to gather input and bolster the development of regional services.

6. Infant/Toddler Program Update

The Executive Director provided an update to the Committee on the progress of the new Infant/Toddler Program set to pilot at The Friendship School (TFS). The program's license has been submitted for approval to the Office of Early Childhood, and the team is actively working to finalize all necessary preparations for a timely opening.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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