

Executive Committee

MEETING SUMMARY



Date: March 28, 2025
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 216/ 44 Hatchedts 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 8:34 a.m.

1. Review April 2025 Board of Directors' Agenda

2. Bid Waiver: EMCOR, New Boiler for Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS), \$76,126

Motion to approve the bid waiver authorizing EMCOR to replace the boiler at Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) for \$76,126.00, as the designated vendor under LEARN's ongoing service contract for July 1, 2025.

- **Presented by Robert Mitchell**
- **Second by Dale Bernardoni**
- **Motion Passed, unanimously**

3. everOn Work Order for Ocean Avenue Learning Academy (OALA) to replace the Fire Alarm Control Panel, \$38,000

Explanation for everOn Work Order - OALA Fire Alarm Control Panel Replacement

Three quotes were not requested as LEARN already has an established working relationship with everOn and is currently engaged with them for ongoing services.

The decision to replace the control panel was made after evaluating the options. Repairing the existing panel was considered; however, it was determined that fixing it would not provide a permanent solution to the issue. Replacing with a new panel will ensure long-term functionality and safety compliance for the school.

4. 51 Daniels Avenue Update

- 4.1 Funding Legislation—Executive Director Ericson briefed the Executive Committee on the need to amend the current legislative language related to early childhood school funding.
- 4.2 School Name—Over the past four months, LEARN Leadership has gathered feedback from families and all LEARN staff regarding preferences for the new school's name. The name has been chosen and will be officially announced once the building purchase is finalized.
- 4.3 PCR Meeting for Approval of Demo Package—The architects have successfully presented the demolition package at the Pre-Construction Review (PCR) meeting and are now awaiting final approval to proceed with bidding for the demolition work.

5. Creating Connections Early Learning Center (CCELC) Update

Executive Director Ericson informed the Executive Committee that Sarah Moon, LEARN Director of Special Services, and Adrenna Paolillo, LEARN Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education (ECE), will present a progress update on LEARN’s Early Childhood Education to the full Board of Directors in April.

6. Magnet Capital Improvement Grant

Executive Director Ericson informed the Executive Committee that LEARN will apply for the 2025-2027 Interdistrict Magnet School Capital Improvement Grant.

7. Legislative Updates

LEARN continues to advocate for funding for magnet schools and the Connecticut Teacher Residency Program (CTRP)

8. AESA Leadership Academy Nomination

Executive Director Ericson reviewed and confirmed the opportunity to participate in the 2025-2026 Educational Service Agencies (ESA) Leadership Academy with the Executive Committee.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.



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