

*LEARN Vision: To ensure that every child has access to high quality public education through systems of education, support, and service.*

**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING  
September 12, 2019**

Present: Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Kate Ericson, LEARN; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Stacey Leonardo, Region #18; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Christopher Jones, Waterford; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Representatives not attending: Theresa Ann Myers, Chester; Imran Munawar, Deep River; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Emily Rosenthal, Madison; Robert Mitchell, Montville; Jefferey Hart, New London; Al Daniels, Norwich; Cindy Luty, Preston; Suzanne Sack, Region #17; Pam Potemri, North Stonington; Jan Furman, Old Saybrook; Sean Reith, Salem

Not Attending and Not Represented: Clinton

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Bridgette Gordon-Hickey, Dr. Ryan Donlon, Nat Brown, Michael Belden, Tonja Kelly, Audrey Kelley, Bonnie Silvestri and Donna Worst

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Public Comment:**

The board consented to move agenda item 9.1 (Teacher of the Year) to the beginning of the meeting as a courtesy to the Riverside Magnet School visitors. RMS Interim Principal, Tonja Kelly, introduced Ms. Audrey Kelley who was presented to the board as LEARN's 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year.

**Reading or Review of Correspondence:** The following correspondence was shared: Letter from Preston Superintendent Roy Seitsinger in appreciation for the "excellent work preparing a Technology Plan for Preston Public Schools." Announcement from Workers' Compensation Trust that LEARN qualified for and received a premium return of \$31,360.

**Superintendent's Perspective:** LEARN Executive Director, Kate Ericson, provided an overview of LEARN's mission, vision and goals. She also presented LEARN's 2019-2020 organizational chart which included new positions at LEARN

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Minutes- June 13, 2019

Approval of the Budget for 2019-2020

Approval of grant applications: Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut: gift (\$1,000) to cover the cost of lunch for the December symposium, "*Keep Calm and Keep Learning: Helping Our Youngest Students Stay in Control and in School*" for Southeastern Connecticut teachers, assistant teachers and paraprofessionals.

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**Motion to approve the consent agenda by Volkmann second by Barmasse**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

**Information from the Executive Director**

The following Information from the Executive Director was included in the packet:  
Hiring Updates were included in the board packet and discussed  
Executive Committee Minutes - Special meetings July 9, 2019 & August 2, 2019; regular business meeting August 23, 2019  
Student Support Services Building Committee Minutes- June 13, 2019  
Legislative Update- Mrs. Ericson reported on the 2% additional magnet school funding and the new law regarding sexual harassment training  
Agency Updates- were presented in the Superintendent's Perspective.

**Old Business:** no old business to be reviewed

**New Business:**

LEARN Teacher of the Year- Audrey Kelly recognition moved to the top of the agenda.

New Policy #4129.5/4229.5- Personnel-Certified/Noncertified: Section 127 Educational Assistance Program, First Read

**Motion to waive the second read on policy 4129.5/4229.5: Section 127 Educational Assistance Program by Barmasse, second by Volkmann.**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion to approve policy 4129.5/4229.5: Section 127 Educational Assistance Program by Barmasse, second my Volkmann**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

Revised Policy # 4118.2/4218.2- Personnel-Certified/Noncertified: Sexual Harassment, First Read (procedures also included)

**Educational Perspective:** There was no Superintendent's Perspective this month.

**Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:** School Start Times, Superintendent Evaluations and District Communications: Strategies for "getting positive stories & accomplishments out to the public" across a wide range of print, email, social media applications and superintendent weekly newsletters.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Hagen, second by Barmasse, to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

**Motion passed unanimously.**