

## LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

**April 28, 2023**  
**8:30-10:00**

Present: Craig Esposito; Chair, Aaron Daniels; Vice Chair, Robert Mitchell; Fiscal Officer, Rita Volkmann, Secretary, Katherine Ericson; LEARN Executive Director, Maryann O'Donnell; Superintendent, Clinton Public Schools

Not in attendance: Cynthia Ritchie; Superintendent, New London Public Schools

Guests: Mindy Stone, Joanne Lund, Michael Belden, Maria Cuadros

Meeting began 8:30am

- 1.0 The Nominating Committee presented Dale Bernardoni, Al Daniels, Bob Mitchell, and Mindy Stone to the 2023-2024 slate of officers to bring forward to the board
- 2.0 Recommendation for auditor for 2023-2026 with extended two yearly renewal options. Assistant Director of Accounting & Special Projects, Joanne Lund, presented the two RFP considerations: Marcum Accountants and CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) and made the recommendation to select CLA as LEARN's auditor.  
**Motion to approve CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen) as 2023-2026 auditor with 2 yearly renewal options as presented by Mitchell, second by Volkmann.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
- 3.0 Preliminary Review of the LEARN 2023-2024 Proposed Budget: CFO, Mike Belden and Budget Coordinator, Maria Cuadros, presented the proposed budget to present to the board
- 4.0 The Friendship School chiller #1 compressor replacement- The back-up air conditioning compressor needs to be replaced. According to policy # 3323, an RFQ for best fit for need is provided from Emcor Services New England Mechanical (certificate included as approved State of CT bidder) The scope of work proposal of \$42,530 has a refundable core charge included of \$7,384 which brings the replacement cost to \$35,146.  
**Motion to approve Emcor Services New England Mechanical to move forward with the replacement of the Friendship School's chiller # 1 compressor at a cost of \$35,146 by Esposito, second by Mitchell**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.0 Reviewed the May agenda
- 6.0 Goodwin University Magnet School System, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education appointment  
**Motion to appoint Sarah Burke, Goodwin University Magnet School System Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, at a salary of \$185,000 by Esposito, second by Mitchell**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
- 7.0 Goodwin University Magnet School System, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum appointment  
**Motion to appoint Jessica Gomez-Bedorsky, Goodwin University Magnet School System Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum at a salary of \$185,000 by Mitchell, second by Volkmann,**  
**Motion passed unanimously**
- 8.0 Goodwin University Magnet School System Assistant Superintendent of Personnel appointment

**Motion to appoint Christine Pemberton, Goodwin University Magnet School System Assistant Superintendent of Personnel at a salary of \$185,000 by Volkmann, second by Esposito**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 9.0 New Admin position, Goodwin University Magnet School System, Assistant Director of CT River Middle Grades Program and appointment

**Motion to approve new Admin position, Goodwin University Magnet School System Assistant Director of CT River Middle Grades Program and appoint Matthew Peel as Assistant Director of CT River Middle Grades Program at a salary of \$123,482 by Esposito, second by Mitchell**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 10.0 The Executive Director's Year End Reflection/Evaluation- The committee reviewed Mrs. Ericson's end of year reflection summarizing this past year's work and will forward her reflection to the board for review and evaluation in the form of a survey for a preliminary discussion at the May board meeting.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:55am by Mitchell, second by Volkmann**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**