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**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING
October 11, 2018**

Present: Imran Munawar, Deep River; Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Vince Baglio, Guilford; Dr. Eileen Howley, LEARN; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Emily Rosenthal, Madison; Jefferey Hart, New London; Cindy Luty, Preston; Stacey Leonardo, Region #18; Michael Siebert, Salem; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Representatives not attending: Jane Cavanaugh, Chester; Doug Traynor, Clinton; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Robert Mitchell, Montville; Pam Potemri, North Stonington; Al Daniels, Norwich; Suzanne Sack, Region #17; Christopher Jones, Waterford;

Not Attending and Not Represented: Old Saybrook

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Nat Brown, Jack Cross, Lynn Nenni, Donna Worst

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Public Comment:

Reading or Review of Correspondence: The following correspondence was shared: Dr. Howley shared a letter from the Old Saybrook Superintendent stating that students attending schools out of the district will no longer be permitted to participate in any Old Saybrook sports programs. The Department of Administrative Services has approved the purchase of Styrolite desks and chairs from a sole source for the Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy.

Superintendent's Perspective: Jack Cross, LEARN Director of the Office of Innovation and Regionalism presented: LEARN Efforts at Innovation and Regionalism.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes- September 28, 2018

Approval of the Budget for 2018-2019

Approval of grant applications: McKenney-Vento: State Funding Grant for Homeless Children and Youth funded by the CT State Department of Education; Bob's Furniture Cash Gift Card (\$1,000) funded by Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation, Inc; Gift of conference tables, chairs and bookcases (\$1,200) from the Social Security Administration office located at 2 Shaws Cove, New London.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Hart, second by Barmasse

Motion passed unanimously

Information from the Executive Director

The following information from the Executive Director was included in the packet:

Hiring Update

Executive Committee Minutes- September 28, 2018

LEARN Project Committee meeting minutes for September 28, 2018

Student Support Services Building Committee Minutes- September 13, 2018

Legislative Update- Jeff Kitching, Executive Director of EdAdvance RESC is leading the task force to review the proposed finger printing bill, including the impact on districts and will offer their findings and recommendations to the legislature. An act concerning oral health assessments of children and the provision of fluoride treatments by dental assistants has been passed.

Agency Updates- Three Rivers Middle College teacher, Ms. Santerre, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Dalio Foundation for her work with crime solving. The CT River Academy has announced that their upcoming NEASC visit has been scheduled. LEARN and the LEA union have tentatively agreed that they will begin salary negotiations on November 14, 2018.

Old Business: none.

New Business: First read of policy # 5125: Student Records Confidentiality. Information was shared regarding the status of the ongoing Regional Transportation Study which will be finalized for presentation at the next meeting.

Educational Perspective: none

Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: The following topics were presented for future discussion; How districts are currently sharing services; Pre-K for all 4 year olds and possibly including 3 year olds; Members to compose a letter addressing school start age

Adjournment: 10:50a.m.

Motion by Hart, second by Luty

Motion passed unanimously.