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**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING
September 13, 2018**

Present: Jane Cavanaugh, Chester; Joanne Barmasse, East Hampton; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Dr. Eileen Howley, LEARN; Jefferey Hart, New London; Al Daniels, Norwich; Cindy Luty, Preston; Suzanne Sack, Region #17; Stacey Leonardo, Region #18; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Christopher Jones, Waterford; Dee Adorno, Westbrook

Representatives not attending: Doug Traynor, Clinton; Imran Munawar, Deep River; Karin Blaschik, East Haddam; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Emily Rosenthal, Madison; Colleen Rix, Montville; Pam Potemri, North Stonington; Philip Broadhurst, Old Saybrook; Michael Siebert, Salem

Not Attending and Not Represented: Guilford

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Kate Ericson, Nat Brown, Dr. Nicholas Spera, Bridgette Gordon-Hickey, Lynn Nenni, Jack Cross, Erika Piver, Justin Hopkins and Donna Worst

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 TOY, Ms. Erika Piver.

Reading or Review of Correspondence: The following correspondence was shared: A grant for \$4,500 was received for displaced students (mainly from Puerto Rico). SDE correspondence was shared indicating that Riverside Magnet School has not met the truancy standards and is required to submit a plan.

Superintendent's Perspective: LEARN Associate Executive Director, Kate Ericson, reported on the 2018-2019 school openings at all of LEARN magnet schools. She also provided the enrollment status of LEARN's 5 magnet schools as well as the 2 programs on the Goodwin campus and noted there are spaces available. She presented the results of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for the elementary and middle schools and SAT for the Marine Science Magnet High School and the CT River Academy. Dr. Nicholas Spera, principal of the Marine Science Magnet High School and LEARN District Emergency Management Coordinator, presented: 'Protecting our Assets: Overview of the Safety & Security of our LEARN Students & Staff'

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes- June 14, 2018
Approval of the Budget for 2018-2019
Approval of grant applications

**Motion to approve the consent agenda by Barmasse, second by Hart
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- August 24, 2018

Student Support Services Building Committee Minutes- June 14, 2018, July 19, 2018, August 9, 2018, August 24, 2018

Legislative Update- A Legislative Task Force is reviewing the Fingerprinting bill and will make its recommendations after a full review with other government agencies. SDE correspondence was shared indicating that Riverside Magnet School has not met the truancy standards and is required to submit a truancy plan.

Agency Updates: Dr. Howley reported that LEARN received its initial magnet school payment from the state representing 70% of the expected funds. A grant for \$4,500 was received for displaced students (mainly from Puerto Rico). LEARN will host a Superintendent's Summit on September 20th to re-commit to its primary purpose as your regional educational service center, to increase communication, better meet those needs regionally, and to help shape our future together.

Old Business:

The Marine Science Magnet School final audit was received and a final payment (\$200,000), substantially less than the original audit (1.3 million), was made to the state which closes out the MSMHS building project.

New Business:

LEARN Teacher of the Year moved to first agenda item:

Negotiations Committee will be comprised of the following members: Craig Esposito, Tim Hagen, Rita Volkmann, Cindy Luty, and Christopher Jones.

The Student Support Services Ocean Avenue facility costs for fixtures, furniture, equipment & technology were presented for review and board approval for submission to the Department of Administrative Services

Motion to approve the fixtures, furniture, equipment and technology costs as presented made by Daniels, second by Hagen.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Roundtable/Future Agenda Items: Transportation review

Adjournment: Motion by Hart, second by Barmasse, to adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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