LEARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting
January 24, 2020
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44 Hatchetts Hill Road
Old Lyme, CT 06371
MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Craig Esposito, Stonington; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Chris Jones, Waterford; Kate Ericson, Executive Director; Cynthia Ritchie, New London Superintendent; Maryann O'Donnell, Clinton Superintendent

Guests:

Called to order: 8:30 a.m.

- 1.0 Review of the February: The agenda was reviewed and no additional recommendations were made for the February agenda.
- 2.0 Review of the 2020-2021 SSS Building Committee meeting schedule: The proposed dates were accepted and will be presented to the full board in February for adoption.
- 3.0 DLAMMS-Goodwin Discussion- Mrs. Ericson presented the history and facts surrounding the several years' search regarding the attempted relocation of the Dual Language & Arts Magnet Middle School. The school will close at the end of the 2019-2020 school year at the 51 Daniels Avenue location. The state has approved the transfer of 150 seats and the relocation of the school to the Goodwin University campus. She presented the timeline for notifying staff & parents and the dates of the three informational forums to discuss the relocation. Information will be compiled on those students interested in transferring to the East Hartford campus so that transportation hubs can be addressed.
- 4.0 Preliminary discussion of the 2020-2021 salaries and benefits: The proposed salary and benefits package was reviewed and a discussion followed which resulted in an agreement to present to the full board in February for approval.
- 5.0 Review of Regional Efficiency Project/Program Proposal: Mrs. Ericson presented information on the intended grant application for funding for a "Regional Performance Incentive Program" regarding creating a statewide database and interactive tool for specialized student transportation. The proposal will be submitted by the RESC Alliance. The six RESCs proposing to implement a student transportation database and interactive map tool with the significant potential for cost avoidance for school districts by facilitating more efficient and cost-effective transportation planning on a regional level. The committee agreed to present to the full board in February for discussion and approval.
- 6.0 NSBA annual conference: Criag Esposito, Rita Volkmann and Chris Jones voiced interest in attending the annual NSBA conference. Registration and transportation Information will be forwarded to them. Registration will be paid by their districts and LEARN will pay for transportation and hotel accommodations.
- 7.0 CT State Dept. of Education Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification document for Executive Director Ericson. Board chair, Craig Esposito signed the state document on behalf of the Executive Director.