

**LEARN BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR/BUSINESS MEETING  
February 12, 2015**

Present: Tracey Gionta, East Haddam; Tim Hagen, East Lyme; Carrie Baxter, Montville; Christine Wagner, North Stonington; Philip Broadhurst, Old Saybrook; Cindy Luty, Preston; Craig Esposito, Stonington; Sheri Cote, Waterford; Dr. Eileen Howley, LEARN

Representatives not attending: Charlene Fearon: Chester; Miriam Morrissey, Deep River; Christopher Goff, East Hampton; Carolyn Rotella, Essex; Rita Volkmann, Groton; Barbara Dudley, Guilford; Stephanie Calhoun, Ledyard; Alison Keating, Madison; Al Daniels, Norwich; Elaine Fitzgibbons, Region #4; Kathy Brown, Region #17; Pam Munro, Salem

Not Attending and Not Represented: Clinton; New London; Region #18; Westbrook

Presenters, Staff and Other Guests: Mary Royce, Peter Smith, Jan Peruccio

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am

**Public Comment:** None

**Reading or Review of Correspondence:** A letter from Abby Dolliver, Superintendent of Norwich Public Schools, thanking the board for the flowers in memory of her father.

**Educational Perspective:** Peter Smith from Rome Smith Lutz, presented to the Board.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Motion by Esposito, second by Hagen to approve the following Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of the Minutes for the Regular/Business Meeting of January 8, 2015
- Approval of the Budget for 2014-2015
- Approvals of Grant applications-There were no grant summaries this month.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Information from the Executive Director**

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

Hiring Update

Executive Committee Minutes

Marine Science Magnet High School Building Committee – There was no Building Committee meeting this month.

Legislative Update

Distributions available at the meeting or in the Board packet included: The RESC Minority Teacher Recruiting Alliance 2013-2014 Annual Report; CAFE brochure on The Day on the Hill; CAFE brochure “Showcase your Talented Students” at the CAFE/CAPPS conference.

**Old Business:**

Revision to Policy #5007 – Bullying – Motion by Esposito, second by Baxter to approve the revisions to Policy #5007 – Bullying as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

Motion by Hagen, second by Esposito to move into Executive Session at 10:20 am. Motion was approved unanimously.

Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:40 am.

Ratification of the Contract between LEARN and the LEARN Education Association – Motion by Luty, second by Baxter – Moved, that the Board ratify and the Executive Director, Dr. Eileen S. Howley, execute the tentative agreement between the negotiating teams of the Board and LEARN Education Association of a collective bargaining agreement to be in effect from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Director of The Friendship School – Motion by Wagner, second by Esposito to approve Andrea Simmons as the Director of the Friendship School at an annual salary of \$116,125 to be prorated based on March 16, 2015 start date. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Superintendent's Perspective:** Jan Peruccio, Superintendent of Old Saybrook Public Schools, presented to the Board on the budget process in her district.

**Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Esposito, second by Baxter to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.