

**BOE Special Meeting**

November 19, 2018 7:30 PM

PPMS Library

**1. Call to Order**

Sean Nugent; BOE Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:08PM. Other Members Present: Cindy Luty, Deborah Burke-Grabarek, Tom Turner, Charles Raymond and Ed Gauthier. Dan Harris was absent. Also present: Dr. Seitsinger; Superintendent, John Spang; Director of Finance, and Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

Andy Depta asked if the bleachers were completely installed at PVMS. Dr. Seitsinger said that the job was complete.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. BOE Exec Sess Minutes of 10-15-2018
- b. BOE Regular Minutes of 10-15-2018
- c. CAFE
- d. LEARN
- e. Curriculum
- f. Finance
- g. Negotiations
- h. Expenditure/Projection Report
- i. Policies 1<sup>st</sup> Read:
  - Policy 4112.52/4212.52 Fingerprinting
  - Policy 5145.5 Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
  - Policy 9325.2 Order of Business
  - Policy 9323 Agenda Construction

Sean Nugent explained how a consent agenda works and asked that Negotiations be removed from consent. Cindy Luty asked that LEARN and Curriculum also be removed from Consent.

Sean Nugent moved to adopt the consent agenda excluding Negotiations and LEARN and Curriculum Reports.

Attorney Nick Grello addressed the Board with regard to negotiations. He was happy to report that both the Teachers' Union (EAP) and the Administrators' Union both adhered to the timeline and negotiated reasonably and successfully without the need of mediation or binding arbitration.

Moved, to approve the Teachers' EAP Contract dated July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Luty/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Moved, to approve the Administrators' Contract dated July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Burke-Grabarek/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Curriculum: Cindy Luty attended a Curriculum Meeting on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. Math and Social Studies surveys were reviewed. A science survey will follow. Title

IV money will be used to purchase science supplies. PK is working towards obtaining NAEYC accreditation.

LEARN: Please see attached.

#### 5. Principals' Reports

Ivy Davis-Tomczuk; Principal PPMS and Curriculum Director: Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Ivy also shared a copy of her PPMS newsletter and a positive postcard that is sent home to parents of students who do not receive referrals during the marking period.

Ray Bernier; Principal PVMS: A representative from LEARN is assisting PVMS PK in the NAEYC Accreditation process. Currently PVMS PK is participating in a 12month self-study. After that, they can apply for accreditation and will have 12 months to complete the process. Ray also let the BOE know that the artwork of a PVMS First Grade student was chosen for the 2019 Long Island Sound Calendar. All winning drawings are currently on display in the PVMS library. They will rotate from school to school, across the state, throughout the year.

#### 6. Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Seitsinger recognized Edward Cote, a Preston NFA Student of the Month. He also shared his appreciation for CAFE's recognition of the Preston BOE. The Board was recognized for the way it carries out meetings, enforces policy, and works positively within the community.

Dr. Seitsinger explained that the Polling Location Committee is looking for a representative from the Preston BOE. Sean Nugent reviewed the committees that each BOE member currently serve on and asked if Ed Gauthier would be willing to act as the BOE rep for this committee. Ed agreed to do so.

Moved, to nominate Ed Gauthier to serve on the Polling Location Committee. Turner/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Dr. Seitsinger reviewed the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs.

Moved, to approve the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs as recommended by the State of Connecticut. Gauthier/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Dr. Seitsinger reported to the Board that he was one of 60 Superintendents that attended a future oriented think tank discussion supported by AASA.

Policy Approvals (2<sup>nd</sup> read):

Moved, to approve Policy 5125.11 Health/Medical Records with one modification. Burke-Grabarek/Raymond. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Moved, to approve Policy 5144.4 Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students. Raymond/Burke-Grabarek. Luty, Nugent and Turner also in favor. Gauthier Opposed. Motion Carries.

Moved, to approve Policy 6141.312 Migrant Students. Raymond/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

CIRMA deemed the school bus that was in the accident a total loss. They listed the actual cash value of the bus at \$6935.00.

Dr. Seitsinger, Sean Nugent and Bob Congdon all presented together at the 2018 CABE Convention on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Mystic Marriott. Dr. Seitsinger and Sean Nugent expressed appreciation for teamwork.

Preston Public Schools met its Safety/Security Plan submission deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Carmela Smith completed a cost benefit analysis regarding Compuclaim. It was determined that we can complete the work ourselves and no longer utilize Compuclaim. Sean Nugent asked that Carmela share her cost analysis at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

The Preston Youth Service Bureau is providing support to families in need at Christmas time. Please contact YSB to nominate families in need or to offer support.

The BOE 2019 Meeting Date Calendar was presented to the Board.

Moved, to approve the 2019 BOE Meeting Date Calendar as amended. Gauthier/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

#### 7. Expenditure Reports

John Spang reviewed the letter he received from the state regarding MBR (Minimum Budget Requirement). Our approved budget is actually too low by \$8300.00. Town Aid will be reduced unless 1 of 3 things happen:

1. Ask the BOF for a supplemental appropriation
2. Demonstrate savings through collaborations
3. Ask the state to waive their determination for good cause

The Board is seeking a waiver.

#### 8. Public Comment

Melissa Lennon called the state regarding the MBR letter as well. She was told to contact state legislators regarding this issue.

#### 9. Adjournment

Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17PM. Burke-Grabarek/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

**LEARN Board of Directors**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SYNOPSIS**  
**October 11, 2018**

*This report was developed based on recommendations by the Board. The purpose is to give a brief overview of the critical issues from the monthly meeting. Board members may use this document for reporting to their local Board*

**EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:** LEARN Director of the Office of Innovation and Development, Jack Cross presented: LEARN Efforts at Innovation and Regionalism. Cross presented the components of the department's focus: **Stakeholder Engagement** including the Board of Directors, District Superintendents, Magnet School Advisory Council, Administrative Roundtables and various networks and councils; **Marketing and Communications** including the expansion of our social media presence, newspaper guides, brochures and annual report; **Partnerships and Other Services** noting the current college partnerships, the national Coast Guard Museum Association, the Vermont International Academy partnership, grant writing, strategic planning and audit services and curriculum development; **Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy** will offer districts a school for students with highly complex needs as well as a Diagnostic and Wellness Center.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFORMATION:** Dr. Howley shared correspondence from the Department of Administrative Services informing LEARN that the state has approved the purchase of Styrolite chairs and tables from a single source for the Ocean Avenue LEARNing Academy and approved the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E). Three Rivers Middle College teacher, Pamela Santerre has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Dalio Foundation, a collaborative endeavor bringing together educators, non-profit leaders, youth counselors, mentors, mayors, and young people to develop innovative solutions to improve the life opportunities and educational outcomes of youth in Connecticut. Dr. Howley reported on updates from the legislature which included implications for policy work for "exclusionary time out". A Legislative Task Force, headed by EdAdvance Executive Director, Jeffrey Kitching, has been established to review the current fingerprinting processes and its implications for local school districts and RESCs. CT River Academy has been scheduled for a NEASC site visit on October 14-17, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:** First read of policy #5125: Student Records Confidentiality prompted a discussion of where student records are to be kept. It was noted that the records are to follow the student and will be returned to the location where the student lives upon leaving LEARN schools and programs. An update was provided on the Regional Transportation Study. The Regional Transportation Study has been ongoing and the data collected is being compiled. The study's focus is to provide insights on costs as well as to reveal areas where duplication of services may occur and offer potential cost savings for districts. Board members provided guidance on additions to the study. A draft will be forthcoming.

**ROUNDTABLE:** Future suggested topics include: How districts are currently sharing services; Pre-K for all 4 year olds and possibly including 3 year olds.