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ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, December 8, 2022
SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

- Governing Board:** Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Laura Harris, Derby; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Martin Rudnick, North Haven; Susan Riccio Orange; Carol Oladele, RSD #5; Lindsay Dahlheimer, RSD #13; Ray Ross, Wallingford; Thomas Van Stone, Waterbury; Kimberly Kenny, West Haven; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott
- ACES:** Olga Simoes, Steven Cook, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, William Rice, Steven Cook, Rebecca Cuevas
- Not Present:** Bethany, Cheshire, East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, Oxford, RSD#16, Seymour, Woodbridge
- Guests:** Norman Hicks and William Jacob, AEA

ACES Student Holiday Awards Presentation

Dr. Thomas Danehy and Ms. Susan Riccio

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:35 pm after determining a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Susan Riccio

3. Public Participation/Communications

Ms. Roberta Leonard shared that a town hall meeting was interrupted by a group of individuals speaking on the First Amendment.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi motioned to accept the minutes of the ACES Governing Board of November 10, 2022.

Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded the motion.

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All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously
 Opposed: None
 Abstention: Laura Harris, Jana Balsamo, and Carol Oladele

VOTE

5. Executive Director’s Report - Dr. Thomas M. Danehy

1. Becky Cuevas and Heather Granja presented the Early Head Start Annual Report.
2. Steve Cook presented the Staff Recruitment Proposal.
3. Dr. Danehy provided a Design Plan Update which included the following: Organizational Investments, Student Investments, Staff Investments, Customer Investment, and the next steps in the process to prepare for the next team meeting on January 5, 2023, as well as the preparation leading to that session which includes dialogue around prompts for each of these investments with ELC in its next quarterly meeting on December 15, 2023, and administrators' meeting on January 3, 2023.
4. Dr. Danehy provided a Status update on the Sale of 350 State Street North Haven and the Status of Building Projects for 88 Bassett Road, Wintergreen Avenue, ACES at Chase.

6. Filing of the Fiscal Report (subject to audit) - Ms. Harris

December projections continue to reflect a surplus based on the projected revenues, encumbrances, and expenditures. We continue to monitor our expenditures as projections will fluctuate based on the special education school student enrollment. November billing has been completed and reflected in the billed-to-date column of the fiscal report along with the projected revenues, which presents a positive outlook for the year-end cash flow position.

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the filing of the Fiscal Report.
 Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously
 Opposed: None
 Abstention: None

VOTE

7. Approval of Human Resources Report - Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook presented the HR report and reported 14 new hires in various positions, six transfers/positions, three retirements, 21 resignations, and 11 leaves. In addition, the Comprehensive Special Education Alternate Route to Certification has been approved. There is a significant shortage of special education teachers across the state. This will allow ACES to have our own homegrown special education teachers of color. ACES, LEARN, and CREC will be

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participating in the pilot. We can now actively recruit, and our member districts can consider applicants for this cohort.

Ms. Roberta Leonard motioned to accept the approval of the Human Resources Report.
Ms. Laura Harris seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously
Opposed: None
Abstention: None

VOTE

8. Curriculum & Instruction Report - Mr. Rice

Mr. Rice reported on the upcoming Magnet, Specialized Schools, and ACES Bridge events.

9. Early Head Start Update - Rebecca Cuevas requests the approval of the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi motioned to accept the approval of the Early Head Start update.
Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously
Opposed: None
Abstention: None

VOTE

10. Possible Executive Session

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:34 pm with the Governing Board, Dr. Thomas Danehy, and Timothy Howes.
Mr. Ray Ross seconded.

1. Possible action to the approval of the Stipulated Agreements regarding an Expulsion.

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi motioned the approval of the Stipulated Agreement regarding an Expulsion at ACES Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School.
Ms. Lindsay Dahlheimer seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously
Opposed: None
Abstention: Carol Oladele, Ray Ross, and Ethel Grant

VOTE



Ms. Laura Harris motioned the approval of the Stipulated Agreement regarding Expulsion at ACES @ Chase.

Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Carol Oladele, Ray Ross, and Ethel Grant

VOTE

2. Possible action regarding real estate matters.

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned the approval regarding real estate matters regarding 350 State Street, North Haven, and 261 Skiff Street, Hamden, to transition the building to Adult Ed with a residential component.

11. New Business

1. Possible action to approve the Early Head Start Report

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi motioned to accept the approval of the Early Head Start Report.

Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

2. Possible action to approve Human Resources Recruitment Proposal.

Ms. Ethel Grant motions to approve the Human Resources Recruitment Proposal.

Ms. Ellen Grant seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Carol Oladele, Ray Ross, and Ethel Grant

VOTE

12. Adjournment: 1:45 pm

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi motion to adjourn

Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

13. Other

a. Finance Committee Meeting, January 12. 2023

b. Regular Board Meeting, January 12, 2023