



**ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, October 13, 2022
SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT**

Governing Board: Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Laura Harris, Derby; Kevin Shea, Hamden; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Carol Oladele, RSD #5; Lindsay Dahlheimer, RSD #13; Thomas Van Stone, Waterbury; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott

ACES: Olga Simoes, Steven Cook, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, William Rice, Steven Cook, Rebecca Cuevas, Dee Colson

Not Present: Bethany, Branford Cheshire, East Haven, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, RSD#16, Seymour, Wallingford; West Haven, Woodbridge

Guests: William Jacobs, AEA

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Ethel Grant called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:10 pm after determining a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ethel Grant

3. Public Participation/Communications

N/A

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Roberta Leonard motioned to accept the minutes of the ACES Governing Board of October 13, 2022.

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

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

Dr. Thomas M. Danehy spoke about the following items:

1. MSAP and AQIS Grant Awards Celebration - ACES was notified of two large grant awards, \$4.4M for Wintergreen School through the federal Magnet School Advancement Grant and \$1.4M from the State of Connecticut for the early learning center quality improvement work in New Haven County.
2. Executive Director Goals 2022-2023 - The Executive Director's goals are included in the packet. They include thematic areas in strategic design planning and lobbying efforts for three school construction projects and ACES at Chase tuition funding.
3. Design Plan Update - The first meeting was held on October 6, and the next is scheduled for November 17. The Design Team expects to complete all phases of the work in early February 2023.
4. Non-bargaining Employees' Compensation Proposal 2023-2024 Proposal will be included in the November Board packet and includes general wage and step increases to coincide with economic trends.
5. RESC Alliance Work - Ignite Change and RESC funding - The Ignite Change conference looks successful, given the number of registrants. The RESC Alliance's work centers on issues each RESC can better address through collective collaboration.

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

October projections reflect a surplus based on the projected revenues, encumbrances, and expenditures. We anticipate these projections will fluctuate as we finalize the magnet school student enrollment report, review projected special education school enrollment, and settle service contract numbers. ACES schools and programs continue to evaluate their staffing and supplies/materials needs. September 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.

Mr. Thomas Van Stone seconded the motion.

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

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7. Approval of Human Resources Report - Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook presented the HR report and reported 21 new hires (last year, at this time, we had 84 new hires), eight transfers/positions, 14 resignations, one termination, and five leaves. We continue to work with other districts with HR needs, including Ansonia and West Haven and are looking to expand our work to other districts.

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the filing of the HR Report.
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi 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 events of Magnet and Specialized Schools. ACES Wintergreen was awarded the MSAP Grant to focus on improving the arts integration practices of teachers, academic achievement, and increasing enrollment and diversity. ACES continues to hold Vaccine Clinics at several of the schools. RESC Alliance is working with CSDE - Literacy Center on how to respond to the mandate that requires all K-3 classrooms in CT to use reading programs identified by the CSDE. Connecticut Approved K-3 Core Comprehensive Reading Curricula/Programs Under C.G.S. Sec. 10-14ii, the following curricula/programs, listed in alphabetical order, fully meet the expectations of the 2022 Guidelines and are approved for use by districts until June 30, 2027:

- o American Reading Company – ARC Core® (K-3), (2020);
- o Amplify Education Inc. – Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA, 2017);
- o Imagine Learning – EL Education Grades K-3, (2017);
- o McGraw Hill Education – Wonders, (2020);
- o Open Up Resources – EL Education, (2017); and
- o Savvas Learning Company – myView Literacy, (2020).

9. Early Head Start Update - Rebecca Cuevas

Ms. Cuevas requests the approval of the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.

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Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the filing of the Early Head Start report.
Ms. Carol Oladele seconded the motion.

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

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10. Adjournment: 12:50 pm

11. Other

1. Finance Committee Meeting, November 10, 2022
2. Regular Board Meeting, November 10, 2022

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