



ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, November 10, 2022
SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

Governing Board: Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Martin Rudnick, North Haven; Susan Riccio, Orange; 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, Derby, East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, Oxford, RSD #5 Amity, RSD #13, RSD #16, Seymour, Woodbridge

Guests: William Jacobs, AEA

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:03 pm after determining a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Susan Riccio

3. Public Participation/Communications

N/A

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Ethel Grant 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: Ellen Michaels, Martin Rudnick, Ray Ross, Susan Riccio.

VOTE

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

1. 2023-2024 Regional Calendar – ACES creates a calendar for the region, but districts are not required to follow this calendar.
2. Project # 244-0040, Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden
3. Non-bargaining Employees Salary and Benefits Proposal for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026

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4. Dr. Danehy provided a Proposal for the RESC Alliance Cooperativas drafted by Attorney Thomas Mooney regarding joint work and project investments among Connecticut’s regional education service centers.
5. Mr. Howes presented a proposal for 2023-2024 Rates for Services and Tuition.
6. Dr. Danehy requested a suspension of policy regarding alcohol on campus for the Wellmore Festival of Lights show at ACES at Chase, wherein a local organization requested special use of the facility.
7. Dr. Danehy presented the ACES Annual Report as required by Connecticut General Statutes.

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

November projections reflect a surplus based on the projected revenues, encumbrances, and expenditures. We anticipate these projections will fluctuate based on the special education school student enrollment. We continue to monitor expenditures for ACES schools and programs to ensure all needs are met. October 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. Susan Riccio 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 26 new hires, 11 transfers or position changes, 21 resignations, and currently 20 leaves. The current residents in TRP Program are in their first year of teaching. We are preparing for the Special Education Endorsement of a June 2022 cohort pilot. We have been meeting with Colleges and University Leaders and attending career fairs to address our staff shortage.

Ms. Roberta Leonard motioned to accept the filing of the HR Report.
Ms. Ellen Michaels 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. Our new ACES Bridge program will apply for an RFP to support adjudicated youth programs. We held Vaccine Clinics in a number of our school locations in October.

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

Ms. Ellen Michaels motioned to accept the filing of the Early Head Start report.
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

10. Possible Executive Session
No need for Executive Session

11. New Business

1. Possible action to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Regional Calendar

Mr. Ray Ross motioned to accept the filing of the 2023-2024 Regional Calendar.
Mr. Martin Rudnick seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

2. Possible action to approve project # 244-0040, 130 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden.

Ms. Roberta Leonard motioned to accept the filing 130 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden Project # 244-0040.
Ms. Ellen Michaels seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

3. Possible action to approve the proposed non-bargaining employee wages and benefits effective July 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2026, with a general wage increase of 2.75%, 2.5%, and 2.25%, including a step each year, with health insurance plans remaining the same.

Mr. Martin Rudnick motioned to accept the filing of the non-bargaining employee wages and benefits effective July 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2026.

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded the motion.

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

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4. Possible action to approve the proposed participation in RESC Alliance Cooperative for joint works and project investments.

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to accept the filing of the participation in RESC Alliance Cooperative joint works and project investments.
Ms. Ellen Michaels seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

5. Possible action to approve proposed 2023-2024 Rates for Services and Tuitions.

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to accept the filing of the 2023-2024 Rates for Services and Tuitions.
Ms. Fran DiGiorgio seconded the motion.

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

VOTE

6. Possible action to suspend Board Policy on Campus.

Mr. Ray Ross motioned to accept the filing to suspend the Board Policy of alcohol for a night event sponsored by Wellmore Behavioral Health, Festival of Lights at CHASE Campus.
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded the motion.

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

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12. Adjournment: 12:57 pm

Mr. Roberta DiGiorgi motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Ray Ross seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

13. Other

- a. Finance Committee Meeting, December 8, 2022
- b. Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2022

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