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**AGENDA  
ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, December 10, 2020, Zoom Meeting at Noon**

**Governing Board:** Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Laura Harris, Derby; Michele DeLucia, East Haven; Lynn Campo, Hamden; Robert Kosienki, Meriden; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Susan Riccio, Orange; Norman Hicks, RSD#13; Michael Votto, Wallingford; Elizabeth Brown, Waterbury; Patricia Libero, West Haven; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott

**ACES:** Olga Simoes, Steven Cook, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, Evelyn Rossetti-Ryan, William Rice, Dee Colson

**Not Present:** Edward Maher, Bethany; Anthony Perugini, Cheshire; Edward Joyner, New Haven; Dorothy Logan, North Haven; Shelley Lacey-Castelot, Oxford; Robyn Berke, RSD#5

**Guests:** Rebecca Cuevas, Attorney Thomas Mooney

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Norman Hicks called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:09 pm after determining a quorum was present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Robert Kosienki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Participation/Communications**

n/a

**4. Approval of Minutes\*\***

Laura Harris moved to accept ACES Governing Board Minutes of November 12, 2020.  
Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

**All in favor:** Passed Unanimously  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None

**VOTE**

Susan Riccio moved to accept ACES Governing Board Minutes of November 23, 2020.  
Ms. Elizabeth Brown seconded.

**All in favor:** Passed Unanimously  
**Opposed:** None

**VOTE**

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**Abstained:** Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Patricia Libero, West Haven

**5. Executive Director's Report**-Dr. Danehy

Dr. Danehy presented a video of the ACES Holiday Card and Tee Shirt Contest. Rebecca Cuevas explained the Early Head Start annual mandated eligibility and compliance training report. After meeting with the following Districts to discuss the Regional Calendar: Ansonia, Bethany, Derby, New Haven, and West Haven. Dr. Danehy presented a proposed FY 2021-2022 ACES Regional calendar to the Board. He also gave an update on the Thomas Edison Magnet School transition. Mr. Timothy Howes presented an update on the 261 Skiff Street property, converting the property into approximately thirty (30) affordable residential housing units and commercial office spaces. Dr. Danehy gave an update on the FYI ending audit for June 30, 2020 which should be available soon.

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

In December, we continue with a trend of a slight deficit in our budget bottom-line projections. ACES cash flow is currently trending on target. Special education schools' enrollment has declined from the original estimates, hence putting pressure on revenue growth. Magnet school enrollment has exceeded the initial projections, which helped to decrease the projected deficit. ACES Support Services continue to be in high demand, which further adds to the bottom line's health. Although some areas of operations are trending in a deficit, we anticipate closing the gap with the State's relief funds. We expect the fluctuation of our cash flow trends in the upcoming months, and we are prepared to adjust the spending to ensure a positive outcome for the year-end. Despite these challenging times, we continue to support our districts and their families successfully to ensure quality services are delivered.

Ms. Susan Ricco moved to accept the filing of the Fiscal Report (subject to audit).  
Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

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

**VOTE**

**7. Approval of Human Resources Report\*\***-Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook presented the HR Report and reported that this year's challenge has been to keep up with the leaves and resignations over the past several weeks. He has also been reaching out to our member districts to participate in the Teacher Residency Program.

Ms. Ethel Grant moved to accept the Human Resources Report.  
Ms. Elizabeth Brown seconded

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

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**8. Curriculum & Instruction, Report**-Mr. Rice

William reported on the COVID status of ACES Magnet Schools, Specialized Schools, and Programs concerning Hybrid and Virtual Learning. He also noted that referrals continue to come in for all specialized programs. The Curriculum committee work continues along with equity work with principals and directors supported by PDSI.

**9. Early Head Start Update**\*\* -Dr. Danehy

Dr. Danehy provided the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.

Susan Riccio moved to Approve the Early Head Start Updates.  
Ethel Grant seconded.

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

**VOTE**

**10. Old Business:**

Possible Action to add employees in CSEA the opportunity to participate in the Early Retirement Incentive Plan ERIP as long as they meet the criteria of a score of 80 or higher between years of ACES' service, inclusive of any military service, and age.

Ms. Susan Riccio motioned to accept to add CSEA employees the option to participate in ACES' ERIP  
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded

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

**VOTE**

**11. New Business**

- a. Action to approve Regional Calendar

Ms. Elizabeth Brown moved to accept the ACES Regional Calendar  
Ms. Fran DiGiorgi seconded

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

**VOTE**



- b. Action to approve 261 Skiff Street conversion to 30 units residential housing and commercial office space and sign an agreement with Glendower for its project support.

Ms. Lynn Campo moved to accept the signing of the agreement with Glendower for the 261 Skiff Street project.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown seconded

**All in favor:** Passed Unanimously

**Opposed:** None

**Abstention:** None

**VOTE**

**12. Possible Executive Session**

To negotiate real estate transactions

- a. Thomas Edison Middle School location
- b. 261 Skiff Street, Hamden

Ms. Lynn Campo moved to enter Executive Session at 1:15PM with Attorney Thomas Mooney, Dr. Danehy, Mr. Howes and Mr. Rice for the purpose of negotiations of real-estate transactions concerning the potential ownership of property for Thomas Edison Middle School and a separate matter with Connecticut Department of Transportation concerning bridge repair work over Route 15 near the ACES property at 205 Skiff Street Hamden.

Seconded by Elizabeth Brown.

**All in favor:** Passed Unanimously

**Opposed:** None

**Abstention:** None

**VOTE**

The Board returned to regular session at 1:55 pm and Susan Riccio made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by many and passed unanimously at 1:56 pm.

**13. Adjournment** at 1:56 pm.

**14. Attachments**

November Student Enrollment Report

**15. Other** Next Meeting January 12, 2021