



Minutes
ACES GOVERNING BOARD
Thursday, June 4, Zoom Meeting at Noon

Governing Board: Fran DiGirogi: Ansonia, Lynn Campo: Hamden, Ethel Grant: Naugatuck
Jana Balsamo: North Branford, Dorothy Logan: North Haven,
Susan Riccio: Orange, Norman Hicks: RSD #13, Elizabeth Brown:
Waterbury, Patricia Libero: West Haven,
Roberta Leonard: Wolcott (12:30pm)

ACES: Steven Cook, Thomas Danehy, Timothy Howes, William Rice, Evelyn
Rossetti-Ryan, Olga Simoes, Ashley Lowe

Not Present: Bethany, Branford, Derby, East Haven, Meriden, Milford, Oxford,
RSD #5, Wallingford

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Norman Hicks called the ACES Governing Board to order at 12:10pm, to allow more time for members to join.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Norman Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation/Communications

Norman Hicks stated he met with Tom Danehy to sign his contract for the upcoming year.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dr. Danehy gave an update on the RESC Regional Reopening Committee work. The committee has met three times and is awaiting on more direction from the State. We did receive guidance on summer school criteria. The RESC groups will be kept in place should the State want to use them to review information in the future.

The ACES Internal Reopening Group is preparing for the July 6th Extended School Year using a distance learning model with services provided as needed for OT and PT. Whitney High School North will be the in person learning pilot for this program.

Mrs. Simone & Mr. Howes explained each budget in detail to the Board.

At this point during the meeting a quorum was met with ten Board Members present.

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

At the end of May, our bottom line projections reflect a slight deficit as we are getting to the end of the fiscal year while adjusting operations to comply with the federal and state guidelines as it pertains to preparations for the agency reopening during COVID 19. We have continued to work with our districts to provide information related to invoicing for tuition and services to ensure a fair and equitable solution for all concerned. Our expenditures primarily focused around PPE acquisition and necessary to support the continuation of teaching and learning, providing services and outreach. Our goal is to get to a break-even point or slight surplus by the end of the year.

6. New Business

Susan Riccio gave a report that the Board Officers Committee had met and the following was proposed for the 2020-2021 board year

- Norman Hicks, Chairperson
- Ethel Grant, Vice Chairperson
- Susan Riccio, Fiscal Advisor
- Fran DiGiorgi, Executive Committee Member
- Dorothy Logan, Executive Committee Member

Fran DiGiorgi motioned to approve the Executive Committee as presented, Dorothy Logan seconded.

All in favor: Ansonia, Hamden, Naugatuck, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, RSD #13, Waterbury, West Haven, Wolcott

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Norman Hicks asked the Board to approve the proposed budgets for 2020-2021 as a whole. Susan Riccio motioned to approve the following budgets. Elizabeth Brown seconded.

- I. Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School
- II. Thomas Edison Middle School
- III. Tech Services
- IV. Fiscal Services
- V. Human Resources
- VI. Educational Tech. Services
- VII. Outreach
- VIII. Security
- IX. Professional Development and School Improvement
- X. International

All in favor: Ansonia, Hamden, Naugatuck, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, RSD #13, Waterbury, West Haven, Wolcott

Opposed: None

Abstained: None



7. Executive Session

Thomas Danehy asked for an addendum to the agenda, to add discussion about extending the Early Retirement Incentive Date from March 13, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Norman Hicks requested for a motion to change the agenda. Susan Riccio approved the motioned, Dorothy Logan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Danehy explained the cost savings for the agency with extending the Early Retirement Incentive Date from March 13, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Susan Riccio motioned to approve this incentive, Dorothy Logan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

All in favor: Ansonia, Hamden, Naugatuck, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, RSD #13, Waterbury, West Haven, Wolcott

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Hicks requested at 12:41 that the Board move into executive session to best utilize our current quorum for the purposes of negotiations in a real estate matter.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 12:55PM. Ms Riccio made a motion to direct Dr. Danehy and Mr. Howes to work to negotiate terms of the sale of property on Skiff Street, Hamden with favorable terms for the ACES Board and to direct Dr. Danehy and Mr. Howes to negotiate favorable terms to purchase a property in New Haven for Mill Academy. The motion was seconded by Dot Logan. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment

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