



**ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, June 3, 2021 Zoom Meeting at Noon**

Governing Board: Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Anthony Perugini, Cheshire; Laura Harris, Derby; Michele DeLucia, East Haven; Lynn Campo, Hamden; Robert Kosienski, Meriden; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Dorothy Logan, North Haven; Susan Riccio, Orange; Norman Hicks, RSD#13; Michael Votto, Wallingford; Elizabeth Brown, Waterbury; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott.

ACES: Olga Simoes, Steven Cook, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, William Rice

Not Present: Bethany, Branford, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, Oxford, RSD #5, RSD#16, Seymour, West Haven, Woodbridge

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mr. Norman Hickes called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:08 pm after determining a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi

3. Public Participation/Communications

N/A

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dorothy Logan motioned to accept the ACES Governing Board Minutes of May 13, 2021. Mr. Michael Kosienski seconded.

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

VOTE

5. Executive Director’s Report - Dr. Danehy

- a. Dr. Danehy provided an update on the closing for ACES at Chase and the peninding legislation for the conveyance of 88 Bassett Road, North Haven. CHASE Open House was held June 2, 2021 with a strong turnout. Dr. Danehy announced that the press conference for ACES at Chase will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 10:00 am at CHASE and that the Mayor and U.S. Representative Johanna Hayes will be attending. For 88 Bassett Road in North Haven, the conveyance legislative conveyance bill ends at the end of the legislative session this week.

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- b. Tim Howes presented the ACES revised Health and Wellness Policy
- c. Olga Simoes Presented the following Budget Proposals
 - 1. ETS
 - 2. PDSI
 - 3. ACES at Chase
 - 4. Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School
 - 5. ECA
- d. Dr. Danehy presented the proposal for salaries and benefits package for members of Executive Leadership Council, asking for a 0% salary increase, option to elect a vacation payout of up to 15 days with the caveat that future years have a ‘use it or lose it’ provision regarding vacation time, longevity feature, and monthly mileage reimbursement of \$250.
- e. Dr. Danehy also announced that the Graduation schedule is attached to the Board Packet.
- f. A late July meeting will be held with ACES Executive Leadership Committee to approve the ESSR III grant.

Amendment of the Agenda to add ECA Budget.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown motioned to add it to the agenda.

Ms. Susan Riccio seconded. The motion carried unanimously

Dr. Danehy called for a moment of silence for Semaj Reddick-Streater, a student from Whitney High North who was killed on May 30, 2021.

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

This month our financial position remains in a surplus. Our revenue projections will stay with no reduction; encumbrances are being closed and invoices paid. As challenging as this year has been, our efforts in managing our cashflows kept us in a favorable financial position during the 2020-2021 school year.

Ms. Susan Riccio motioned to accept the filing of the Fiscal Report.

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

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 23 new hires in various positions, six transfer/new position, seven resignations, two additional retirements, two terminations, two staff members out on leave.

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Mr. Robert Kosienski motioned to accept the HR report.
Ms. Dorothy Logan seconded.

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

VOTE

8. Curriculum & Instruction Report - Mr. Rice

Mr. Rice reported that All ACES Specialized schools & programs will offer in-person Extended School Year Programming. The dates are July 6, 2020 - July 29, 2021. Summer Enrichment Programming will be offered for eligible TEMS/WIMS students in-person beginning July 6 and ending July 29, 2021. Graduations/Promotion Activities. ACES Childcare Program - will be discontinued at the end of the school year.

9. Early Head Start Update - Dr. Danehy

The Executive Director requests the approval of the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown motioned to accept the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.
Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

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

VOTE

10. Old business

N/A

11. New Business

a. Nominations of new committee members

Board Office: Norman Hicks
Vice-Chair: Susan Riccio
Fiscal Officer: Laura Harris
Executive Committee Members: Dorothy Logan & Fran DiGiori

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

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b. Approval of ACES Health and Wellness Policy

Mr. Michael Kosinski motioned to accept the ACES Health and Wellness Policy.
Ms. Dorothy Logan seconded.

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

c. Approval of Budgets for 2021-22

- a. ETS
- b. PDSI
- c. ACES at Chase
- d. Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School
- e. ECA

Mr. Michael Kosinski motioned to accept the approval of budgets.
Ms. Susan Riccio seconded.

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

d.. Approval of Executive Leadership Committee salaries and benefits package.

Ms. Roberta Leonard motioned to accept the salary and benefits package of Executive Leadership Council as presented.
Ms. Susan Riccio seconded.

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

12. Possible Executive Session ACES Executive Director’s evaluation and contract for employment

Ms. Susan Riccio motioned to enter into Executive Session with Dr. Danehy and the Board at 12:58 for purposes of discussing his evaluation and possible contract extension..
Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

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The Board agrees on the following Executive Director's contract changes:

- a. 0% salary increase;
- b. longevity addition;
- c. extend contract through June 30, 2024;
- d. \$500.00 added to doctoral stipend rate;
- e. reimbursement for certification costs;
- f. removal of retirement notice language.

Ms Susan Riccio motioned to accept Executive Directors Contract.

Ms Elizabeth Brown seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

13. Adjournment:

Ms. Jana Balsamo motioned to adjourn Executive Session 2:00 pm.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

14. Other Next September 9, 2021

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