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**(pending approval at the next Regular Board Meeting)**  
**ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, September 8, 2022, Noon**  
**SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT**

**Governing Board:** Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Laura Harris, Derby; Susan Riccio, Orange; Carol Oladele, RSD #5; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Ray Ross, Wallingford; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott

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

**Not Present:** Bethany, Cheshire, East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Haven, Oxford, RSD #13, RSD#16, Seymour, Waterbury, West Haven, Woodbridge

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:01 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. Laura Harris motioned to accept the minutes of the ACES Governing Board on June 2, 2022.  
Mr. Ray Ross seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously  
Opposed: None  
Abstention: Fran DiGiorgi & Ellen Michaels

VOTE

**5. Executive Director’s Report** - Dr. Thomas M. Danehy

- a. ACES Health Insurance Collaborative, Sonia Kaminsky, Chuck Brown, and Joseph Fiorello presented data trends on managing long-term costs and lowered expenses through participation in the ACES Health Insurance Collaborative.
- b. Dr. Danehy announced that ACES Bridges Alternative High School & Middle School is now open and accepting students. Open houses are scheduled through the fall and interested parties should contact Lisa Simone, the program Director at [lsimone@aces.org](mailto:lsimone@aces.org).
- c.

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- d. Dr. Danehy also announced that school openings went smoothly, though we worked through some transportation challenges.
- e. Dr. Danehy also announced that Whitney Academy is revising the work floor manufacturing program and pay rates which are included on the substitute rate chart.

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

September projections reflect a surplus based on the budgeted revenues and expenditures. We anticipate that these projections will fluctuate as we gather student enrollment and service contract numbers. ACES schools and programs are evaluating their staffing needs and processing encumbrances for the year. We anticipate completing billing by mid-September, which will provide a starting point for future cash flow projections.

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the filing of the Fiscal Report.  
Ms. Ethel Grant 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 98 new hires (including 10 LEAP staff) in various positions, 45 transfers/positions, 84 resignations, 11 terminations with ACES and 42 with LEAP, seven retirements, and currently 20 leaves. We continue to grow the Teacher Residency Program; we now have two new teachers and three new residents as part of the program for ACES. ACES will also participate in a pilot special education certification. We are also rolling out our new EAP program (Supportline) introduced last spring.

Mr. Ray Ross motioned to accept the filing of the HR Report.  
Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded the motion.

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

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

- a. ACES Regions
- b. ACES Bridges (new program)
- c. Summer Academy
- d. 88 Bassett Design Meeting
- e. Vaccine Clinics Scheduled in our Schools
- f. Summer Curriculum Institute Summary

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**9. Early Head Start Update** - Rebecca Cuevas

Ms. 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

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**10. Possible Executive Session**

- a. Propose Executive Session for the purposes of Student discipline matters of June 2022.
- b. Real Estate matters.
- c. Propose Executive Session for the purposes of Woodbury Letter of Intent.

Ray Ross motioned to enter into an Executive Session with Dr. Danehy, Timothy Howes, William Rice, Attorney Robert Cox from Halloran & Sage, and the Board members at 1:08 pm for Student Discipline, Real Estate matters, and Woodbury Letter of Intent.

Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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**11. New Business**

- 1. Possible action to approve two Stipulated Agreements regarding students' behaviors.

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi motioned to approve Stipulated Agreements.

Mr. Ray Ross seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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- 2. Possible action to approve real estate matters.

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to approve Real Estate matters.

- Sale of PCY
- Construction Projects of 88 Bassett Road, ACES at CHASE, and 470 Wintergreen Ave.

Ms. Laura Harris seconded the motion.

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Opposed: None  
Abstention: None

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3. Possible action to approve substitute and part-time employees' hourly and daily rates.  
Ms. Laura Harris motioned to approve substitute and part-time employees' hourly and daily rates.  
Ms. Ellen Grant seconded the motion.

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

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4. Possible action to approve Magnet School operation plan for ACES at CHASE. (full document sent upon request)  
Ellen Harris motioned to approve the Magnet School operation plan for ACES at CHASE.  
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously  
Opposed: None  
Abstention: None

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5. Possible action to approve FY 2023 Early Head Start Continuation Application Summary.  
Ms. Roberta Leonard motioned to approve FY 2023 Early Head Start Continuation Application Summary.  
Ms. Laura Harris seconded the motion.

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

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**12. Attachments**

- a. 2022-2023 Governing Board dates
- b. Village Playground Ribbon Cutting invitation
- c. 2022-2023 ACES Agency-wide Holidays
- d. SCG-9000 Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Protection validation of Fulfillment for CHASE and Wintergreen Magnet Interdistrict Schools

**13. Adjournment** 1:40 pm

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**14. Other**

- a. Finance Committee Meeting, October 13, 2022
- b. Regular Board Meeting, October 13, 2022

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