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ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, March 9, 2023
SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

Governing Board: Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Susan Bradford, Bethany; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Laura Harris, Derby; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Susan Riccio, Orange; Carol Oladele, RSD #5 Amity; Lindsay Dahlheimer, RSD #13; Thomas Van Stone, Waterbury; Kimberly Kenny, West Haven; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott

ACES: Olga Simoes, Andy Skarzynski, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, William Rice, Emily Freel, Rebecca Cuevas, Dee Colson

Not Present: Cheshire, East Haven, Hamden Meriden, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, North Haven, Oxford, Seymour, Wallingford; Woodbridge

Guests: Erikke Nystrom-Grothaus, CESA Wisconsin; Kathy Vitagliano, CSEA

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:04 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. Roberta Leonard motioned to accept the minutes of the ACES Governing Board of February 9, 2023.

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Susan Riccio, Ellen Michaels, Jana Balsamo, Lindsay Dahlheimer VOTE

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

- a. Dr. Danehy reviewed the results of the Magnet Lottery Applications ACES at Chase will immediately have a decline in admission offers to students residing in Waterbury so that the school is in compliance with the 55% single district rule set by the State Department of Education.
- b. Budget Proposals were presented by Olga Simoes for the following schools and programs:
 - 1. Mill Road
 - 2. SAILS
 - 3. Whitney North
 - 4. Transportation
 - 5. Network Services
 - 6. Education Technology
 - 7. Executive Director
 - 8. Assistant Executive Director
 - 9. Deputy Executive Director
 - 10. Governing Board
 - 11. Fiscal Services
 - 12. Human Resources

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

March projections reflect a surplus based on the projected revenues, encumbrances, and expenditures. The expenditure projections include encumbrances for school and program needs and updated payroll projections based on the new bargaining agreement. The revenue projections fluctuate monthly based on the special education school enrollment and service contracts. We are diligently monitoring school and program expenditures to ensure a positive outcome. February 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. Laura Harris motioned to accept the filing of the fiscal report.

Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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7. Approval of Human Capital Development Report – Ms. Cuevas

Ms. Cuevas presented the HR report and reported 18 new hires in various positions, eleven resignations, five transfers/positions, nine leaves, one termination, and 0 retirements.

ACES HCD hosted our Second Annual Career Fair on Wednesday, March 8th, for all ACES schools and programs. Our staff referral program is working out well.

Ms. Ellen Michaels motioned to accept the filing of the Human Capital Development Report.
Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

8. Early Head Start & Operations Update – Mr. William Rice

Mr. Rice requests approval for the Early Head Start monthly reports, contract summaries, and the organization of the operations department.

Ms. Jana Balsamo motioned to accept the filing of the Early Head Start and Operations contract summaries.

Ms. Ellen Michaels seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Susan Bradford

VOTE

9. ACES Assistant Superintendent Report – Mr. Andrew Skarzynski

Mr. Skarzynski reported on the upcoming Magnet, Specialized Schools, and Programs. Visits to all school sites are scheduled. These will include classroom and facility tours and one on one conversations.

10. New Business

a. Possible Action to Approve Proposed Budgets

1. Mill Road
2. SAILS
3. Whitney North
4. Transportation
5. Network Services
6. Education Technology

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7. Executive Director
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11. Fiscal Services
12. Human Resources

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the approval of budgets,
Ms. Roberta Leonard seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE

b. Possible Action to Approve 2023-2024 Healthy Food Certificate – Tim Howes (language enclosed)

Ms. Jana Balsamo motioned to accept the filing of the Healthy Food Certificate.
Ms. Carol Oladele seconded.

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

VOTE

11. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Fran DiGiorgi, seconded by Ms. Ellen Michaels, and the motion was carried out at 1:04 pm.

12. Other

- a. Finance Committee Meeting, May 11, 2023
- b. Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2023

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