



**ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES THURSDAY,
February 11, 2021 Zoom Meeting at Noon**

- Governing Board:** Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Edward Maher, Bethany; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Laura Harris,(joined at 12:10) 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, Tomas Danehy, Evelyn Rossetti-Ryan, William Rice, Dee Colson
- Not Present:** Cheshire, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, Oxford, RSD #5, RSD #16, Seymour, West Haven, Woodbridge
- Guests:** Attorney John Lawrence (joined at 1:00 pm) for the Executive Session
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1. Welcome/Call to Order

Norman Hicks called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:05 pm after determining a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lynn Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation/Communications – none

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Elizabeth Brown moved to accept the ACES Governing Board Minutes of January 14, 2021.
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded

All in favor: Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

5. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Danehy

Dr. Danehy announced that ACES was awarded a grant by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection DEEP for \$213,750 for an electric powered school bus and charger. Dr. Danehy participated in a Round Table with U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro and U.S. Senator Chris Murphy concerning the new federal funding proposal for CARES Act ESSER II Funds.

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Olga Simoes gave a presentation on 12 of ACES department budgets for FY 2021-2022.

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

February's bottom line reflects a slight surplus, as COVID-related purchases were offset by the federal CRF grant funding for COVID-related expenses. Although ACES School revenue is trending lower than anticipated, we always focus on prudent spending in the areas that would not significantly impact the teaching and learning process, ensuring the quality instruction delivered to our students. Furthermore, our innovative approach propelling the demand for ACES' Service area, whose stellar performance significantly improving the bottom line. We employ all necessary measures to ensure a positive outcome for the year-end while continuing with our commitment to successfully support our districts and their families to provide quality services are delivered.

Ms. Susan Riccio moved to accept the filing of the Fiscal Report (subject to audit)
Ms. Dorothy Logan 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 an update on the current leaves, resignations, new hires, transfers, and retirements. HR is continuing support of FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) to accommodate as needed and offer FMLA and our Employee Assistance Program to those who are eligible. Steve has been working collaboratively with our Professional Development and Evaluation Committee on a new model for our Non-certified administrators' evaluation process. There were 32 employees who filed for the Early Retirement Incentive Plan. We are conducting a review of each one to verify their qualifications.

Mr. Roberta Leonard moved to accept the Human Resources Report
Ms. Susan Riccio seconded

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

VOTE

8. Curriculum & Instruction Report - Mr. Rice

Mr. Rice reported on the COVID status of ACES Magnet Schools, Specialized Schools, and Programs concerning Hybrid and Virtual Learning. They are preparing for the upcoming SBAC and NGSS assessments.

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9. Early Head Start Update - Dr. Danehy

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

Ms. Laura Harris moved to accept the Early Head Start Updates
Ms. Liz Brown seconded

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

VOTE

10. Old Business - None

11. New Business

- a. Possible action to approve proposed non-certified staff evaluation plan – Mr. Cook

Ms. Ethel Grant moved to accept the motion
Ms. Dorothy Logan seconded

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

VOTE

- b. Possible action to approve 2021-2022 Healthy Food Certificate – Tim Howes

Ms. Susan Riccio moved to accept the motion
Mr. Robert Kosienki seconded

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

VOTE

- c. Possible action to approve FY2021-2022 Budgets for the following departments:

- 1. Pupil Services
- 2. Behavioral Services
- 3. Network Services
- 4. Governing Board
- 5. Executive Director

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6. Fiscal Services
7. Human Resources
8. Marketing
9. Assistant Executive Director of Schools
10. Deputy Executive Director
11. Educational Technology
12. Outreach

Ms. Susan Riccio moved to approve the budgets listed above as they were proposed.
Ms. Liz Brown seconded her motion.

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

VOTE

12. Possible Executive Session

Ms. Susan Riccio moved to enter into Executive Session at 1:00 pm with Attorney John Lawrence, Dr. Danehy, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Rice to negotiate a real estate transaction.

Seconded by Ethel Grant

13. Adjournment Out of Executive session

Ms. Susan Riccio motioned to adjourn at 1:17 pm
Ms. Ehtel Grant seconded

14. Attachments

15. Other

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