



**DRAFT**  
**(pending approval at the next Regular Board Meeting)**  
**ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, June 2, 2022, Meeting at Noon**  
**205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT**

**Governing Board:** Laura Harris, Derby; Kevin Shea, Hamden; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Susan Riccio, Orange; Lindsay Dahlheimer, RSD #13; Carol Oladele, RSD #5 Amity.

**ACES:** Olga Simoes, Steven Cook, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, Steven Cook, Rebecca Cuevas.

**Not Present:** Branford, Cheshire, North Haven, Oxford, Wallingford, Waterbury.

**Members of Audience:** David Stein, Silver/Petrucelli, Tim Gunn, ACES Director of Facilities and Construction.

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:02 pm after determining a quorum was present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Susan Riccio led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Public Participation/Communications**

N/A

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the minutes of the ACES Governing Board on May 12, 2022

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Jana Balsamo & Carol Oladele

VOTE

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

- a. ACES 2022 Retiree Recognitions. Dr. Danehy, along with their Administrators, recognized the following retirees for their years of service to ACES. Sandra Cross, Randy Sylvester, Shari Collins, Karen Pietrzyk, Debra Spencer, Debra Lifton, Elizabeth Roman & Kim Wallis.
- b. Reimbursement for the purchase of Wintergreen School in Hamden – David Stein Silver/Petrucelli presented the scope of the project at this site.
- c. Reimbursement and renovations for ACES at Chase – David Stein, Silver/Petrucelli presented the scope of the project.
- d. 88 Bassett Road – David Stein, Silver/Petrucelli presented the scope of the project.
- e. Funding Proposal on Construction Projects. Tim Howes presented the Executive summary for the funding sources for the following ACES school construction projects 88 Bassett Road, North Haven, 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, ACES at CHASE, Waterbury.
- f. Budget Proposals presented by Olga Simoes.
  - i. ACES at CHASE
  - ii. Wintergreen Magnet School
  - iii. Educational Center for the Arts
  - iv. Whitney Academy
  - v. Human Resources
  - vi. Marketing Services
  - vii. Deputy Executive Director
  - viii. Educational Technology

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

We anticipate ending the 2021-2022 fiscal year in a favorable financial position with the June 2022 fiscal report increasing by \$153,680 from the figure we reported in May 2022. The projected surplus is currently \$294,068. The fiscal department is continuously working on closing open purchase orders and preparing for the year-end reporting. June 2022 includes the final expenditure forecast along with the salary projections for the remainder of the year. Our Special Education Schools surplus remains steady, and we have been successful in our efforts to reduce Magnet School Deficit. ACES Services are on an upward trajectory and are promising to finish the year strong.

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the filing of the Fiscal Report.  
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

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

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**7. Approval of Human Resources Report** - Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook presented the HR report and reported 19 new hires, 14 resignations, six transfers/position changes, six leaves, and 1 retired. In addition, Mr. Cook noted that there had been an increase in the number of applicants over the past several weeks. We are in the process of hiring for our ESY and summer enrichment programs. We continue working with districts to provide for their needs. Our goal is to bring more communities on board this summer.

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to accept the filing of the HR Report.  
Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

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

VOTE

**8. Curriculum & Instruction Report** – Dr. Danehy

- i. Remote High School
- ii. Alternative Ed Bridges Program
- iii. CHASE lottery resolution
- iv. All schools and programs in full person with COVID protocols in place.
- v. Graduation Dates & Times

**9. Early Head Start Update** – Ms. Rebecca Cuevas

Ms. Rebecca Cuevas requests the approval of the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the approval of the Early Head Start monthly reports and contract summaries.  
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

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

VOTE

**10. Old Business**

- a. **Possible Action to approve nominations from Nominating Committee for Board Officer positions of Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Fiscal Officer, and two Executive Committee Members for the term June 2022 to June 2023.**



Susan Riccio                      Chair, Executive Committee  
 Ethel Grant                        Vice Chair, Policy and Executive Committee  
 Laura Harris                       Fiscal Officer, Executive Committee  
 Tom Van Stone                    Executive Committee

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to accept the approval of current Board Officer Members and elect Thomas Van Stone as a member of the Executive Committee.  
 Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

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

**b. Possible action to approve ACES Policy #5145.53 - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students.**

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to accept the approval of ACES Policy #5145.53 - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students.  
 Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

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

**11. New Business**

**a. Possible Action to Approve Resolution for School Construction Grant Submission for Reimbursement for the Purchase of and Renovations at 670 Wintergreen Avenue Hamden - Wintergreen School in Hamden**

**670 Wintergreen Resolution**

That the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Governing Board authorizes the ACES Governing Board to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT.

That the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Governing Board approves the educational specifications for the Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School ACES located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT.

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That the Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School ACES is located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT. Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the 670 Wintergreen Magnet School located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT.

That the ACES Governing Board hereby authorizes the preparation of construction documents including drawings and specifications for Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School ACES, located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT.

The ACES Governing Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of 100% of the project revenues to complete the project.

That the ACES Governing Board authorizes expenditures from its retained earnings and financing through Key Bank for \$12.8 million (Financing) and \$3.2 million (Retained Earning) for the purchase of Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School with the Key Bank financing to be converted to CHEFA Bond Funding in July and the remainder of its local share in the amount of up to \$20,305,514.00, in addition, the Board authorizes the ACES Executive Director to do the following:

- a. Apply for a grant for the 670 Wintergreen magnet school alterations (renovation as new or renovation/alterations) for its Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT. with an expected 80% reimbursement rate.
- b. Seek reimbursement for the alterations and purchase of the real property located at 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, CT.
- c. If needed, amend the application for the purposes of purchase, renovation/alterations, or renovation as new.

**b. Possible Action to Approve Resolution for School Construction Grant Submission for Reimbursement and renovations for ACES at Chase.**

**ACES at Chase Resolution**

That the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Governing Board authorizes the ACES Governing Board to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the ACES at Chase located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT.

That the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Governing Board approves the

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educational specifications for the ACES at Chase located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT.

That the ACES at Chase located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT. Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the ACES at Chase, located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT.

That the ACES Governing Board hereby authorizes the preparation of construction documents including drawings and specifications for the ACES at Chase located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT.

The ACES Governing Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of 100% of the project revenues to complete the project.

That the ACES Governing Board authorizes expenditures from its retained earnings and financing its local share in the amount of up to \$69,624,095.00 and in addition, the Board authorizes the ACES Executive Director to do the following:

- a. Apply for a grant for the ACES at Chase magnet school alterations (renovation as new or renovation/alterations) for its ACES at Chase located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT. with an expected 80% reimbursement rate.
- b. Seek reimbursement for the alterations and purchase of the real property at ACES at Chase located at 565 Chase Parkway, Waterbury.
- c. If needed, amend the application for the purposes of purchase, renovation/alterations, or renovation as new.

**c. Possible Action to Approve Resolution for School Construction Grant Submission for 88 Bassett Road, North Haven**

**88 Bassett Resolution**

That the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Governing Board authorizes the ACES Governing Board to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the 88 Bassett Special Needs School located at 88 Bassett Road, North Haven.

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That the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Governing Board approves the educational specifications for the 88 Bassett Special Needs School located at 88 Bassett Road, North Haven.

That the 88 Bassett Special Needs School located at 88 Bassett Road, North Haven Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the 88 Bassett Special Needs School located at 88 Bassett Road, North Haven.

That the ACES Governing Board hereby authorizes the preparation of construction documents including drawings and specifications for the 88 Bassett Special Needs school at 88 Bassett Road, North Haven.

The ACES Governing Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of 100% of the project revenues to complete the project.

That the ACES Governing Board authorizes expenditures from its retained earnings and financing its local share in the amount of up to \$68,503,751.00 and in addition, the Board authorizes the ACES Executive Director to do the following:

- a. Apply for a grant for Special Needs School alterations (or as new or renovation/alterations) for its 88 Bassett Special Needs School located at 88 Bassett Road North Haven with an expected 80% reimbursement rate;
- b. Seek reimbursement for the alterations and transfer of the real property at 88 Bassett Road;
- c. If needed, amend the application for the purposes of renovation/alterations or renovation as new.

Ms. Carol Oladele motioned to approve the three resolutions for School Construction Grant Submission of 670 Wintergreen Ave, Hamden, ACES at CHASE, Waterbury, and 88 Bassett Road, North Haven together.

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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**d. Possible action to approve COLA & Quality Improvement Supplemental Application for Early Head Start.**

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to approve The Supplemental Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and Quality Improvement (QI) application.

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

**e. Possible Action to Approve Budgets for Educational Center for the Arts, ACES at Chase, Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet Schools, Whitney Academy, Human Resources, Marketing Services, Deputy Executive Director, & Educational Technology.**

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to approve budgets for Educational Center for the Arts, ACES at CHASE, Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School, Whitney Academy, Human Resources, Marketing Services, Deputy Executive Director, & Educational Technology.

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

**12. Possible Executive Session**

**a. Possible approval of Stipulated Agreements in lieu of Expulsions and Negotiations regarding Real Estate.**

Laura Harris motioned to enter into an Executive Session with Dr. Danehy, Timothy Howes, and the Board at 1:30 pm for Stipulated Agreements in lieu of Expulsions and Negotiations regarding Real Estate.

Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

Ms. Laura Harris motioned to approve Stipulated Agreements.

Ms. Carol Oladele seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to approve the agreement with Board for 88 Bassett Road.  
Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

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

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Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to move to close on the property at 388 Orange Street, New Haven,  
and direct Dr. Danehy and Timothy Howes to move to close.  
Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

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

VOTE

**13. Adjournment**

The executive session closed at 1:51 pm and returned to the regular session.  
Ms. Ethel Grant moved to adjourn the regular session at 1:56 pm.  
Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

**14. Other**

Finance Committee Meeting, September 8, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting, September 8, 2022