



AGENDA
ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, December 9, 2021
Meeting at Noon
205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

Governing Board: Fran DiGiorgi, Ansonia; Ellen Michaels, Branford; Anthony Perugini, Cheshire; Laura Harris, Derby; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo North Branford; Susan Riccio, Orange; Shelly Lacey-Castelot, Oxford; Carol Oladele, RSD #5 Amity; Karen Hlavac, Wallingford; Elizabeth Brown, Waterbury; Roberta Leonard, Wolcott

ACES: Olga Simoes, Steven Cook, Timothy Howes, Thomas Danehy, William Rice, Steven Cook, Evelyn Rossetti-Ryan, Cassandra Nonossi

Not Present: Bethany, East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, New Haven, North Haven, RSD #13, RSD #16, West Haven, and Woodbridge

Members of Audience: William Jacobs, AEA; Rebecca Cuevas, Early Head Start; Scott Sadinsky, ACES Human Resources

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:08 pm after determining a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Norman Hicks

3. Public Participation/Communications

At 12:10 pm, Norman Hicks received a proclamation and gifts for his service and dedication as Chair of ACES Governing Board for the last seven years.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Karen Hlavac motioned to accept the ACES Governing Board Minutes of November 18, 2021.
Ms. Elizabeth Brown seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Ellen Michaels & Carol Oladele

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5. Executive Director’s Report - Dr. Danehy

a. ACES Annual Holiday Contest – Mr. Rice

Whitney Academy and Whitney High North students were recognized for their ACES Annual Student Holiday Arts contest artwork.

b. School Safety and Security – Dr. Danehy and Mr. Rice

Two ACES schools received threats on social media. As a result, we have provided School Security and Parent support, resulting in an early dismissal after the incident was reported. The North Haven police were called and investigated each of the situations. Student discipline ensued.

c. Early Head Start Reporting – Ms. Rebecca Cuevas

Rebecca Cuevas presented the Annual Governance training to fulfill the requirement on eligibility determination for our federal programs.

d. Update on Facilities – Dr. Danehy

The sale of 261 Skiff Street is in the Due Diligence process. We are pursuing the possible Wintergreen purchase with the Hamden Mayor.

e. Tentative Agreement between Administrators’ Association and ACES Governing

Board – Dr. Danehy presented the terms of a fair settlement with the Administrators’ Association. Terms of the tentative agreement include a three-year contract ending June 30, 2025, a \$250 increase on annuity payments, ½ % Health insurance premium co-share which caps at 23.5% by the third year of the contract, a cap on longevity payments, a step increase, and a 2.5% general wage increase.

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

December projections show a deficit in our budget’s bottom line. Our magnet schools are currently in a deficit position as we continue to work through unanticipated building maintenance repairs at ACES at the Chase campus. Our special education schools are strong in their performance, and we expect that they will be able to remain in line with current projections. Demand for ACES Services remains steady, and by taking a conservative approach in our forecasts, we continue to monitor their performance to better estimate the bottom line. We continue to monitor our cash flow closely to ensure a favorable financial position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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: Carol Oladele

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7. Approval of Human Resources Report - Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook presented the HR report and reported 21 new hires, including 3 LEAP staff, 0 transfers, 13 resignations, 0 retirements, and seven leaves. Regarding COVID and the Governor’s Executive Order 13G, we just completed an audit of our unvaccinated staff, and we are at lower numbers than initially thought. We are at 79 staff who are unvaccinated with one more person in the vaccination process—bringing us to approximately 93% fully vaccinated.

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

Ms. Karen Hlavac seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

8. Curriculum & Instruction Report - Mr. Rice

Our Magnet Schools, Specialized Schools, and Programs are in full in-person programming with appropriate COVID Protocols in place. A vaccine clinic for 5 thru 11-year-old students was held on November 19, 2021, for the first dose and was held again on December 10, 2021, for the second dose. A Screen and stay protocol has been developed, and the pilot began on December 6, 2021.

9. Early Head Start Update - Dr. Danehy

The Executive Director 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. Laura Harris seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

10. Old business

Nomination Committee reported action. Elizabeth Brown reports that Susan Riccio, Chair, Fran DiGiorgi, Vice-Chair, Laura Harris, Fiscal Officer were nominated for those respective positions on the ACES Board.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown motioned to accept the Nomination Committee report.

Ms. Karen Hlavac seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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11. New Business

Possible action to approve the proposed internal ACES calendar for 2022-2023

Ms. Elizabeth Brown motioned to accept the proposed calendar for 2022-2023.
Ms. Ethel Grant seconded.

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

VOTE

Possible action to approve a tentative agreement between Administrators’ Association and ACES Board for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025 which was ratified by the Association.

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to accept the proposed tentative agreement between the Administrators’ Association and ACES Board for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.
Ms. Karen Hlavac seconded.

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

VOTE

12. Adjournment: 1:01 pm

13. Attachments

14. Other January 14, 2023