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ACES GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, March 10, 2022 Meeting at Noon
205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

Governing Board: Laura Harris, Derby; Ethel Grant, Naugatuck; Jana Balsamo, North Branford; Susan Riccio, Orange; Shelly Lacey-Castelot, Oxford; Carol Oladele, RSD #5 Amity; Ray Ross, Wallingford; Tom Van Stone, Waterbury

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

Not Present: Ansonia, Bethany, Branford Cheshire, East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, North Haven, RSD #13, RSD #16, Seymour, West Haven, Wolcott, Woodbridge

Members of Audience: William Jacobs, AEA

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Susan Riccio called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:15 pm. At 12:35 pm, it was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Susan Riccio

3. Public Participation/Communications

Dr. Danehy welcomed our newest member of the ACES Governing Board, Thomas Van Stone.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Susan Riccio motioned to approve a spelling correction of Roy Ross to Ray Ross in the February 10th Board minutes.

Mr. Ray Ross motioned to accept the name change and the minutes of ACES Governing Board Minutes of February 10, 2022.

Ms. Jana Balsamo seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: Ethel Grant & Jana Balsamo

VOTE

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5. Executive Director’s Report - Dr. Danehy

1. ACES Foundation Gala, March 24, 2022.
2. Promotion of Rebecca Cuevas as Director of Special Programs and Community Engagement.
3. Budgets.
 - o ACES Security
 - o Assistant Executive Director of Schools
 - o Network Services
 - o Fiscal Services
 - o Transportation
 - o Mill Academy
 - o Village School
 - o Village - EIBI
4. COVID 19 update

Motion to amend agenda on presented budgets

Ms. Carol Oladele motioned to accept an amendment to the agenda to vote on presented budgets.

Ms. Jana Balsamo motioned to approve the above budgets.

Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

VOTE

Approval of the following Budgets:

- o ACES Security
- o Assistant Executive Director of Schools
- o Network Services
- o Fiscal Services
- o Transportation
- o Mill Academy
- o Village School
- o Village - EIBI

Ms. Jana Balsamo motioned to approve the above budgets.

Ms. Laura Harris seconded.

All in favor: Motion Passed Unanimously

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

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

March projections show a slight deficit in our budget's bottom line as we work closely to bring it to a break-even position through prudent spending and monitoring of our cash flow. ACES special education schools and programs continue with a surplus trend while we are working on reducing Magnet schools' deficit. We anticipate that the ACES Service revenue stream remains steady. We are confident that we will reach a favorable financial position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year by taking a conservative approach to our spending.

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

VOTE

7. Approval of Human Resources Report - Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook presented the HR report and reported 14 new hires, including 2 LEAP staff, 14 resignations, seven transfers/position changes, 13 leaves, and one retired. In addition, Mr. Cook noted that the Teacher Residency Program is moving forward with continued interest and success. HR is also hosting a Career Fair for all programs and schools at our Leeder Hill campus.

Ms. Carol Oladele motioned to accept the filing of the HR Report.

Ms. Jana Balsamo seconded.

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

VOTE

8. Curriculum & Instruction Report - Mr. Rice

Mr. Rice reported on ACES Magnet Schools and all Magnet School Principals. All principals participated in the Magnet Schools of America Policy Conference (Feb. 9-10), where they were able to meet with congressional representatives to advocate for magnet funding. In addition, members of the ELC provided testimony to the appropriation committee on February 17, 2022, to advocate for magnet funding increases. All staff and schools are in full person programming with appropriate COVID Protocols in place.

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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. Ethel Grant motioned to accept the Finance Report and contract summaries.
Mr. Ray Ross seconded.

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

VOTE

10. New Business

Possible action to approve 2022-2023 Healthy Food Certificate – Tim Howes (language enclosed)

Ms. Jana Balsamo motioned to accept the 2022-2023 Healthy Food Certificate approval.
Ms. Carol Oladele seconded.

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

VOTE

11. Possible Executive Session

1. Possible action to approve matters related to student expulsions.
2. Possible action to approve real estate transactions.

Entered into Executive Session at 12:51
Returned to regular session at 1:55 pm

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to accept five stipulation agreements in lieu of student expulsions.
Mr. Ray Ross seconded.

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

VOTE

Ms. Ethel Grant motioned to direct the Executive Director to move to close on the sale of the property at 51 Trumbull Street, New Haven.
Ms. Jana Balsamo seconded.

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

VOTE

12. Adjournment: 2:00 pm



13. Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2022
- b. Finance Committee Meeting April 21, 2022

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