

Minutes

ACES Governing Board January 8, 2008

205 Skiff Street
Hamden, CT 06517

Present: Bruce Baker, Seymour; Sally Boske, Middletown; Lynn Campo, Hamden; Alicia Clapp, North Haven; Sue Cohen, Regional District #5; William Currin, Regional District #13; Thomas Hennessey, Wallingford; Judith Hotz, North Branford; Nancy Lappie, North Branford; Thomas McKirryher, Naugatuck; Stephen Mrowka, Cheshire; Jim SantaBarbara, Milford; John Theriault, Waterbury

ACES: Craig W. Edmondson, Gary J. Shettle, Ann Dombroski, Robert Parker, Elaine Sein, Greg Dandio

Regrets: Meriden, Regional District #16, Wolcott

1. Call to Order

William Currin called the ACES Governing Board meeting to order at 12:21 PM after it was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public Participation/Communications

No public participation/communications.

3. Technology Services Presentation

Greg Dandio, Chief Technology Officer provided an overview of services provided to ACES and local school districts. Mr. Dandio began with a historical review of the department and discussed the current structure including staffing and equipment. ACES Technology Services provides internal IT support to ACES, which is guided by the ACES Strategic Plan and Technology Plan and external IT support to ACES member and non-member districts. Internal IT support services include: helpdesk, centralized applications, filtering/spam, network management, staff and student accounts and e-mail and computer support. Technology Services manages over 2200 computers, over 50 servers, over 300 networking devices, over 1000 staff accounts per year, over 2200 student accounts, and over 1800 student mailboxes. Technology Services implemented and oversees two one2one computing environments; Thomas Edison Middle School with 865 laptops and Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School with 291

laptops. The department is funded through a Total Cost of Ownership model (TCO) which ACES programs pay per computer for the services provided by Technology Services.

ACES Technology Services began to provide external services in 2001 with a pilot project in Bethany and as of this school year is serving 18 member and non-member districts. External services include: data analysis, student management support, system/network management, desktop technician/helpdesk support, technology assessments and evaluations, E-Rate consulting, and writing technology plans. ACES is able to provide lower costs to districts than commercial IT consulting companies because ACES does not mark up the cost of services, the costs are priced to cover expenses. Districts receive services beyond one person.

Future projects for ACES Technology Services include: Voice over IP (VoIP), IEPdirect, emergency call/notification system, and the completion of a fiber-based network.

After Mr. Dandio's presentation board discussing/questions followed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Sally Boske moved to accept the ACES Governing Board minutes of December 11, 2008.
Sue Cohen seconded.

In favor: Cheshire, Hamden, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, North Branford, Regional District #5, Regional District #13, Seymour, Wallingford, Waterbury

Abstention: Branford, North Haven

Opposed: None

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5. Executive Director's Report

- a) Dr. Edmondson welcomed and wished the ACES Governing Board a Happy New Year.
- b) Dr. Edmondson updated the ACES Governing Board on magnet school funding. ACES has been involved in significant meetings regarding the future of Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School due to proposed budget cuts to ECS funding and magnet schools. Dr. Edmondson indicated that the WIMS PTO will be meeting with Senator Looney during the evening to express concerns and advocate for the school. Dr. Edmondson will be meeting with the superintendents from Hamden and Meriden and the Commissioner of Education to discuss the 55% rule for magnet schools and to get a better understanding on the state's position on possible cuts to education. Dr. Edmondson also indicated that a meeting is pending with WIMS partner districts to discuss options for the school. Dr. Edmondson will keep the ACES Governing Board apprised.
- c) Dr. Edmondson announced that the Mill Road School construction project is closed and ACES will be receiving approximately \$647, 502 in reimbursement from the State Department of Education.

- d) Dr. Edmondson indicated that in February the budget approval process will begin for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Shettle and Fiscal Services staff have met with principals to prepare conservative budgets.

6. Fiscal Services

Filing of Fiscal Report (Subject for Audit)

Summary/Detail by Category

Sally Boske reviewed the fiscal report indicating the numbers are typical for this time of year and that tuition payments are received closer to the end of the school year. Ms. Boske moved to accept the fiscal report as presented. (subject to audit).

Thomas Hennessey seconded.

In favor: Branford, Cheshire, Hamden, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, North Branford, North Haven, Regional District #5, Regional District #13, Seymour, Wallingford, Waterbury

Abstention: None

Opposed: None

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7. Human Resources Report

Craig Edmondson reviewed the Human Resources Report. Thomas Hennessey moved to authorize the hirings, accept the resignations, confirm the termination, and grant the leaves as detailed on the Human Resources Report.

Alicia Clapp seconded.

In favor: Branford, Cheshire, Hamden, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, North Branford, North Haven, Regional District #5, Regional District #13, Seymour, Wallingford, Waterbury

Abstention: None

Opposed: None

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8. Old Business

- Facilities Update - Mr. Shettle provided an update on the constructions projects for Mill Road School, 60 United Drive, and the Little Theatre.
 - Mill Road School – As a follow up to Dr. Edmondson’s comment on the Executive Director’s report Mr. Shettle reiterated that the Mill Road School construction project was closed and ACES has received the final audit report which indicates that ACES will be reimbursement approximately \$647,502. The monies received will assist with the upfront cost associated with the Little Theatre project.
 - 60 United Drive – The project is near completion. There are two remaining items: the roof and a switch for a gas tank. Once complete the will be fully functional. The vans have already started to be maintained at the site.

- Little Theatre – There are six companies for consideration as construction manager. Mr. Shettle has met with the architecture and the schematic designs are complete. The project is moving forward as previously discussed.
- Policy Update – The policy sub-committee met prior to the board meeting and completed the 1000 series. The policies will be brought forward at the February meeting for a first reading.

9. New Business

- Next Meeting: February 12, 2009.
- Budget – Due to inclement weather the Thomas Edison Steering Committee did not meet to review and approve the 2009-2010 budget. Dr. Edmondson is hopeful that the TEMS budget will be available for approval in February.

10. Adjournment

Sally Boske move to adjourn the ACES Governing Board meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.
Lynn Campo seconded.

In favor: Branford, Cheshire, Hamden, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, North Branford, North Haven, Regional District #5, Regional District #13, Seymour, Wallingford, Waterbury

Abstention: None

Opposed: None

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Submitted by,

Elaine Sein
Secretary to the ACES Governing Board