

DRAFT**MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2022****PRESENT:**

Laura Gibbons	EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9
Jon Stinson	EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)
Christine Vitale	FAIRFIELD
Dennis Condon	MONROE (Alt.)
Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig	NORWALK
Kate Kutash	SHELTON (Vice President)
Andy George	STAMFORD (President)
Becky Hamman	STAMFORD
Andrea Corcoran	STRATFORD
Marie Petitti	TRUMBULL

ABSENT:

John Weldon	BRIDGEPORT
VACANT	DARIEN
Bonnie Rotelli	FAIRFIELD
Karen Hirsh	GREENWICH
VACANT	NEW CANAAN
Tina Malhotra	RIDGEFIELD
Kathy Yolish	SHELTON (Alt.)
Julia McNamee	TRUMBULL (Alt.)
David Felton	WESTON
Robert Harrington	WESTPORT
Debbie Low	WILTON (Secretary)

C.E.S.: **PRESENT:** Charles Dumais, Chris La Belle, Lori Elliott, Eric Nyquist, Anna Nelmes-Stoughton, Peggy Sullivan, Mike McGrath, Suzanne Clement, Stephanie Wanzer. **ABSENT:** Ivy Guzman. **GUESTS:** Bill Heaney, Bryan Pennington, Venman & Associates (auditors).

REGULAR MEETING**I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

President Andy George called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Quorum was confirmed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion Becky Hamman and seconded by Dennis Condon, the minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stephanie Wanzer thanked the Board for their on-going support. Stephanie also reported that she is heading up the Pluck-A-Feather Thanksgiving Food Drive (flyer in board packet) to help CES student families in need during the holidays. Instructions for donations (gift

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1 cards or payment via Venmo) are explained in the flyer. If anyone has
2 any questions, please email or call Barb Pace.

- 3 • Venman & Co. Auditors: Peggy Sullivan introduced Bill Heaney and
4 Bryan Pennington, auditors, who presented a brief overview of the
5 preliminary audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. A final
6 report will be presented for acceptance at the January meeting. (See
7 minute mark 5:25 on meeting link for auditors' presentation. Link on
8 page 2.)
- 9 • Board Member recognition: Chip Dumais recognized Debbie Low,
10 outgoing Wilton representative and current board secretary, for her
11 years of service on the CES Representative Council. Debbie was a
12 longtime Wilton Board of Education member as well as a retired
13 superintendent. We will miss you, Deb!

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15 **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

16 On a motion by Kate Kutash and seconded by Marie Petitti, the Consent
17 Agenda was unanimously approved.

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19 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

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21 1. **Approval of Nominating Committee:** On a motion by Andy George and
22 seconded by Becky Hamman, the Council approved the appointment of
23 Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig and Laura Gibbons as chair and co-chair,
24 respectively, of the 2023 Nominating Committee to present a slate of
25 candidates for election at the January 12, 2023 meeting.
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27 2. **Approval of 2023-24 Calendars:** On a motion by Andy George and
28 seconded by Kate Kutash, the Board unanimously approved the 2023-24
29 calendars as presented.
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31 3. **Policy revisions/updates:** On a motion by Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig and
32 seconded by Andy George, the Board unanimously approved the
33 revisions/updates to the following policies:
34 Policy 3.001 Non-Discrimination Policy; Policy No. 5.010 Sick Leave Policy;
35 Policy 6.002 Policy and Administrative Procedures Concerning Protection of
36 Children from Abuse; Policy 6.004 Policy Concerning School Attendance
37 and Truancy; Policy 6.008 Policy Concerning Student Discipline and
38 Dismissal Actions from CES Programs.
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40 4. **CES Annual Report 2021-22:** Copies were mailed to all Board members,
41 district superintendents and RESC directors. If anyone would like additional
42 copies, please contact Barb Pace. Chip thanked Chris La Belle and his
43 office for their work on the calendars.
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VI. REPORTS: Click link below for complete video of meeting; (See minute mark 25:55 for reports and district discussion.)
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o3Gq_JEmAeCbNpj3wmoed2EHt0S8Au5I/view?usp=drive_web

1. **Representative Council President** – Andy George
2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais
3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris La Belle
4. **Director, Professional Development Services** – Lori Elliott
5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts** – Eric Nyquist
6. **Principal, Six to Six** – Anna Nelmes-Stoughton
7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan
8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath
9. **Director, School Readiness** – Ivy Guzman
10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement

VII. DISTRICT DISCUSSION – see meeting link above.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Becky Hamman, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pace
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Recording Secretary

**WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
SEE YOU IN JANUARY**