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**MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

PRESENT:

Nick Kapoor - MONROE
Tina Malhotra - RIDGEFIELD
Kate Kutash - SHELTON (**Vice President**)
Andy George - STAMFORD (**President**)
Becky Hamman - STAMFORD
Andrea Corcoran - STRATFORD
Julia McNamee - TRUMBULL (Alt.)
Marie Petitti - TRUMBULL
David Felton - WESTON
Debbie Low - WILTON (**Secretary**)

ABSENT:

John Weldon - BRIDGEPORT
VACANT - DARIEN
VACANT - EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9
VACANT - FAIRFIELD
Karen Hirsh - GREENWICH
VACANT - NEW CANAAN
Robert Harrington - WESTPORT

C.E.S.:

PRESENT: Charles Dumais, Chris LaBelle, Lori Elliott, Eric Nyquist, Anna Nelmes-Stoughton, Peggy Sullivan, Mike McGrath, Ivy Guzman, Suzanne Clement, Stephanie Wanzer

ANNUAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM – Executive Director Dr. Charles Dumais called the Annual Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Quorum was confirmed. Chip asked all members and administrators to introduce themselves and give a brief description of their district background.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

Based on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee (Andy George and Debbie Low), the following Slate of Officers for 2021 was presented: Andy George (President); Kate Kutash (Vice President) and Debbie Low (Secretary). There were no nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, Chip asked for a vote by the Council on the slate of officers presented: all were in favor with no nays and no abstentions. Chip offered his congratulations and thanks to Andy, Kate and Debbie on their appointments and thanked to Debbie and Andy for coordinating the nomination process.

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2 **III. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

3 Andy advised that at this time there are no nominees for the standing
4 committees. If anyone else is interested in joining these committees, please
5 contact Andy or Barb directly.
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7 **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

8 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Board
9 unanimously voted to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 3:11 p.m.
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11 **REGULAR MEETING**

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13 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

14 President Andy George called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. Quorum was
15 confirmed.
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17 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

18 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Debbie Low the minutes of the
19 November 4, 2021 were unanimously approved.
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21 **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 22 • Stephanie Wanzer welcomed everyone back for the New Year and
23 thanked the C.E.S. administration for their work with the union in regard
24 to finalizing the teachers' contract as well as the ongoing COVID
25 situation.
- 26 • Chris Hocker, Foundation Board of Directors' Member – Chip will contact
27 Chris about reporting at a future meeting
- 28 • Public Comments – none received
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30 **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

31 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the consent
32 agenda was unanimously approved.
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34 **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 35 1. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Debbie Low, the Council
36 unanimously adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing
37 the tentative agreement with CESEA and invited Chip Dumais and Peggy
38 Sullivan to sit in on the session.
- 39 2. Return to Regular Session
- 40 3. Ratification of the 2022-25 Teachers' Contract: On a motion by Andy
41 George and seconded by Becky Hamman, the Council unanimously ratified
42 the Teachers' Contract for the period effective July 1, 2022 through June
43 30, 2025. Andy George motioned to make an amendment to the foregoing
44 motion to add the sentence: "and to authorize the Council president to
45 execute the contract." Motion was seconded by Mary Ellen Flaherty-

1 Ludwig. Both the main motion and the amendment to the motion were
2 unanimously approved.
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4 **VI. REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 17:50 FOR THE START OF REPORTS &**
5 **DISTRICT CONCERNS IN LINK BELOW**
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- 7 1. **Representative Council President** – Andy George
- 8 2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais
- 9 3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris LaBelle
- 10 4. **Director, Professional Development Services** – Lori Elliott
- 11 5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts** – Eric Nyquist
- 12 6. **Principal, Six to Six** – Anna Nelmes-Stoughton
- 13 7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan
- 14 8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath
- 15 9. **Director, School Readiness** – Ivy Guzman
- 16 10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement

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18 **Link:** https://youtu.be/TvZEO_qtkm0
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21 **VII. DISTRICT CONCERNS**
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23 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT** On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate
24 Kutash, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m.
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27 Respectfully submitted,

28 *Barbara Pace*

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30 Recording Secretary