

**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 ( <b>Vice President</b> )
Andy George	STAMFORD ( <b>President</b> )
Becky Hamman	STAMFORD
Andrea Corcoran	STRATFORD
Marie Petitti	TRUMBULL

**ABSENT:**

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

**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 by 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](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*  
Barbara Pace  
Recording Secretary

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