

**Connections Public Charter School**  
**Governing Board Minutes**  
**April 10, 2017**  
**Kress Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 3:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** Mrs. McClary called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Tierney McClary, Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher, Libby Oshiyama, Bill Thorpe

**Members Absent:** Alison Villiarimo, Amanda Uowolo, Jonelle Fukushima, Alvina Kaho'onei

**Guests:** none

**Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was passed with consensus.*

**Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2017 Meeting:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to accept the minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:** none

**Correspondence & Communication:** none

**Financial Officer's Report:**

**Members reviewed and discussed the March 2017 Operations Statement.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to accept the March 2017 Operations Statement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

**Operations Report:**

**Financial Officer's Report:** Dr. Oshiyama reported on her review of the financial expenditures. She commented on an expenditure for furniture for next school year for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, which will support the Learning Cultures model. The money came from Title I funds.

**Approval of Financial Statements:** Mr. Thatcher noted that the interest income was almost double of what was projected.

*A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve the Financial Statements for January and February. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

**Operations Report:**

**Connections received \$31,735.69 in Title I reimbursements and the remaining 25% allocation of Impact Aid funds, \$28,058.84.**

**There was a large expenditure in the Training and Development Title I account for airfare to send 7 teachers and 1 administrator to the 2017 SDE National Conference in Las Vegas, NV, in July, and 1 teacher and 2 educational assistants to the 2017 Midwest Arts Integration Conference in Madison, WI in April. These funds are part of the latest revision to the 2016-2017 Title I Plan.**

**The Contingency account contains a \$51,067.50 payment toward the purchase of a new bus, which should be ready for use at or around the start of the next school year. The amount represents a half down payment.**

**Administrators Report:**

⑩ Current enrollment: 371

⑩ Mr. Thatcher reported a flaw in the Commission's calculation for data for graduation rates. The school is penalized for students who are retained at another school and don't graduate on time from Connections.

⑩ Mr. Thatcher reported

#### **Title I/Student Achievement Report**

⑩ The Title I Plan includes accommodations for interventions for additional support for academically at-risk students. It is a four-year plan that includes Connections' strengths and challenges. There is a focus on some non-curricular professional development for teachers, to improve developing supportive relationships with students.

#### **Old Business**

⑩ HGEA Grievance: The deputy AG reports that she has had no response from HGEA regarding selection of an arbitrator.

#### **New Business:**

⑩ Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none

⑩ Calendar Change : Members were presented with an updated version of the SY 2017-2018 calendar, including Teachers Institute Day (February 16) and the semester break. The suggested changes will be presented to grade levels for their input before returning to the Board for approval.

⑩ Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: tabled

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 2017 at 3:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** 4:45 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Heather McDaniel**

*Connections Governing Board Secretary*