

Connections Public Charter School
LSB Minutes, December 14, 2015
Kress Building, Room 107

Call to Order: Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 3:37pm.

Members Present: Heather McDaniel, Libby Oshiyama, John Thatcher, William Thorpe, and Alvina Kaho'onei and Amanda Uowolo

Members Absent: Tierney McClary and JoNelle Fukushima

Other Attendees: Sandy Kelley as recorder

Guests Present: none

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes for November 16, 2015 Meeting:

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to accept the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

Operations Report

Financial Officer's Report:

The Financial Officer came once since the last board meeting. Purchase Orders were checked for accuracy. Bank statements were reviewed and it was observed that there were a few uncashed checks. It was noted that the school is paying for 22 students to attend college classes which is a requirement for graduation.

Approval of Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to accept the November 2015 Operations Statement. The motion was seconded by a Mrs. Uowolo and passed with consensus.

Business Manager's Report:

There were no Epicenter tasks requested or submitted since the last board meeting.

The second per pupil allocation (30%) was received in the amount of \$758,341. The per pupil amount increased from \$6520, the projected amount used in our budget, to \$6846. That is \$326 more per pupil. This is an increase of \$116,708. Last years per pupil was \$6315.02

The Collective Bargaining allocation was deposited into our bank account. The amount of \$71,420.12 is 90% of the total allocation promised. It is unclear whether the \$2000 lump sum bonus to teachers negotiated by HSTA is included.

The school received a FICA Medicare reimbursement of \$33,903.50, for the last quarter of 2014-2015 school year.

No Impact Aid funds have been received for this school year and we are expensing funds from the previous year according to agreement with the Commission office.

Continuing to work on Affordable Care Act spreadsheet for IRS reporting. The bulk of the information has been uploaded to the Ceridian Payroll system. The work left to do before the last payroll of the year is to add detail for part time employees for year 2015.

Administrators Report:

- **Current enrollment: 349 (65 are SPED)**
- **The HTYN is pulling John Cory as the regional director and reorganizing due to lack of funding. They want to start a different division and possibly have Connections as the organizer for the regional group. There will be no additional allocation from the Network promised in an MOU and due February 2015.**
- **The Board of Education is looking at all their policies. The Board's Family Involvement Policy has changed. The new policy puts emphasis on communication at the teacher level (such as, if student is failing the parent needs to be notified). New policy encourages the development of systems where there is more regular communication with the parents. Mr. Thatcher has updated the school's policy and it was presented to board members and discussed.**
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to accept the Family and Community Engagement/ Partnership Policy, to replace the previous Parent Involvement Policy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Uowolo and passed with consensus.
- **An HSTA Grievance was received against the school regarding the teacher bonuses.**
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to acknowledge the receipt of the HSTA grievance and authorize Ms. Oshiyama, Board Vice Chair, to sign the acknowledgment for Tierney McClary, the Board chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thorpe and passed with consensus.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to go into Executive Session at 4:48 pm. to discuss Authorizers for Charter Schools in Hawaii. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and passed with consensus.

Action: none

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to go out of Executive Session at 4:56pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and passed with consensus.

Title I

- **Status of Title I Plans: SY 2015-2016 plan has been revised and approved. January 2016 will start the planning for the SY 2016-2017 Title I plan.**
- **No Child Left Behind has not been reauthorized and new plan is ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act. This act strengthens and expands on the role of community partners and high-quality intermediary organizations.**
- **Student Achievement: The HSA Science testing started today, December 14, 2015.**

Old Business

- **Kaumana Lease Assignment: Connections' request for reassignment of lease will be on the January agenda regarding adding CBESS to the lease.**
- **SY 2016-2017 Calendar –**
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to accept the 2016-2017 calendar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and passed with consensus.

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s): none**
- **Graduation Requirement Waiver Request: tabled**

Next Meeting: January 11, 2015 noon

Adjournment: 5:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Kelley, Connections Governing Board Recorder