

**Connections Public Charter School**  
**Governing Board Minutes**  
**February 13, 2017 draft**  
**Kress Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 3:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** Mrs. McClary called the meeting to order at 3:55 pm.

**Members Present:** Tierney McClary, Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher, Libby Oshiyama, Amanda Uowolo

**Members Absent:** Alison Villiarimo, Bill Thorpe, Jonelle Fukushima, Alvina Kaho'onei

**Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the agenda, with changes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Uowolo and was passed with consensus.*

**Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2017 Meeting:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClary and was approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:** none

**Correspondence & Communication:** none

**Financial Officer's Report:**

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

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

**Operations Report:**

- Mrs. McDaniel reported that the draft calendar for next school year was presented to staff. There has been some discussion of the need for possible changes.
- Mrs. McDaniel reported that Ms. Carol Gray and Mr. Kristen Kua have been asked to be additional check signers.
- Connections received Collective Bargaining funds for this year in the amount of \$58,373.27.
- HGEA members received raises effective January according to contract: BU 3 and 4 members receive a 1.6% increase, BU 13 members receive a 3.5% increase. Statutory dues increased for all bargaining units, with increases differing according to salary amounts.
- According to the Title I revision, approved 1/10/17, four new positions have been added, which will be classroom support. Funds were added for classroom supplies and equipment that enhance the Learning Cultures environment. Funds also were added to support additional Learning Cultures coaching to assist teachers with implementation of the program.
- Connections will continue to receive DOD fresh fruits and vegetables entitlements through this school year.

**Administrators Report:**

- Current enrollment: 368
- Mr. Thatcher reported on legislative bills that could affect us: Governing Boards may be required to become non-profits. Also, predicted education funding increases are being backtracked.
- Mr. Thatcher reported that a five-year charter term has been granted to Connections, to be up for renewal in 2022.

- **Mr. Thatcher asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the HGEA grievance pending.**

*A motion was made by Dr. Oshiyama to go into executive session at 4:08 to discuss the pending HGEA grievance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Uowolo and was passed with consensus.*

*Members discussed the grievance.*

*A motion was made by Mrs. Uowolo to maintain the Board's position in the matter of the HGEA grievance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Dr. Oshiyama to go out of executive session at 4:20. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Uowolo and was approved with consensus.*

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

- **Title I: Work is proceeding to finalize the template for next year's plan. The student achievement component will include the Degrees of Reading Power (DPR) test, replacing DIBELS and the IOWA test. The second round of the DPR was just completed.**

#### **Old Business**

- none

#### **New Business:**

- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: tabled**
- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none**

**Next Meeting: March 13, 2017 at 3:30 pm.**

**Adjournment: 4:25 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Heather McDaniel**

***Connections Governing Board Secretary***