

# Connections Public Charter School

## Governing Board Minutes

July 18, 2016

Kress Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 12:00 noon

**Call to Order:** Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm.

**Members Present:** Tierney McClary, Heather McDaniel, Libby Oshiyama, John Thatcher, William Thorpe, Alvina Kaho'onei, JoNelle Fukushima

**Members Absent:** Amanda Uowolo

**Other Attendees:** none

**Guests Present:** none

### **Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion was made by Dr. Oshiyama to approve the agenda, with changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and passed with consensus.*

Mrs. McClary arrived at 12:25 and assumed the chair.

### **Approval of Minutes for May 31, 2016 Meeting:**

*A motion was made by Dr. Oshiyama to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:** none

**Correspondence & Communication:** none

### **Financial Officer's Report:**

**The Financial Officer came once since the last board meeting. Purchase Orders were checked for accuracy. Bank statements were reviewed. Nothing was found to be unusual.**

### **Approval of Financial Statements:**

*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to accept the June 2016 Operations Statement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and passed with consensus.*

*Ms. Oshiyama reviewed the Purchase Orders and financials. Nothing was unusual or inappropriate. Most expenditures were repairs and supplies. Dr. Oshiyama reported that the account clerk works with her in a very competent and thorough manner.*

**Operations Report:** Mrs. McDaniel reported on preliminary audit work.

### **Administrators Report:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thorpe at 1:00 to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was approved by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to go out of executive session at 1:05, and was seconded by Mr. Thorpe and approved with consensus. No action was reported.*

- **Current enrollment: 326**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on the progress of the new facilities in Kress theater space**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on filing testimony with Charter commission regarding the process for hiring their new director.**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported that he will attend by phone the Commission meeting today at 2pm, regarding charter reauthorization and ESSA plans**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported on the new legal requirement for reporting minutes. Votes will be recorded. Members may require that their comments be recorded.**
- **Mr. Thatcher reported that the school will be showing Most Likely to Succeed on July 28, 3pm and 6pm, for staff and families to support understanding of Learning Cultures model and new ideas of teaching.**

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

- **Status of Title I Plans: Mr. Thatcher reported that the plan would be approved, but is not sure when. We will move forward with Learning Cultures model, as cited in the plan.**
- **Student Achievement: Two Connections students traveled to Cambodia with staff member Mr Kua. East West Center personnel, along with Maya Sotoro Ing, were impressed and invited them to participate in a program in Hiroshima.**

#### **Old Business**

- **Kaumana Lease Assignment: The attorney continues to work with DLNR as needed to add CBESS to the Kaumana property lease.**

#### **New Business:**

- **Approval of New Substitute Teacher(s): Two names were submitted, one new and one renewal.**  
*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve the new substitutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher, and was approved with consensus.*  
**Dr. Oshiyama shared her experience of the process of becoming a substitute.**
- **Staff List Modification: Mr Thatcher shared the changes in the staff list. The list will be provided for approval in September.**
- **Personal Property Liability Policy: Mrs. McDaniel proposed adopting a policy releasing Connections from liability for loss, theft or damage of students' personal property.**  
*A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to approve the CPCS Policy on Liability for Theft or Loss of Personal Property. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama, and was approved with consensus.*
- **Seat Board Members for SY 2016-2017: Mr Thatcher made a motion to have current members continue in their current roles, and work to fill the vacant parent seat. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei, and was approved with consensus.**

**Next Meeting: August 8, 2016**

**Adjournment: 1:50 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:  
Heather McDaniel**

***Connections Governing Board Secretary***