

Connections Public Charter School
Governing Board Minutes
June 13, 2017
Kress Building, 3rd floor, 12 noon

Call to Order: Mrs. McClary called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

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

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

Guests: Cathleen St. George

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: Mrs. St. George described an incident at a school event at the beach on Thursday June 8 involving herself, a Board Member and a former employee.

Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2017 Meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to accept the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Correspondence & Communication:

Mrs. McDaniel shared a statement of disclosure for potential conflict of interest from Eric Boyd, Connections' employee.

Dr. Oshiyama arrived at 12:40.

Mr. Thorpe submitted his letter of resignation from the Governing Board. He will no longer be an employee of Connections upon his resignation in July. Mr. Thorpe excused himself from the meeting at 12:45.

Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Oshiyama reported on review of expenditures, and noted professional development expenditures.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Members reviewed and discussed the Operations Statement for May 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the Financial Statements for May 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fukushima and was approved with consensus.

Operations Report:

Mrs. McDaniel reported that the Commission corrected the error made in charging erate fees. Connections received a \$6350.43 credit this month.

Mrs. McDaniel reported the school received a \$9336.60 allocation of Federal Compact Impact Aid funds. These are Federal funds provided by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior to partially reimburse schools for the cost of educating students originating from Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau who are allowed to live in the U.S. under the Compact of free association with the federal government.

Mrs. McDaniel reported on \$6913.50 in the Contracted Services account for two skills trainers from Bayada. These services are to be paid out of SpEd funds, which have not yet been received.

Mrs. McDaniel reported that two school events, May Day and graduation, were successful, and both came in under budget.

Administrators Report:

- **Current enrollment: the year ended at 369.**
- *Mr. Thatcher made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an issue with a board member at 1pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus. Members came out of executive session at 1:15pm. A motion was made by Ms. Fukushima to remove Mrs. Villiarimo from the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

Title I/Student Achievement Report

- **The Title I Plan SY 2017-2018**
Mr. Thatcher reported that the plan has been approved. He discussed the significance of test scores and transiency vs. long-term enrollment in our student population. Any changes to the budget will be brought to the next meeting.
- **Mr. Thatcher reported that he received a list of potential grievance arbitrators. He will not be approving anyone on the list. The Hawaii Labor Relations Board will provide a second list.**

Old Business

- **None**

New Business:

- **Charter Contract Signatory Resolution**
Members discussed the resolution.
A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to direct Mr. Thatcher to sign the Charter Contract Resolution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.
- **Staff Recommendations SY 2017-2018: Mr. Thatcher discussed a preliminary list, to be reviewed for official approval in September.**
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: Mr. Thatcher and Mrs. McDaniel will present a proposal for some revisions to the current By Laws at the next meeting.**
- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none**

Next Meeting: August 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment: 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather McDaniel

Connections Governing Board Secretary