

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

November 9, 2020

Via googlemeets 3:30 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Members Present: John Thatcher, Shinji Salmoiraghi, Elsie Hayashi, Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Jerri Potter, Cheryl Gravela, (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

Members Absent: Jonelle Fukushima, Alvina Kaho'onei

Guests: Romeo Garcia

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2020 meeting: Members reviewed minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.

Public Input:

Correspondence & Communication:

Old Business

- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** The committee will present questions to board members prior to the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers:** A list of Connections' support staff members was presented as new substitutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the list of substitutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with one member abstaining (Mr. Thatcher).

- **Approval of Check Signers:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Hayashi to approve the new list of check signers for the First Hawaiian Bank secondary Kaumana account, to include Romeo Garcia, Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher and Damon Murphy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies:** tabled

Commission School Lead Report: tabled

Operations Report:

Operations Status:

Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Oshiyama reviewed the Balance Sheet and found it to be appropriate. Purchases will be reviewed and questions clarified.

- **Approval of Financial Statements:** tabled pending review of purchases

Title I/Student Achievement Report:

- **Status of Title I Plan SY 20-21:** Mr. Thatcher reported on the SY 20-21 plan. There are no revisions and no changes. Student test data will be provided.
- **Student Achievement:** STAR testing will begin in November. There will be challenges with standardized testing due to schools operating with distance learning.

Administrator's Report:

- **Current enrollment:** 357.
- **SY 20-21 Covid Emergency Plan Status Report:** Mr. Thatcher presented the newly released Hawaii DOH guidance for schools. We will use it as a guideline for our learning model.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to use the Department of Health Guidance For Schools to inform our decision making for learning models. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.

- **Kaumana Property Report:** *The committee met once. Mr. Thatcher contacted the mayor-elect, Mr. Roth, regarding the upcoming sustainability conference. Mr. Thatcher offered the school's support. The Farm to School grant presentation is scheduled for tomorrow, November 10. Hawaii Agriculture Foundation grant for our employees. A decision will be made as to Connections' participation.*
- **Other Items:**

Approval of Audit: The audit result from Carbonaro and Associates was provided for members to review.

A motion was made by Dr. Oshiyama to approve the audit from Carbonaro and Assoc. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter. Discussion: Ms. Potter requested an earlier opportunity to review audits results in the future. The motion was approved with consensus.

Mr. Thatcher presented the SY 21-22 calendar. Questions arose regarding scheduling and the possibilities of furloughs after December. Changes may be made to the calendar with Board approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the draft calendar for SY 21-22. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment: 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shinji Salmoiraghi

Connections Governing Board Chair