

**Connections Public Charter School**  
**Governing Board Minutes**  
**June 4, 2018**  
**Kress Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 3:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

**Members Present:** Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher, Kate Wines, Libby Oshiyama, Damien DeMello, Lori Loftin

**Members Absent:** Jonelle Fukushima, Alvina Kaho'onei, Amanda Uowolo

**Guests:** none

**Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Wines to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loftin and was approved with consensus.*

**Approval of Minutes for April 24, 2018 meeting:** *A motion was made by Mr. DeMello to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:** none

**Correspondence & Communication:** Mrs. Wines presented a letter stating her resignation after today's meeting. The Board expressed their appreciation for her participation.

**Operations Report**

**Financial Officer's Report:** Dr. Oshiyama reported reviewing financial documents and finding no conflicts or concerns. She commended staff for their excellent job of managing finances.

**Approval of Financial Statements:**

Members reviewed and discussed the April Operations Statements.

*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve the Financial Statement for April 2018. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.*

**Administrator's Report:**

•**Current enrollment:** 347

•**Mr. Thatcher reported on attendance fluctuations due to recent and current natural disasters. Members discussed related impacts on staff, students and community.**

•**Mr. Thatcher reported on the vision for next year's curriculum, to include a focus on use of new specific technologies. He asked the Board to consider a waiver from teacher evaluations for next year for those teachers who choose to participate in use of these technologies, to allow for flexibility in the learning process and application of the new tools.**

*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to grant an annual waiver of teacher evaluations for those who will be participating in the use of new educational technologies introduced by administration, with the provision that the waiver can be revoked with Board approval if necessary. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMello and was approved with consensus.*

•**Mr. Thatcher proposed adding an authorized designee (Heather McDaniel) in addition to Eric Boyd to sign documents on his behalf, as needed.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to authorize Mrs. McDaniel in addition to Eric Boyd to sign appropriate documents on his behalf, as needed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loftin and was approved with consensus.*

**Other items:**

•**Mr. Thatcher reported on two grants applied for by CBESS, with some guidance from HTYN. Both grants were awarded. Connections will take the lead in dispersing funds among participating schools.**

*A motion was made by Mr. DeMello to go into executive session at 4:00 to discuss dispersal of funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mr. DeMello to go out of executive session at 4:25. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.*

•**Mr. Thatcher discussed an incident involving individuals from a local activist organization who engaged Connections students, parents and staff outside the school at dismissal time on Friday, May 25, 2018.**

*Mr. Thatcher made a motion to go into executive session at 4:30 to discuss the incident. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMello and was approved with consensus.*

*Mr. DeMello made a motion to go out of executive session at 5:10. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to amend the Board's Public Input Conditions Statement to ensure that public input at a Board meeting may be limited to 3 minutes per topic, at the discretion of the Board chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and was approved with consensus.*

**Title I/Student Achievement Report**

•**Mr Thatcher reported that the SY 2018-2019 Title I plan is complete, and has been submitted for approval.**

•**Student Achievement: Standardized test results from SY 207-2018 will be available in the Fall.**

**Old Business**

- **Kaumana Special Use Permit Status:** Mrs. McDaniel reported that according to attorney Ted Hong, a decision on the appeal to Intermediate Court regarding the application for Special Use Permit for the Kaumana property co-leased by Connections Public Charter School and CBESS is expected in early Summer 2018.
- **Administrator Evaluation Process:** Mrs. McDaniel reported that members and others continue to review a template to form the framework for the evaluation instrument for Connections Administrator. Members plan to form an ad hoc committee in August to proceed with the process.

**New Business:**

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers**  
*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve adding a new substitute to Connections' list. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.*
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: Members discussed a proposed change to the Discipline Policy. The Policy will be reviewed for proposed changes in August.**
- **Staff Recommendations SY 18-19**  
**Mr. Thatcher presented the staff recommendations list for next school year, 2018-2019.**  
*Mr. Thatcher made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the staff recommendations list for SY 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mr. DeMello to go out of executive session with no actions taken. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to approve the preliminary staff recommendations list for SY 2018-2019, to be reviewed for final approval in September. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loftin and was approved with consensus.*

**Next Meeting: August 13, 2018 at 3:30 pm.**

**Adjournment: 5:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by:  
Heather McDaniel  
*Connections Governing Board Secretary***