

Connections Public Charter School
Governing Board Minutes
February 12, 2018
Kress Building, 3rd floor, 3:30 pm

Call to Order: Dr. Oshiyama called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Members Present: Heather McDaniel, John Thatcher, Kate Wines, Libby Oshiyama, Amanda Uowolo, Alvina Kaho'onei

Members Absent: Jonelle Fukushima, Tierney McClary

Guests: none

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wines to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes for January 18, 2018 Meeting:

A motion was made by Ms. Kaho'onei to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

Financial Officer's Report: Dr. Oshiyama reported reviewing financial documents and finding no conflicts or concerns. Expenditures are appropriate.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Members reviewed and discussed the January Operations Statement.

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

Operations Report:

- Mrs. McDaniel reported that the first half of the State REACH grant funds were received, in the amount of \$7500. UPW Collective Bargaining funds were received in the amount of \$5942.37. \$4609.74 was received for Title I reimbursements. \$97696.14 was received for Impact Aid funds.
- Mrs. McDaniel reported the following notable expenses: \$4607.40 for air fare to send three staff members to the EdTech Teacher Summit in Palm Springs, paid for with Title IIA funds. \$5673.54 was paid for air fare for four of the fourteen staff participants going to the ISN Conference in Wisconsin in April. That expense comes out of Title I funds. \$6525.95 was spent on the purchase of file cabinets to store student records and personnel/financial records on the third floor.
- Mrs. McDaniel reported on notable payroll items: BU 03/04 received a 1.5% raise; BU 06 received a Step Movement; All BUs had a slight increase in statutory dues; minimum wage increased to \$10.10 per hour.

Administrator's Report:

•**Current enrollment:** 355

•**Mr. Thatcher reported on work for grants, some of which go through the non-profit CBESS. 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant proposal for \$450,000 was submitted on February 9, 2018. A \$150,000 legislative GIA grant proposal was submitted to support the Makery and Studio Shaka programs. A DOE Innovations grant proposal for \$250,000 was submitted to support participation of lower grades in the Makery program, with their classroom teachers.**

•**Mr. Thatcher reported on communication from Mrs. McClary, Board Chair. She offered her resignation from the Board due to ongoing health issues.**

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to accept Mrs. McClary's resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus. The Board wishes to express deep appreciation for Mrs. McClary's work.

Members discussed changes in Board officers to fill the position of Chair.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wines to seat Dr. Oshiyama as Chair for the duration of this term, ending in July. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Uowolo and was approved with consensus.

Title I/Student Achievement Report

•**Mr Thatcher reported that a 9th grade Connections high school student who is in accelerated math courses at UH Hilo is working on developing a National Honor Society chapter at Connections.**

Old Business

•**Administrator Evaluation Process:** Mrs. McDaniel reported that members are continuing to work on forming an ad hoc committee to develop the evaluation process.

•**HGEA Grievance:** Mrs. McDaniel reported on the opinion of the deputy AG that the Board's decision not to accept the Union's settlement offer is not in our best interest, and asked for a counter offer. Mrs. McDaniel suggested an offer of a two-week salary/severance. Mr. Thatcher expressed disagreement.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDaniel to present a counter offer of a two-week severance, approximately \$1700. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kaho'onei and was passed by a majority vote. The votes in favor were Ms. Kaho'onei, Mrs. McDaniel and Dr. Oshiyama. The dissenting votes were Mrs. Wines and Mr. Thatcher.

New Business:

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

•**SY 2018-2019 Calendar**

Members reviewed the draft calendar for SY 2018-2019, developed with staff input.

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the SY 2018-2019 calendar. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wines and was approved with consensus.

•**Approval of New Substitutes:** none

Next Meeting: March 12, 2018 at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment: 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather McDaniel

Connections Governing Board Secretary