

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

March 20, 2023

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

Members Present: Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Pam Thatcher, Damon Murphy, John Thatcher, Gerald Taber, Anna Madrid
(Xiomara Mejia, Recorder)

Members Absent: Christina Wilbourn

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, John Woolverton, Shinji Salmoiraghi, Cade Loftin, Michael Fischer, Alicia Porter, PJ Foehr, Jason Schwerdtfeger, Romona Ridley

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the draft agenda for the March 20, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the agenda for March 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes February 21, 2023 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on February 21, 2023. A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.

Seating of Board Members: Members discussed seating of new members. Discussion to seat Michael Fischer as a community representative. A motion was made by Mr. Taber to seat Mr. Fischer as a new community representative. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.

Food Program Update: Mr. Salmoiraghi delivered an update. Mr. Salmoiraghi introduced Jason Schwerdtfeger, the new full time cook. Mr. Salmoiraghi and Mr. Schwerdtfeger plan to switch roles in July: Mr. Schwerdtfeger will be taking the role of Service manager and Mr. Salmoiraghi the role of cook. Among other tasks, Mr. Schwerdtfeger reports that he has been working on finding recipes and researching vendors. Kitchen received its Food Establishment permit through the Department of Health. Mr. Salmoiraghi and Mr. Schwerdtfeger will continue to work on keeping everything in compliance.

Public Input: tabled

Correspondence & Communication: tabled

Commission School Lead Report: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers:

Mr. Loftin brought forward a potential new long term substitute, Hayley Monday. Waiting on her background check. No approval yet.

Ms. Ridley asked for clarification regarding TSEAS substitutes vetted through DOE being of use for SpEd teachers. Members discussed and it was agreed that SpEd substitutes may be requested through TSEAS.

Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: none.

Old Business:

McRel Evaluation for Administrators

Mr. Bailey discussed the use of 5 points used for teacher evaluation and needing to get teacher input. Mrs. Thatcher volunteered to identify the teacher evaluation criteria. Members discussed timeline: when will teachers get information about the criteria they will be evaluated on. Administrator evaluation can be done this year. Mr. Murphy voiced the desire in using McRel for student testing as well.

Ms. Madrid asked where Student Government was with Student Dress Code. Need something this year so they know what to expect next year.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Woolverton to touch base with Mr. Herr regarding status.

Mr. Woolverton brought up Public Display of Affection policy.

Mr. Woolverton raised the need to reevaluate this policy. He will also touch base with Mr. Herr regarding this.

Operations Report:

Operations Status:

Financial Officer's Report: Members reviewed the financial statements for February 2023. Ms. Gravela discussed the report and addressed members' questions. Nothing of concern was noted.

Ms. Gravela shared a list of common expenses to be reviewed and reapproved.

Members reviewed the list. A motion was made by Mr. Fischer to approve the updated common expenses list. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the Financial Statement for February 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taber and was approved with consensus.

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 351

Title I Report: deadline to make sure everything stays in compliance is May 12.

Student Achievement Report: none

Kaumana Property Report: Mr. Thatcher CIA report had good additions and feedback.

Recommendations were for all building to stay 100ft buffer from cave. Mr. Thatcher discussed some of the advice that was included in the report. Supreme court will have to make a decision soon. Grants – upcoming meeting with USDA for FTS Grants. Possibility of extending grant for student workers to be able to work through the summer.

Other Items:

Mr. Murphy brought forward the need for approval for the purchase of a 15 passenger van. \$67,000 2020 Ford with a 4-year warranty, using ESSER III funds.

Members discussed the justification of purchase. A motion was made by to purchase passenger van by Mr. Fischer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and approved with consensus.

Mr. Murphy reported progress on recertification. Asbestos report just completed, still working to be in compliance by May 15.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel matters and personal issues, including all school employees as guest and Ms. Mejia as recorder. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and approved with consensus.

Ms. Madrid made a motion to leave executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taber and approved with consensus.

Mr. Bailey adjourned meeting.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Kirk Bailey

Connections Governing Board Chair