

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes *DRAFT*

May 15, 2023

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:17pm.

Members Present: Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Pam Thatcher, Damon Murphy, Christina Wilbourn, Michael Fischer, John Thatcher, Gerald Taber
(Xiomara Mejia, Recorder)

Members Absent: Anna Madrid

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, John Woolverton, Cade Loftin, Romona Ridley

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the draft agenda for the May 15, 2023 meeting.
A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the agenda for May 15, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fischer and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes April 17, 2023 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on April 17, 2023.
A motion was made by Ms. Wilbourn to approve the April 17, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus. Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Taber abstained from voting due to absence from April's meeting.

Food Program Update: Mr. Murphy reported that the review for recertification with HCNIP is happening on site and over zoom this week.

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

Commission School Lead Report: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none

Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: Approval on Student Government Dress Code Guideline and Public Display of Affection Guideline.

Mr. Woolverton reported that the Student Government Dress Guideline has gone through Admin level for revision, and they have given the students feedback. On Friday (5/12/23) Mr. Woolverton will revisit the guideline during the leadership meeting. He will prepare a final draft for approval at the next governing board meeting. Members discussed.

Mr. Woolverton reported that the PDA Guideline will be finalized during the next school year.

Operations Report:

Operations Status - Financial Officer's Report:

Members reviewed the financial statements for April 2023. Ms. Gravela discussed the report and addressed members' questions. Ms. Gravela stated that there may need to be some ESSER funds moved around to cover payroll throughout summer school. Nothing of concern was noted.

Approval of Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the Financial Statement for April 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: 346

Title I Report: Mr. Murphy reported that the Title I Plan by was approved by the Charter School Commission.

Student Achievement Report: tabled

Kaumana Property Report:

Mr. Murphy reported that he met with DAG Richardson and Mr. Hong last week regarding going forward with Pacific Legacy. He will be working on and sending proposal next week on 15 acres. Mr. Murphy will check to see if we need to redo water and traffic reports.

Preliminary Approval of SY23-24 Employees

Mr. Murphy gave a list to board members of staff that is not returning or unsure about return.

Members discussed the recommendation brought forward by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Thatcher made a motion to approve the Preliminary Staff list of employees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.

Mr. Murphy stated that he asked staff who are unsure of return to notify him of final decision by May 18.

Other Items:

Mr. Murphy has set up a meeting in June with a McRel representative.

Mr. Murphy will be setting up a meeting with Jim Griffin and Mrs. Thatcher to get started on setting up database.

Fun Factory: Meeting was put off until June.

Mr. Thatcher brought forward House Bill 717

Gave an overview of the bill and made the clarification that nepotism means hiring someone that is not qualified for a job. Due to this bill, he no longer feels comfortable to continue to be on the board and will be resigning from the board in order to avoid any further complication. Members discussed.

Mr. Thatcher reminded the board of the 3 conditions for the contract renewal: lease signed for both Kress and property, board compliance, and test scores (closing the gap between high and low needs students.)

Mr. Murphy will need at least one board member to go with him to a Charter School Commission meeting to explain why we don't have a problem with our Governing Board by-laws. Mr. Thatcher showed a report that compares and gives proof of the growth the students are doing. Reports have been sent off and have been received.

Ms. Wilbourn invited the Board to Graduation 2pm Civic Center 5/27/2023.

Mr. Thatcher has officially resigned from the Board effective June 30, 2023.

Mr. Bailey dismissed at 4:26 pm.

Next Meeting: June 19 2023 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 4:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Kirk Bailey

Connections Governing Board Chair