

**Connections Public Charter School**

**Governing Board Minutes**

**June 30, 2022**

**Kress Building 11:00 am**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 11:06 am.

**Members Present:** Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Pam Thatcher, Anna Madrid, Ron Kim, Damon Murphy (designee for Romeo Garcia), Shinji Salmoiraghi (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

**Members Absent:** Christina Wilbourn

**Guests:** Cheryl Gravela, John Thatcher, Xiomara Mejia, John Woolverton

**Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.*

**Approval of Minutes June 6, 2022 meeting:** Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on June 6, 2022.

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:**

**Correspondence & Communication:** Mr. Salmoiraghi reported on the response on behalf of the Board regarding the anonymous complaints to the Commission.

**New Business:**

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: none

**Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies: Calendar change request:** Mr. Woolverton discussed a request from the secondary grade level to include Gr 9 students to attend on August 1 for their first day of next school year's calendar, along with kindergarten and Gr 7, as an introductory day. All other students attend beginning August 2.

**Members discussed a Complaint Policy adding a clause to the existing Complaint Procedure stating that the Board will not hear any anonymous complaints.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to make the change to the SY 22-23 calendar to include Gr 9 on the August 1 introductory day for the SY 22-23 calendar. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve a revision of the Complaint Procedure, making it a Governing Board Policy, to include the existing language and adding a clause stating that the Board will not accept or discuss anonymous complaints. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

**School Director/Principal Search Process:** Mr. Salmoiraghi presented a first draft of a job description for principal. The committee will continue to develop the job description.

**Members discussed an extension of the designation of Mr. Murphy as Interim Principal for the duration of the search process.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve appointing Mr. Murphy as Interim Principal for the duration of the Board's search for a permanent hire, or until the end of SY 22-23 when the vacancy will be reviewed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kim and was approved with majority vote, with Mr. Murphy abstaining.*

**Reduction In Force/Reorganization Process:**

**Mr. Murphy reported on discussions with employees whose positions were terminated.**

*A motion was made by Mrs. Thatcher to add placeholder positions for food service manager, farm manager and building superintendent to the recommended list of positions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid.*

*Discussion: Members discussed the positions. The motion was approved with consensus.*

*Mr. Murphy was excused for a brief meeting.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to appoint a current employee to the position of Farm Manager pending his scheduled interview. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid and was approved with consensus.*

**Members discussed the interim and long term plan for food service. Ms. Gravela reported that the decision was made by the SFA to enter into a short term contract with HCEOC for food service for students, pending the establishment of Connections' own kitchen and self-prep food service with a target date of January 2023.**

**SY 22-23 Calendar Revision: Mr. Woolverton shared the rationale for adding Gr 9 to the August 1 introductory day along with Gr K and Gr 7, with all other students starting on August 2.**

*Members revisited the motion from June 6: "A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to make the change to the SY 22-23 calendar to include Gr 9 on the August 1 introductory day. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy." The motion was approved with consensus.*

**SY 22-23 Board Membership and Officers**

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to appoint John Thatcher to the vacant community representative seat as of July 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.*

**Commission School Lead Report: Ms. Ka'ai was unable to attend due to bereavement leave.**

**Operations Report:**

**Financial Officer's Report: Members reviewed the financial statements for May, 2022. Mr. Bailey noted items of interest on the Operations Statement.**

**Approval of Financial Statements:**

*A motion was made by Ms. Madrid to approve the financial statements for May, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.*

**Title I/Student Achievement Report:**

**Status of Title I Plan SY 21-22: Mrs. Thatcher reported on Renaissance test data.**

**Student Achievement: tabled**

**Administrator's Report:**

**Current enrollment: tabled, pending summer transfers.**

**SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report: will continue with CDC guidelines. Vice Principal Mr. Woolverton will develop a Safety Committee for SY 22-23.**

**Kaumana Property Report: Mr. Thatcher reported that the FTS grant funds expire today. Notification for the grant for next school year has not been made. SY 22-23 will focus on agro-forestry.**

**The Special Use Permit appeal is pending.**

**Contract 3.0: Mr. Salmoiraghi reported that the contract had been signed, submitted and received.**

**Other Items: none**

**Next Meeting: July 18, 2022 at 3:00 pm.**

**Adjournment: 1:05 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Shinji Salmoiraghi**

***Connections Governing Board Chair***