

# Connections Public Charter School

## Governing Board Minutes

June 14, 2021

Kress Building 3:00 pm

**Call to Order:** Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

**Members Present:** John Thatcher, Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Jerri Potter, Cheryl Gravela, Shinji Salmoiraghi, Elsie Hayashi, (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

**Members Absent:** Alvina Kaho'onei

**Guests:** Romeo Garcia, Ron Kim

**Approval of Agenda:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher and was approved with consensus.*

**Approval of Minutes for May 24, 2021 meeting:** Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on May 24, 2021.

*A motion was made by Ms. Potter to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hayashi and was approved with consensus.*

**Public Input:** none

**Correspondence & Communication:** none

**New Business:**

- **Approval of New Substitute Teachers:** none
- **Review and Revision of Governing Board Policies:** tabled

**Commission School Lead Report:** tabled

**Operations Report:**

- **Operations Status:**

- **Financial Officer's Report:** Dr. Oshiyama and Mr. Bailey reported that they have reviewed expenditures and found them to be appropriate. Ms. Gravela Glowforge discussed a Purchase Order for a Glowforge laser cutter/engraver for the Makery program. The item cost exceeds what can be purchased without Board approval.

- **Approval of Financial Statements:** Members reviewed the Operations Statement. *A motion was made by Mrs. Hayashi to accept the May 2021 Operations Statements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.*

- **Title I/Student Achievement Report:**

**Status of Title I Plan SY 21-22:** Mr. Thatcher reported on the SY 21-22 plan. The end of the year report is complete. There still may be revisions. Mr. Thatcher will volunteer to continue to manage the Title I plan into next year.

**Student Achievement:** Mr. Thatcher reported that he is looking at increasing staff to support student success. Title I funds may also be spent on curriculum. Computer literacy instruction may become mandatory. Mr. Garcia reported that the testing participation rate was a challenge. Student report cards have gone out. High needs students are being encouraged to attend summer opportunities for credit recovery and reintegration into the school setting.

**Administrator's Report:**

- **Current enrollment:** 372
- **SY 21-22 Covid Health and Safety Plan Status Report:** The school will be maintaining the current plan through the summer. The plan may be modified based on Covid conditions at the end of summer.
- **Kaumana Property Report:** Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Garcia met with civil engineer Jeff Ross (Island Engineering) to discuss fire reserve catchment. Need a separate reservoir for fire safety. Based on size of structures. Working toward gazebo/pavilion structures. Mr. Ross also presented a solar aquatic system (sewage treatment) option.
- **Kaumana Special Use Permit hearing is scheduled for July 1, 2021.** CBESS is represented by Ted Hong. The Office of the Attorney General represents the school. Mr. Thatcher has indicated that we would prefer not to work with the Deputy AG Ushiroda, who does not support the relationship between CPCS and CBESS regarding facilities. Mr. Hong will address the concerns at the hearing.

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to decline representation by Deputy Attorney General Gregg Ushiroda in the hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey. Discussion: Mr. Salmoiraghi: would union issues would be represented by someone else from the AG? Mr. Thatcher: yes. Mr. Bailey: Can I have some clarification regarding the reason for the July 1 hearing? Mr. Thatcher: The hearing will determine which issues need to be addressed on August 1. Ms. Potter: What are the remaining issues? Mr. Thatcher: water usage, wastewater, fire reserve water. The motion was approved with consensus. Mr. Thatcher opened discussion regarding who represent the school's interests in the hearing. He suggested a team, to include Mr. Salmoiraghi, Mr. Garcia, and himself.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to approve Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Salmoiraghi to represent the interests of the school in the hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.*

- **Other Items: Members discussed the purchase order for the Glowforge.**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to approve the expenditure of \$5900 for a Glowforge for the Makery program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.*

- **Mr. Garcia reported on the recent Graduation, Ho'olaulea, and all staff luncheon to celebrate retirees.**

- **Executive session:**

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to go into executive session at 4: 40pm to discuss personnel matters, and to include Mr. Garcia and Mrs. McDaniel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hayashi and was approved with consensus.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Thatcher to go out of executive session at 5:07pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Potter and was approved with consensus.*

### **Old Business**

- **Administrator Evaluation Process: tabled. Mr. Thatcher also discussed a MCREL teacher evaluation tool.**

**Next Meeting: July 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm.**

**Adjournment: 5:09 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Shinji Salmoiraghi**

***Connections Governing Board Chair***