

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

June 19, 2023

Kress Building 3:15 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:23pm.

Members Present: Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Pam Thatcher, Damon Murphy, Michael Fischer, Anna Madrid
(Pam Thatcher, Recorder)

Members Absent:

Guests: Cheryl Gravela, Cade Loftin, Angelique Krygier, and Brianna Galdones

Approval of Agenda: Members reviewed the draft agenda for the June 19, 2023 meeting.

Ms. Madrid made a motion to move up agenda items that require votes to maintain quorum. She will not be able to attend the whole meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus. A motion was made by Mr. Fischer to approve the reorganized agenda for June 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Approval of Minutes May 15, 2023 meeting: Members reviewed the minutes from meeting on May 15, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Fischer to amend and approve the May 15, 2023 minutes to reflect the resignation of John Thatcher effective June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.

Food Program Update: none

Public Input: none

Correspondence & Communication: none

Commission School Lead Report: none

New Business:

Approval of New Substitute Teachers: Linas Kalvaitis, James Pickett

Motion to approve Linas Kalvaitis and James Pickett as substitute teachers was made by Ms. Thatcher. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.

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

John Woolverton will report next month. Concerns were discussed regarding conflicting guidelines within the new document presented. Also, concerns discussed regarding appropriate clothing for school as a training ground for future job opportunities. Ms. Krygier, security, brought concerns from parents of elementary students regarding inappropriate dress of older students. Mr. Murphy made a motion to postpone further dress code discussion until John Woolverton can attend next month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Request by Mr. Bailey to commend Christina Wilbourn for her work on graduation.

Operations Report:

Operations Status - Financial Officer's Report:

Members reviewed the financial statements for May 2023. Ms. Gravela discussed the report and addressed members' questions. She noted that today is June 19, 2023, and we still have not received our last 10% per pupil allotment, estimated at \$292,000. Damon Murphy will send an email to remind Danny Vasconcellos and Sora Jin.

Approval of Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Mr. Fischer to approve the Financial Statement for May 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved with consensus.

Expenses over \$5000:

Bus: *Repairs needed on the turbo are estimated at \$14,000. Board recommends that this be the last large repair done on this bus since so much money has been spent on repairs over the years.*

Cafeteria: *Proper tables for the cafeteria will cost \$29,000.*

Curricula: *New standards-based, vertically aligned math and ELA curricula will cost \$85,000.*

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve funds for bus repair, cafeteria tables, and curricula. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oshiyama and was approved with consensus.

Old Business:

Teacher/Administrator Evaluation System:

MCREL: *Our contact from MCREL resigned. We will look for someone who can help us with a low-to-no-cost evaluation system.*

Fun Factory Incentives: *Contact at Fun Factory will be back from the mainland next month. Ideas for academic incentives for students are being discussed.*

Administrator's Report:

Current enrollment: *Between 337-342. Summer transition with enrollment and exits is still ongoing.*

Title I Report: *New, 3-year Title I Plan was approved.*

Student Achievement Report: *According to the data, we still have a large achievement gap. We will need to provide evidence that the achievement gap is closing.*

Kaumana Property Report:

Mr. Fischer made a motion to allow Mr. Murphy to write an email to DLNR to ask for reduced rent at Kaumana. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was approved with consensus.

Other Items:

Charter Renewal: *Mr. Murphy scheduled a meeting with the Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter School Commission for June 27, 2023 to discuss student discipline and conditions of the charter renewal.*

Executive Session: *Mr. Murphy made a motion to go into executive session at 4:30pm regarding personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and approved with consensus and will include Ms. Gravela as guest. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to leave Executive Session at 4:35pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and approved with consensus. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to reaffirm Mr. Murphy's recommendations for employee rehire for the 2023-24 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fischer and was approved with consensus.*

Next Meeting: July 17 2023 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 4:38pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Kirk Bailey

Connections Governing Board Chair