

Ka'ōhao Public Charter School

Minutes of Board Meeting, January 22, 2020

Board Members Present:

Philip Whitesell, President
Winston Sakurai, School Director
Celia Miner
Espie Chapman
Kim Hanson, Treasurer/Secretary
David Root, via Zoom
Eun Strawser, Vice President
Cynthia Hunter
Brian Canevari
Jim Swieter

Community Members Present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe
Angela Xoinis, KSO Board - Membership
Josh DeWeer, Charter School Commission

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2019.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the November Minutes was moved by Dr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Community Input:

- None.

3. KSO Report: Angela Xoinis, KSO Board Member

- The 22nd Century Classroom project from last auction has pretty much been completed, so the teachers and students are happy with their new classroom setups.
- The auction is moving along nicely, we are still looking for donations (primarily items to be auctioned).
- Dr. Strawser requested ticket counts and asked if we have a target cost for the new communication systems. We are about 140 tickets and we do not have an estimate on the new system, but Hawaiian Telecom is coming out tomorrow to evaluate.

4. PCNC Report: Espie Chapman, PCNC

- We have been having many tours for new GE applicants for the 2020-2021 school year.

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Kim Hanson

- We received the budget today and will report on it at the February board meeting. We need to check on payroll and make sure it is on target. We also need to account for the shade depreciation that will start this month.
- Ms. Miner moved to approve the budget for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Hunter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Nominating Committee Report: Cynthia Hunter

- We've continued discussion about term limits and who is where on their terms. We also need to adjust our bylaws to reflect the term limits that will protect the school from having many members leaving in the same year.
- Dr. Hunter moved to amend the bylaws to state that "Effective July 1, 2020, Governing Board members are limited to two consecutive terms but may stand for reappointment after a one-year hiatus". Dr. Strawser seconded. Mrs. Hanson stated that this might not be good for the

school because finding new board members is very difficult, and we have not been practicing this in the past. Dr. Sakurai said that he truly appreciates our board and working with them. He suggested that a member could be a replacement for a mid-year vacancy, then be elected for a 3-year term following to maintain our exit schedule. Motion approved with 8 yays, 1 abstention.

- The other issue is coming up with a recruiting and nomination process. Dr. Strawser suggested Dr. Hunter meets with her Nominating Committee and discusses how they would like to go about recruiting new members. Dr. Whitesell reminded the Board that we had a vendor offer to recruit for a fee. The Board agreed to not pursue the vendor's offer at this time. Dr. Hunter will further discuss this issue with the Nominating Committee. She requested that the current Board members submit any possible names to her as soon as possible.
- Dr. Hunter moved that the terms of herself, Ms. Miner, and Mr. Swieter be extended by 1 year (to 6/30/2022) so that we do not have 6 vacancies in 2021. Dr. Strawser seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Health and Safety Committee Report: Brian Canevari

- Mr. Canevari notified the board that the Great Aloha Run Keiki Run has been scheduled for February 8, and it can be a good fundraiser for the school. There will be a lot of physical activities available for kids after the event as well. Mr. Canevari asked if the KSO can help kids with the \$20 registration fee. Mr. Canevari attended a meeting on Jan 7 with Chris Lee that was a community event to build a coalition a people concerned about pedestrian safety. The meeting did discuss a \$9M project to redo the triangle-about in from of Kalapawai Market. He advocated for our students' safety along the routes to school.

8. Director's Report: Winston Sakurai

- The shade structure was completed over Winter Break. The permit and final inspection are closed, and the kids are playing under the structure. We are just waiting for padding to be installed around the stanchions. The structure has a 20-year warranty and the cover has an 8-year warranty. Dr. Sakurai thanked the Board for all the support through this project and was especially thankful to Mr. Canevari who shared all of his expertise through the process.
- We had a successful, if not a little rainy, winter concert in December. He thanked Kumu Lilinoe and the classroom teachers for all their work in preparing the students.
- Our Student Council I won the End Veteran Homeless Challenge by raising over \$3200 worth of items and money for the VA.
- We had a team of girls compete in a volleyball tournament at the Hawaii Convention Center.
- Senator Laura Thielen continues to advocate and fund our cafetorium project. SB2323 funds \$5.45M to the project.
- The LC will be undergoing a reroofing project over Spring Break to fix leaks.
- Our school spelling bee will be tomorrow.
- Steve Hirakami offered to do a web meeting with our Board to discuss the membership to the Hawaii Public Charter School Network. Mr. Canevari preferred not to do a web meeting with the group. Dr. Sakurai is still just wanting to make sure that the group doesn't hinder what we are trying to do as a school. He is not sure if the Network can move forward if we do not join. Mr. Canevari suggested that we contribute our time and efforts for now, and money for specific causes as they arise. Dr. Sakurai agreed.
- The Board is invited to the dedication for the shade structure.

9. New Business:

- The Board acknowledges the receipt of an anonymous letter addressed to the Governing Board.

7. Adjournment: Members adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 26, 2020, 6:00pm in the Ka'ōhao School Library

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

Be it resolved that:

- The Board approves the minutes of November 20, 2019.
- The Board approves the budget for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The Board approves amending the bylaws to state that “Effective July 1, 2020, Governing Board members are limited to two consecutive terms but may stand for reappointment after a one-year hiatus.”
- The Board approves extending the terms of Dr. Hunter, Ms. Miner, and Mr. Swieter by 1 year (to 6/30/2022) so that we do not have 6 vacancies in 2021.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on January 22, 2020.

Philip Whitesell, Kim Hanson, Espie Chapman, David Root, Eun Strawser, Brian Canevari, Celia Miner, Cindy Hunter, Jim Swieter.