

# Ka'ōhao Public Charter School

## Minutes of Board Meeting, September 23, 2020

### Board Members Present:

Philip Whitesell, President  
Winston Sakurai, School Director  
Celia Miner, absent  
Espie Chapman  
Jim Swieter, Treasurer  
Jill Oliver  
Laura Young, Secretary  
Cynthia Hunter, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jared Underwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### Community Members Present:

Callie Lewis, Scribe  
Amy Brislin, KSO  
PJ Foehr, Charter School Commission  
See Attendees at End of Document

### 1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2020 and August 26, 2020.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the July Minutes was moved by Dr. Hunter and seconded by Dr. Whitesell. Motion approved unanimously. Approval of the August Minutes was moved by Dr. Hunter and seconded by Dr. Oliver. Motion approved unanimously.

### 2. PCNC: Espie Chapman

- Ms. Chapman received a grant for a chipper/shredder for our campus that will be used to process our green waste. The machinery is valued at \$8500.

### 3. Student Council: Espie Chapman, Sponsor

- StuCo is current holding elections for classroom representatives for grades 4-6. Four students will be elected for each grade. Ms. Chapman showed a video with clips of the candidates' speeches.

### 4. KSO Report: Amy Brislin, KSO Treasurer

- The KSO is in a "holding pattern" waiting for restrictions to lift, for parent morale to improve, and for plans moving forward to be clearer. They would like to plan some events in the near future.

### 8. Director's Report: Winston Sakurai

- We are in full swing with distance learning (25 school days so far.) Attendance is at 97%. The DOH just released new guidelines for when schools should be fully open, open for blended learning, and open for virtual learning. Page 2 of the DOH guidelines states that the decision to transition between models for public and charter schools is made by the Complex Area. We will be following this. The Kalaheo-Kailua Complex Area Superintendent announced yesterday that our complex would continue full distance learning through December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will work on planning for a safe transition from learning on campus.
- Dr. Sakurai will be holding parent meetings over Fall Break to get feedback and input from parents, and to talk about our plan to move forward.
- Ms. Brislin asked how the Complex is making decisions, and if it is made by committee, open for input, and what goes into this process. She suggested that this is explained in the Fall Break parent meetings. Mr. Brindock asked when switching between the virtual, blended, and face-to-face learning models will be available. Dr. Sakurai said that he would be sending out information soon, and this would happen at the end of the trimester.

**9. New Business:**

- Dr. Whitesell acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Mr. Brindock.
- Mr. Foehr announced that in a meeting today, the Commission said that Complex Areas will not be making decisions for charter schools. Rather, charter schools can make their own decisions as long as they are following the DOH guidelines. Dr. Whitesell said that this is confusing, because sometimes we are mandated to follow the DOE, and sometimes we are our own agency. Mr. Foehr explained that it is confusing, especially because we follow the same employment contracts as DOE schools. He further clarified that we are able to follow the complex area's decision, but we are not mandated to do so.

**7. Adjournment:** Members adjourned at 6:47 PM.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for October 28, 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom**

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

**Be it resolved that:**

- The Board approves the minutes of July 22, 2020.
- The Board approves the minutes of August 26, 2020.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on September 23, 2020.

*Philip Whitesell, Espie Chapman, Celia Miner, Cindy Hunter, Jim Swieter, Laura Young, Jared Underwood, Jill Oliver.*

Attendees: Angela Xoinis, Cheryl Harden, Daniel Egermayer, Heather Doane, Kevin Brindock, Kristen Ball, Sylvie Rusay