

# **Ka'ōhao Public Charter School**

## **Minutes of Board Meeting, December 16, 2020 – via Zoom**

### **Board Members Present:**

Philip Whitesell, President  
Winston Sakurai, School Director  
Celia Miner – absent  
Espie Chapman  
Jim Swieter, Treasurer – absent  
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  
PJ Foehr, Charter School Commission  
Brett Filmore, Parent  
Kiril Vidimce, Community Member

### **1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2020.**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Phil Whitesell.
- Approval of the November Minutes was moved by Ms. Young and seconded by Dr. Oliver. Motion approved unanimously.

### **2. Community Input**

- Mr. Brett Fillmore asked if there can be an update provided to parents on enrollment numbers. He also asked that families be informed on what furloughs look like should they take place. He has enjoyed volunteering at recess on campus and doing his part to provide the required assistance to remain open. He hoped that the school has learned a lot and should we need to close, that the school will be prepared to reopen as quickly as possible.

### **3. KSO Report:** Tehani Ebalei, President and Amy Brislin, Treasurer

- None.

### **4. Student Council Report:** Espie Chapman

- Student council has been working hard to raise spirits at school. They had spirit week last week. They also provided apples and peanut butter snacks to the teachers. Wednesdays they have been sign waving during drop off.

### **5. Director's Report:** Winston Sakurai

- The school opening has been going even better than expected. Thank you to everyone who helped us reopen. The parents have been a great source of volunteer support, but we will continue to need volunteers through the rest of the school year.
- We are the only public school on Oahu that is open 5 days a week with a full schedule and all grades returning.
- HGEA and HSTA have no furlough clauses. Current contracts expire in June. Litigation will likely follow Ige's imminent use of emergency powers.
- Current furlough plan: Governor's Plan: 2 days/mo, indefinitely (4 years?). Superintendent's Plan: 1 day/mo for 10-mo employees, 2 days/mo for 12-mo employees for 2 months then reevaluate. Legislature's Plan: find other solutions because furloughs are not possible under the current legal framework.
- Our School Funding:
  - We have received 90% of our annual allotment of per pupil funding to date.

- Per pupil has stayed the same, SPED increased significantly, Federal Impact Aid decreased ~20%, and COVID Relief Funding is estimated to go up.
- Private schools received much larger amounts of CARES Act funding per pupil than public schools. (\$2250-\$8250 vs \$178)
- Dr. Sakurai met with State Senator Chris Lee and State Representative Lisa Marten about priorities for the school, the amount of work we have done, and how furloughs would be devastating. They also discussed the cafetorium project, and there will be a scope meeting on December 17. This will be a 5-yr project and will be chaotic for our campus. Dr. Sakurai does not want the project to start and then have the funds lapse.
- Hawaiian Telcom is working on updating our router to increase our school's bandwidth (funded with KSO auction monies). 3-6 months installation and implementation.
- WASC Accreditation Mid-term Visit will be Jan 14. They will not be going inside the classrooms.

**9. New Business:** Philip Whitesell,

- Dr. Underwood moved that the Board authorizes the school to develop a plan for SY20/21 to address a possible teacher furlough. Said plan should avoid the loss of student instructional days and avoid loss of income to 10-month teachers, educational assistants, and 12-month staff members. Ms. Chapman seconded. The intent of this motion is to maximize quality of school life for our school community members. There is not a specific timeline assigned to this. The plan will be developed and then reviewed by the Board. If the plan includes not doing furloughs, the funds will come out of our reserves. Motion approved unanimously.

**7. Adjournment:** Members adjourned to closed session at 6:41 PM.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for January 27, 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom**

Submitted by Callie Lewis, Scribe

**Be it resolved that:**

- The Board approves the minutes of November 23, 2020.
- The Board authorizes the school to develop a plan for SY20/21 to address a possible teacher furlough. Said plan should avoid the loss of student instructional days and avoid loss of income to 10-month teachers, educational assistants, and 12-month staff members.

In witness thereof, the undersigned members of the Board have duly executed this resolution on December 16, 2020.

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