

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School  
Governing Board  
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 4:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96436987603?pwd=ZWs2S3NsajNrSERBK0xhSURoWHI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 964 3698 7603

Passcode: KanuGB

**Call to Order / Determine Quorum - at 4:04 pm – quorum established**

Attendance: WD Keomailani Case, Naomi Tachera, John Colson, Randy Vitousek, Steve Hurwitz, Nahaku Kalei, Kanani Kapuniai

Absent: none

Guests: Taf, Keomailani, Nicole, Ryan, PJ

**Assignments**

Time-Keeper - Kanani

Evaluator - WD Keomailani

**Pule and Welcome:** Nā 'Aumākua – (Kanoa)

**Public Testimony on agendized items** - none

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda –

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Steve, seconded by WD Keomailani, and approved unanimously

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of 5-10-22 was made by Naomi and seconded by WD Keomailani and approved unanimously

**Financial Report and Acceptance**

(See report)

YTD Actual to Budget Details

- 4201 Title 1 – No drawdown yet
- 4400 Sp Ed – Received more than anticipated
- 8010 Ed Services – Money for substitutes
- 8100 – Money for rental of tents will be reimb by OHA facilities fund
- 8150 - Insurance premiums have increased
- 8800 Networking and Telecom – changes from Sand Isles to Hawaiian Telcom (Speed will increase)
- Have not received 4th qtr fringe

Cash Flow Statement

- Deferred revenue – CIP money
- Cash end for June 30th

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Motion to accept the financial report was made by Steve, seconded by Nahaku and approved unanimously.

**Business Manager's Report**

(See report)

ESSER III Funding allocation

- Kanu has submitted a first request for reimbursement under the ESSER funding. Approval is requested from the Charter School Commission for purchase of vans, school buses and facility improvements.
- Question: How do numbers of vehicles compare to the number of students enrolled? Do we need all 8 vans and should we buy this many even if the vans are so expensive? Will we sell the old vans?
  - Heading to high interest rates and there may be better choices in a year or so.
  - Vehicles sat for a few years and have deteriorated
  - Vans are older and may be decommissioned.

Motion to temporarily restrict \$1,000,000 in Kanu reserve funds until ESSER Reimbursements are received from the USDOE was made by Randy, seconded by Nahaku and approved unanimously.

Motion to approve ESSER funding expenditures for passenger vans, school buses and facilities upgrades “to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, or other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of service in response to the Covid-19 pandemic” was made by Randy, seconded by Naomi and approved unanimously.

Regarding the \$1.8 Million CIP

- Supply delays and shortages will extend the timeline
- Quality Builders was the only group that met the bid criteria as a Design-Build.
- Taf has submitted their qualifications for Board review.

Motion to accept the bid in response to KANU’s CIP RFP from Quality Builders was made by WD Keomailani, seconded by Naomi and approved unanimously.

Motion to request construction on the Ho’okipa building from the KALO Board in accordance with the Quality Builders timeline was made by Steve, seconded by John and approved unanimously.

### **Leadership Team Reports**

School Wide Leadership Update

- Visited Pu’upulehu site – culminating all ideas and will bring decisions to the Board soon.
- WASC report due Winter 2022
- Tri-po’o kuleana to intentionally determine focus areas for SY 2022-23.

Kauhale Campus Program

- Ho’ike Hula was exciting and enjoyable for all ‘ohana
- Less than 1% of students exiting Kauhale
- Covid protocols successfully kept staff and students safe during the 2021-22 school year.
- Recruiting for open positions on campus

Elementary

- EOY student (grade 5) promotions
- Successful elementary year at Kanu
  - Kumu were very happy
  - Lots of cultural in the classes
  - Need to restructure some of the curriculum

Middle/Secondary

- Hired dedicated kumu hula for this past year
- EOY promotions 8th grade and Seniors
  - Worked on making Kanu graduation represent Kanu (mo’okuauhau, kihe, lei hulu)
  - Senior last week included pikai, lunch, awa ceremony and graduation
- All seniors applied to a post-high program or institution.
- Looking at 8th and 12th grade capstones. Students did not align their project and their capstone.
  - How can 8th and 12th grade capstones be supported?
  - Do we have the right kumu?
  - Need a kakou effort. Kanoa explained that he would like campus kumu to be able to support capstones.
- Animal husbandry project started last year and focused on sustainability.
  - The sharing between secondary and elementary is great.
  - What will it take to provide a processing center on campus?

Ka ‘Ohā Virtual Program

- Po’o visited Kaua’i and ‘Oahu to do kumu evaluations.
- Standardization for kumu evaluation and school kumu close-out.
- Would like to offer a virtual tour of the Ka ‘Oha program
  - Overview for next year
- Immersion K-5 Track – Need to continue this discussion as Kanu is a bi-lingual school.
  - Tafi says that we have to have the discussion of ‘Ōlelo Hawai’i before the contract renewal.
  - Kanoa and Keomailani explained that in these past two years Kanu saw the most language opportunities for all students on campus.

## **Committees**

Academic Committee – no meeting held

Finance Committee – no meeting held

Governance Committee – no meeting held

Evaluation Committee – to report in Executive Session as this pertains to personnel matters.

Motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Randy, second by WD Keomailani and approved by all.

## **Standing Executive Session**

Motion to leave the executive session was made by Steve, seconded by Randy, and approved unanimously.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Evaluator Comments**

**Adjournment /Closing**

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by Keomailani and approved unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date:** Board Retreat July 13 - 15, 2022

Recap of Motions:

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Submitted by: WD Keomailani Case  
KANU Governing Board Secretary