

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School
Governing Board
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 4:00 PM
Lokahi Room – Kanu o ka 'Āina

Call to Order / Determine Quorum – called to order at 4:08 pm by K Kapuniaia

Attendance: Kanani, WD Keomailani, Randy, John, Naomi

Guests: Taffi, Kanoa, Keomailani, Kilia Purdy

Absent: Steve

Assignments

Time-Keeper - Randy

Evaluator - Naomi

Pule and Welcome: E Ho Mai led by Kanoa

Public Testimony on agenda items - none

Consent Agenda

Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Minutes (5/9/23)

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes of 5/9/23 was made by Randy, seconded by WD Keomailani and passed unanimously.

Financial Report and Acceptance

Reports distributed:

1. Revenue Report (April 2023)
2. Kalo Store Fund (April 2023)
3. Balance Sheet Summary (April 2023)
4. Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail (April 2023)
5. Cash Flow Statement (April 2023)

Additional information shared:

- We have not received our 3rd allocation (per pupil) for this school year. They have until 6/30 to release it. (\$505,000)
- Waiting for ESSER reimbursement (\$167,000), Title I reimbursement (\$65,000), and Fringe reimbursement (\$65,000)

Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail:

4200 Other revenue – timing has thrown this off

4120 Other State Revenue – Compression and Hard to staff funds

4331 Nutrition is over because more students are buying lunch (we subsidize this)

5000 Salaries are over due to compression pay

Other instructional materials (not using Kalo store) will pay for Hula Drama expenses

We will be in the negative until we get the reimbursements stated above

Received contract from OHA for \$150,000 (may use this for the labor wages for Pu'upulehu and also putting up temp buildings)

Also noted:

Zero spent on Professional Development

- Some of the PD is incorporated in the curriculum
- Board is requesting that this info be include in the monthly po'o reports
- Board also suggests that staff be encouraged to increase courses that they may be taking

A motion was made to accept the financial report was made by John, seconded by Randy and approved unanimously.

Business Manager's Report

Budget: We are assuming that the fringe and facility costs are part of the per pupil.

We have never gotten collective bargaining in the past until this past year.
We don't have information regarding fringe benefits

Budget survey reveals that we can possibly afford to provide breakfast and some assistance with lunch for students.
All facilities work being done will be included in the budget.

Leadership Team Reports

School Wide Leadership Update – Keomailani

- Waiver filed to the commission regarding the additional Kindergarten testing. This was approved. A tool has to be discussed and submitted by Aug 1st.
- EOY staff meetings held to set goals for new year
- Interviews being held for kumu openings (alumni coming back and wanting to support the school)

Kauhale Campus Report

Elementary

- 5th grade promotios
- Transitions from elem to intermediate and preschool to K (Working on ways to improve/stregthen transitions)
- Deepening knowledge with cultural foundation at the core
- Secure time for multi age learning
- Additional time for deepen knowledge through comparisons and explorations

Middle/Secondary

- 'Āina Based interest survey regarding project interest for students have been completed. The survey included the learning style of the haumana.
- Alternative learning spaces moving forward for next SY
- Secured a log to build a 6 man canoe.
- Need – lā kāne and lā wahine (possibly differenciate as lā kuleana)
- Need a Middle School Social Studies kumu.

Ka 'Ohā Virtual Report

- Kilia is here to work with Nicole as Kumu Pua is retiring as of July 1st.
- HS camp will be held for the haumana.
- Planning around Pu'ukohola and Ho'oku'ikahi
- Staff vacancies are all filled.

Question: How do we include travel for Ka Oha? (in the budget)

Is the home base for Virtual kumu the school or their home (because they work from their homes) – Let's table this discussion for a Finance committee meeting (to be scheduled).

Committees

Academic Committee – none -

Finance Committee -

Governance Committee -

Evaluation Committee (ad Hoc)

Standing Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was made by Randy seconded by John and approved unanimously. (5:55 pm)

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Randy seconded by John and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by John and approved unanimously to approve the resolution regarding savings accounts of \$5mil to Vanguard insured under FDIC and authorizing the Business Manager, the Board Chair and also the Board Secretary to open the accounts.

A motion was made by John, seconded by Keomailani and approved unanimously, with Randy abstaining, to execute the lease document that is required for the 4.0 contract. The Governing Board of Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School is signing contract 4.0 with strong reservations and under protest. We fundamentally believe that Charter contracts should be bilateral, individually negotiated and mutually agreed upon contracts between public charter schools and the authorizer. We are

concerned that contract 4.0 was promulgated by the authorizer without engaging in negotiations with Kanu and without giving appropriate consideration to the specific issues highlighted in the draft contract identified by the Office of the Attorney General.

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by John and approved unanimously that the GB pass a resolution to authorize Kanani Kapuniai to sign the 4.0 contract that also includes the following in a cover letter to the commission: HRS Chapter 302D outline a clear process for charter renewals. Importantly, the law does not allow a charter renewal to be dependent on accepting new terms or a new contract (HRS 302D-18(g); Hawai'i Administrative Rules ("HAR") 8-505-10, 12, 17). Both Chapter 302D and the Commission's rules consistently view the charter renewal process as a decision to renew the existing charter contract, rather than determine new contract terms. The Commission's rules and statute do not permit the Commission or any other authorizer to withhold charter renewal based on a school's refusal to agree to new terms. Therefore, The Governing Board of Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School is signing contract 4.0 with strong reservations and under protest. We fundamentally believe that Charter contracts should be bilateral, individually negotiated and mutually agreed upon contracts between public charter schools and the authorizer. We are concerned that contract 4.0 was promulgated by the authorizer without engaging in negotiations with Kanu and without giving appropriate consideration to the specific issues highlighted in the draft contract identified by the Office of the Attorney General.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Evaluator Comments - none

Closing pule / mana'o

Adjournment /Closing

A motion to adjourn the meeting (at 7:18 pm) was made by Randy, seconded by Keomailani and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2023 - 4PM

Recap of Motions:

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