

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:00 PM  
Lokahi Room – Kanu o ka 'Āina

**Call to Order / Determine Quorum** - Called to order at 4:06 PM by K. Kapuniai (Quorum Established)

Attendance: Kanani, WD Keōmailani, John, Naomi, Steve, Randy

Note: Aunty Kanani will leave the meeting at 4:45pm and Randy, as Vive Chair, will lead the meeting.

Guests: Tafi, Keōmailani, Kanoa

**Assignments**

Time-Keeper - Steve

Evaluator - Naomi

**Pule and Welcome** – E Ho Mai (led by Keomailani)

**Public Testimony on agenda items** - none

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Minutes

The agenda was amended to include New Board Members in New Business and to move New Business to earlier in the agenda.

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by Naomi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023 and the agenda of September 12, 2023 as amended.

**New Business** - New Board members

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by John to approve the slate of five new Board members to include Ali Ann Buscher, Keala Campbell, Mike Rossi, Mana Purdy and Kim Griffin.

Board Discussion:

Randy introduced Ali Ann Buscher, WD Keomailani introduced Keala Campbell, Steve introduced Mike Rossi and John introduced Mana Purdy and Kim Giffin. The GB is looking forward to creative ideas from the new members. Their first monthly board meeting for new members will be 10/10/23.

The motion to approve the slate of new board members passed unanimously.

**Financial Report and Acceptance**

*Reports distributed:*

1. Revenue Report (July 2023)
2. Kalo Store Fund (July 2023)
3. Balance Sheet Summary (July 2023)
4. Year to Date Actual to Budget Detail (July 2023)
5. Cash Flow Statement (July 2023)
6. Kanu Grant Update (9/10/23)

*Additional Information Shared by Taffi:*

- Receivables were not all received by the end of the year
- Waiting on the 4th qtr fringe

A motion was made by John, seconded by Keomailani and passed unanimously to accept the finance report.

**Business Manager's Report**

*Report distributed:*

1. Business Update Memo to Governing Board dated 9/12/23
2. Vanguard Account Update as of 9/8/23
3. ESSR Funds Update (memo from Katie Benioni to Taffi Wise) dated 8/29/23
4. Kanu School Year 2023 – 2024 Draft Budget

5. Letter from Consortium of Charter School Leaders to Attorney General Richard Thomason dated 9/6/23 regarding an unemployment insurance issue
6. School-wide survey priorities

*Board Discussion:*

- AG has the letter regarding the insurance issue and will try his best to advance this.
- The gym roof was installed in 2019. A year ago it started popping. During the last storm the roof was peeling back on the opposite side. The roof material has a 10 year warranty.
- The Finance committee should meet to discuss the budget. The budget needs to be approved in November after the October official pupil count.

**Leadership Team Reports**

*Reports Distributed:*

1. Kanu o ka 'Āina Kauhale and Ka 'Ohā Report (Kepakemapa 2023)
2. Hunehune Kalo (Kepakemapa 2023)

*Information shared by Po'o Kula*

School Wide Leadership Update

- Hunehune Kalo includes the entire school and will be distributed on the first Friday of each month.
- The academic performance framework (contract 4.0) will be introduced to the staff and coincide with assessment data review.
- New theme is Hānau ka 'Āina, Hānau ke Ali'i, Hānau ke Kanaka.
- The academic framework committee visited the school. This is a very supportive committee.

Kauhale Campus Report

- Parent messaging system will launch next week. This system is an improvement over Powerschool.
- Outdoor learning areas are progressing.

Elementary

- Leveled Literacy Intervention training held on 9/8/23
- Kindergarten assessment has started for Kauhale and Ka 'Ohā
- Elementary still needs a permanent 5th grade kumu

Middle/Secondary

- Papa Wa'a 'Ohana night was well attended. (There was a suggestion to let the Board members know when this type of ho'ike is scheduled so that members may attend).
- Continued mental health support is needed for haumana.

Ka 'Ohā Virtual Report

- Virtual kumu are now island based and therefore teaching multiple levels.
- High school students to meet together on Hawai'i Island.

**Committees**

Academic Committee – 8/29/23 Presentation and discussion regarding academic test results

Finance Committee

Governance Committee - 9/7/23 Discussion regarding present structure

Evaluation Committee (ad Hoc)

**Standing Executive Session**

A motion was made by Randy, seconded by John and approved unanimously to move to executive session in order to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to was made by Steve, second by John and approved unanimously to move out of Executive session and return to the regular meeting.

**Old Business:** none

**Evaluator Comments:** The evaluator summarized the meeting.

**Closing pule / mana'o**

**Adjournment /Closing**

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Randy and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 10, 2023 - 4PM

**Recap of Motions:**

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A motion was made by John, seconded by Keomailani and passed unanimously to accept the finance report.

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Submitted by:

W D Keomailani Case  
Kanu Governing Board Secretary