

The Education Laboratory: A Hawai'i New Century Public Charter School
Regular Scheduled Local School Board Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
Castle Memorial Hall 103

PRESENT

Michelle Au, Doug Doi (chair), Gabriella Gualano, A. Keoni Jeremiah, Verlie Ann Malina-Wright, David Oride, Frank Pottenger, Greg Ravizza, Jim Shon, Dwight Takeno, Tracy Teixeira, Linda Venenciano, Myrtle Yamada, Karyn Yoshioka

ABSENT

Lui Faleafine, Jr., Jennifer Seki, Bill Teter

GUESTS

Donald Young (Director, CRDG)
Lynn Finnegan (Executive Director, Hawai'i Charter Schools Network)
Ellen Sofio (parent)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doi called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Lynn Finnegan presented the board with the HCSN newsletter (Document B). Finnegan told the board that the newsletter will be published two to four times a month and will provide information about the legislative session. She invited board members to email her with any questions they might have.

MINUTES

Several errors led to a motion to defer acceptance of Nov. and Dec. 2010 minutes until corrected.
Motion passed (see V.A. below).

I. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Doi introduced two recently elected new members of the Board: Dwight Takeno (Community Representative) and Karyn Yoshioka (Parent Representative.)

II. REPORTS

A. CRDG Director's Report (D. Young)

- The PCC committee met in December and discussed five proposals for science foundation funding [Document C]. Funding will be finalized in June.
- The Board of Regents needs to approve additional funds for planning construction. Planning session will be moved to February pending approval of funds.

- The University Laboratory School hosted 14 math teachers, 33 science teachers and 6 supervisors from South Korea. School and the CRDG presentations were well received.

B. Financial Report (D. Oride)

- Oride submitted and discussed the checking account report and Budget Projection/Report [Documents D and E] for the months of November and December.

C. Principal's Report (K. Jeremiah)

- Jeremiah passed out Dec. 2010 HCSN Imagine Newsletter.
- He discussed the possible extension of the school calendar beyond the length of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Homecoming begins with Faculty/Intermediate game and a pep rally on Friday 1/21. The Alumni Game and ILH games will be played on Saturday 1/22 at Klum Gym.
- Speech team had their Neighbor Island Tournament during MLK weekend.
- Announced the results of the 2011 Hawaii Regional National Scholastic Art Exhibition. The work of 20 students, was selected into the exhibition (16 Gold Key Awards, 4 Silver Key Awards). 16 of those works received regional Gold Key Awards and will represent Hawaii in the national competition [Document F]. The local exhibition opens on February 5th. Results of the National judging will be announced in April, with the national awards presented in New York City at Carnegie Hall.
- ULS submitted its Annual Self-Evaluation Report to the Charter School Review Panel. CSRP response letter presented to board. [Document G]

D. Committee Reports

1. DIP Revision Committee (Teter):

- In Teter's absence, Doi reported that board members will have an electronic copy of the revised DIP by the next meeting and said that the committee will convene in February.

2. Collective Bargaining HGEA/HSTA (Shon)

- Met with HSTA negotiation group (including ULS teachers) and HGEA (informal meeting), in separate meetings.
 - He explained that in the funding situation at ULS, 78% of per pupil amount is used for unit five salaries (teachers); whereas in DOE schools, half of their funding goes to teacher salaries, and the other half is used for general purposes. The Charter School Per Pupil Allotment needs to be doubled for the Charter Schools to get financial parity.
 - At the HSTA meeting, there was discussion about cost items.
 - There was no word from HGEA on successor negotiations for next supplemental year.
 - Both unions are in the process of working out successor master collective bargaining agreements, and are unlikely to discuss supplemental agreements until the master agreements are struck.

E. UPW complaint (Doi)

- There was no new information to report on the status of the litigation. If board members are contacted for questions or information by UPW, those requests are to be directed to the Attorney General's Office and the Chair should be notified.

III. ON GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of CSRP document on the State Ethics Code. Mr. Jeremiah will distribute conflict of interest forms to new board members by the next meeting.

B. Election of Board Officers

1. Nomination for Chair: Shon moves that Doi remain as chair for another year (seconded by Malina-Wright). No further nominations. The motion passes unanimously.
2. Nomination for Vice Chair: Pottenger moves Teixeira as vice chair (seconded by Yamada). No further nominations. The motion passes unanimously.
3. Nomination for Secretary: Oride nominated Venenciano as secretary (seconded by Jim Shon). No further nominations. The motion passes unanimously.
4. Nomination for Treasurer: Jeremiah moves that Oride remain as treasurer (seconded by Shon). No further nominations. The motion passes unanimously.
5. The LSB Officers for 2011:
Chair: Doug Doi
Vice Chair: Tracy Teixeira
Secretary: Linda Venenciano
Treasurer: David Oride

C. Board Training

- Board training is forthcoming, and expected to last for 2 days.
- The Board Training Committee will consist of Au, Gualano, Malina-Wright, Shon, Teixeira, and Venenciano.
- At next board meeting, Doi will distribute the Charter School tool kit, which was created by Jim Shon. The board should have up-to-date copies of the by-laws by the next meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Power School

This is the first year of full implementation of Power School at ULS. So far, everything is going well in its implementation and use.

V. MOTIONS AND VOTES

A. Motion 1.20.11.A. To defer acceptance of minutes for November and December 2010 until appropriate corrections have been made.

Motion: Oride

Second: Yamada

Decision: Passed unanimously

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ravizza (seconded by Pottenger). Motion passed without objection; meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Au and Gabriella Gualano
(for Bill Teter)

DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

- Document A. HCSN Imagine Newsletter December 2010
- Document B. HCSN Imagine Newsletter January 10, 2011
- Document C. CRDG/Science Proposal: Transforming Proportional Reasoning (TPR)
- Document D. December 2010 Budget Projection/Report
- Document E. December 2010 Checking Account Report
- Document F. 2011 Hawaii Regional National Scholastic Art Exhibition Winners
- Document G. CSRP Letter