

The Education Laboratory
A Hawai`i New Century Public Charter School
Regular Scheduled Local School Board Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
Castle Memorial Hall 103
Approved as revised 5/26/11

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

GUESTS

Donald Young, Shareef Wang

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doi called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting, was made by Pottenger, and seconded by Faleafine. Unanimously approved, motion carries.

III. REPORTS

A. CRDG Director's report

- An endowment was established under the late Dr. King for approximately \$35,000. The interest on this will be available for scholarship awards to ULS seniors. Specific criteria for the award will be established by ULS administration—Ivee Cruz (College and Career Counselor) and Tracy Teixeira (ULS Counselor)
- Dr. King's family stipulated that the award be given to a student who intends to go to UHM, the award be based on academic performance, and need
- First award will be in 2012
- The PCC met on April 1. They heard the results of the ULS faculty vote on research proposals and approved them (see abstracts in the attachment, "Partnership Coordinating Meeting, Report to the Local School Board, April 21, 2011") for action. Lead investigator-teachers would be granted release time.
- No progress on a new building. The State Historic Preservation Society has recently begun investigating Buildings 1 and 2. The buildings have deteriorated significantly over time and may not be worthy of keeping. The plan was to replace these buildings. July 2011 marks the 5 yr anniversary of the fire.

B. Treasurer's report

- Oride reported checking account activity and submitted an end of March report. (See "Checking Account Report March 1-31")
- Total allocation was received from CSAO

C. Principal's Report

- Introduction of Shareef Wang as the ULS Business Manager and alumni
- Graduation set for May 20, 2011 at 5:30pm, Andrew's Amphitheater. Board members received invitations.
- Day prior to graduation is the Senior Aloha at 6pm, MPB. All are invited.
- School has a new website, www.universitylaboratoryschool.org. It was designed by friends (Walter Pierce and Jeff Sumitani) of ULS alums and ULS teacher Mr. Chris Zorn
- The Learning Landscape Sustainable Garden celebration was held this afternoon in the ULS elementary garden. The elementary teachers and students were presented an award from the Kokua Foundation Hawaii for their accomplishments in creating a Kokua Earth Awareness Project, and received a second award from the National Gardening Association. Comments were that it was even better than last year.
- The audit of ULS was conducted on March 31st. It took one full day for the data collection. Oride, Wang and Teixeira assisted the efforts. We were the first school to go through the process; other schools seemed to need more days with the auditors. The report will be based on the collective, 10 charter schools. A collective response from the participating schools will probably follow.
- Lynn Finnegan is the new Charter Schools Executive Director. First meeting with her was well attended. A strategic plan was worked on. KSBE providing resources to the schools. Plans to do a charter schools media blitz to inform the community about charter schools before the next legislative session. Cost is estimated at \$300,000, about \$500 per school. They will be filming at the schools—might consider involving our multimedia course.
- Discussion among the charter schools to consider a single student data system. ULS currently uses PowerSchool
- ULS classes are doing lots of work with technology. Reviewing our infrastructure to maintain services for the school as more tech growth is expected and we can't rely on UH to continue to grow with us. ULS is maxed out on computer usage, considering purchasing more computers. Proposing to form a technology committee as tech costs could run \$50–\$70 thousand. Considering a technology fee for students.
- Discussing the use of a ULS school shirt for students during school hours, e.g., ULS PE shirts
- This year time for lunch was reduced to 30 minutes for high school teachers and students. Considering returning to 40 minute lunches next year and possibly compensating by extending the school day 10 minutes, and other options.
- Principal Jeremiah and Director Young credited with helping to host the second night of the statewide debate competition at ULS. ULS student Celine Casamina performed exceptionally well placing 3rd in the state in two different formats.

D. Committee Reports

1. DIP Revision: No updates
2. PCC, see above in CRDG Director's report

IV. ON GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative update, see attachment "University Laboratory School Projected Budgets"

- Legislature considering adjustments to the per pupil allocation, e.g., virtual charter schools on the mainland receive 80% of what is allocated to regular schools. Hawaii virtual schools are becoming more hybrid making this sort of rule complicated.
- Current per pupil base is \$5,363

B. HSTA Grievance

Motion to go into executive session made by Faleafine but later withdrew. No second was made.

Discussion: As ULS teachers and LSB members, Doi and Teter have a conflict of interest. It would not be appropriate for the LSB to ask them to recuse themselves. Takeno's presentation is about general information on LSB roles and responsibilities. The purpose is to make clear what the role of a Board member. If there is a breach we could be held personally liable. Discussion about contractual issues will follow the presentation. If someone feels they have a personal interest in the matter they should recuse themselves from the executive session. Negotiating Committee Chair Shon points out that these two LSB members may be put in an awkward position because they can't fully represent teachers if confidential information is shared.

Point made that Takeno's presentation was not ordered optimally on the agenda and should have instead been a separate item, preceding item B-HSTA Grievance.

Takeno's presentation, see "LSB Roles and Responsibilities Related to Collective Bargaining"

- Reminded the Board of role and responsibilities
- Discussed appropriate behavior and how to avoid a breach of responsibilities and to anticipate that as individuals we will have conflicts, e.g., duo roles in the school and on the board

Doi and Teter recused themselves. Teixeira took over Chair's duties.

Motion made to continue meeting in executive session by Faleafine. Malina-Wright seconded. Motion passes. Executive session 5:15-5:50pm.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doi reminded the student representatives that other students wanted to be involved with the lunch program. Gualano and Au planning to use a G-docs to disseminate the survey.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Faleafine and seconded by Pottenger.

Vote: unanimously in favor, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Linda Venenciano
LSB Secretary

Attached documents:

1. Partnership Coordinating Meeting, Report to the Local School Board, April 21, 2011
2. Checking Account Report Local School Board Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Total Cash Balance for the period March 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011
3. University Laboratory School Projected Budgets
4. LSB Roles and Responsibilities Related to Collective Bargaining