

## **UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on February 18, 2020 at 4:30PM  
Castle Memorial Hall Conference Room (CM 130)

**PRESENT:** Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto (via Conference Call), Bradley Kai Fox, Edward Aquino, Everett Ohta, Aaron Levine, Kara Suzuka, and Travis Palmeira,

**ABSENT:** Melvina Nakao, Travis Palmeira, Mislyn Alensonorin, Preet Nijjar and Tina Keane.

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Bradley Kai Fox at 4:32 PM.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion to Accept the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 by Everette Ohta, seconded by Travis Palmeira. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

#### **I. GUESTS**

A. None.

#### **II. REPORTS**

A. Treasurer's Report: Preet Nijjar submitted the balance sheet as of January 31, 2020 and the Second Quarter Financial Update was shared via email on February 18, 2020. Board members had some questions regarding certain details of the budget.

B. Principal's Report: Principal Keoni Jeremiah reported on the following:

Senior student who is a candidate in the Presidential Scholar's Program (semi-finals category).

Speech Team just returned from the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Stanford Invitational Tournament (National Speech and Debate Tournament).

Global Leadership Elective Class was just held in Kauai (February 15-17).

Science Olympiad Team just competed (February 15 and 16)

Scholastic Art Awards.

Athletics: Swimming State Championships (Girls Team tied for 6<sup>th</sup>, and Boys placed 10<sup>th</sup>); 2 individuals gold medals; Boys Varsity Basketball Team qualified for State Tournament.

Support & Engagement: Manoa Academy Parent Information Meeting (Early College at UH Manoa) – this will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort

Campus Beautification on February 29 (1 week before the ULS Foundations' Fun Fair); Family STEAM night in March; Lockdown Drill Practice

Upcoming CPR and AED training at the end of February.

Last Thursday's Performance and Accountability – changes for upcoming Charter School Contract.

Math Curriculum – starting next year, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be using connected mathematics;

High School - elective course offering.

C. Committee Updates:

Governance Committee (Everett Ohta) – Met on February 3, 2020; Committee discussed the enrolment provision before the Legislature and the board assessment for filling up upcoming vacancies.

Academic Excellence Committee (Aaron Levine) – Met on February 4, 2020; Committee discussion centered on the best ways to respond to request for information from the Legislature; Committee is also wondering if the “Academic Excellence” is the right name for the committee given the broader focus of ULS.

Finance Committee – covered in the Treasurer’s Report.

HR Committee (Travis Palmeira) – Met on February 4, 2020; Committee drafted the evaluation form for HGEA employees; Committee will need submit documents and consult with HGEA; and, Committee is also reviewing the flowchart for the complaint procedures and once that is completed, it will be shared with the full Governing Board.

**III. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2020 State Legislative Action (ULS Enrollment Exemption). Following the last governing board meeting, board approved the testimony. Two bills were pending before the legislature. Testimony was submitted and hearing was had. Hearing on the House Bill requesting making the exemption permanent was postponed for further information. During the hearing on the Senate Bill requesting extension of the enrollment exemption, the Charter School Commission and the University of Hawaii submitted testimony and surprisingly not in support of the measures (despite previous representations to ULS). The Charter School Commission submitted comments not in support of the measure and the University of Hawaii submitted oral and written comment stating that UH does not require the exemption request; do not have a position on the goal. At this point, both measures are dead and the exemption will lapse. Chair Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto will send out a note for discussion.

B. Ethics Commission Guidance – Letter dated 12/6/2019. Discussed last month.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 24, 2020.

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting was adjourned at 603PM with a motion being made by Edward Aquino and seconded by Everett Ohta. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED: APRIL 21, 2020**