

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on September 19, 2023, at 4:30PM
Meeting held Virtual via Google Meets.

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Everett Ohta, Edward Aquino, Karyn Yoshioka, Tina Keane, Ishita Shah, Aron Dote and Saori Doi. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

GUEST: None.

EXCUSED: Miki Tomita, Preet Nijjar and Travis Palmeira.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:33 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2023, Governing Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Everett Ohta and seconded by Melvina Nakao. The motion was approved unanimously with Tina Keane abstaining.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. GUESTS

II. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Charter Contract 4.0. Charter Contract 4.0 (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2028). Principal Jeremiah presented the details of the charter contract and the meeting with the Frameworks Team.
 - a. Two in person site visits each year.
 - b. On August 29, 2023, the Frameworks Team of the Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission performed a formative site visit at ULS. The Frameworks Team reviewed Charter Contract 4.0 across the Academic, Organizational, and Financial Performance Frameworks.
 - c. Academic Performance Framework (APF) p. 59- 66
 - d. The Frameworks Team next site visit is scheduled for February 26, 2024 (classroom observations and field work).

III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report (Tina Keane). The August 2023 Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet was submitted online via email to all board members on September 12, 2023.
- B. Principal's Report.

Admissions Timeline for 2024-2025. Principal Jeremiah presented on the admissions timeline for the upcoming school year. It will be similar to the previous school year's admissions timeline. Of note, there has been a significant increase in admissions applications over the last several years.

School Visitations. ULS welcomed 17 visiting faculty and pre-service student teachers from Hakuoh University, Japan, on August 30, 2023. The visiting students and faculty observed the ULS Grade 11 Math and Grade 10 English, before touring the rest of the University of Hawai'i campus.

ULS also welcomed visiting faculty from Bukkyo University in Kyoto, Japan, on August 28-29, 2023. On the first day they visited our elementary mathematics and English Language Arts classes. On the second day they visited art, music, math, English, second language, and learning laboratory classes in the middle and high school. They were very grateful for the opportunity and shared positive comments about their experience, namely seeing how engaged and immersed the students were in their learning. This visit is part of ULS' long standing partnership with the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa – College of Education.

New Partnerships. Federal work study/America Reads Program, UH Manoa Career Center – ULS students will be having Reading and Math Tutors; and, Sister School Exchange Partnership/Homestay with Osaka Gakuin Senior High School for the school year 2024-2025.

School News. ULS students showcased what they are passionate about in the first ever ULS Club Fair! On August 31, 2023, students were given the opportunity to share, learn, and join the various student clubs being offered at ULS this school year. Go Jr. Bows!

National Merit Semi-Finalist. Congratulations to University Laboratory School Senior Joshua Li! Joshua's distinguished performance on the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) qualified him as a Semifinalist in the 2024 National Merit® Scholarship Program.

Over 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state, which represents about one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

International Science and Engineering Fair. Kian S. (11th Grade) shares his experience representing ULS and being part of the Hawaii delegation at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas, Texas on May 2023. Under the supervision of Science Teacher, Ms. Seki-Wong, Kian's project earned a Grand Award badge and 3rd place medal out of 86 projects in Environmental Engineering.

International Peace Conference. ULS Students, Jenesis D. (11th Grade) and Trinity S. (11th Grade) share their experience being invited to participate and travel to the Worldwide Learning Consortium (WWL) International Peace Conference for High School Students in Nagasaki, Japan this past summer. This conference and related activities

were hosted by the Nagasaki Prefectural Board of Education and Nagasaki Higashi Senior High School.

Support Organizations. Joint letter - GB chair, Booster Club, ULS Foundation; Booster Club; ULS Foundation

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Tina Keane). No updates
2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Meeting held on September 5, 2023. Discussed plans for the upcoming school year. The committee will focus on the school policies and determine if they need to be updated. Also discussed holding a board retreat that is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2023.
3. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No updates.
4. Academic Committee (Aron Dote). Planning to schedule meetings during the first Monday of each month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Executive session was had by the Governing Board.

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2023.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Edward Aquino and seconded by Melvina Nakao at 529 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved 10/17/2023