

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Governing Board
Of Na Wai Ola PCS
Tuesday, Sept 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm, acknowledgement of quorum and agenda approved.

The Business of the meeting was to review the school budget and discuss issues and possible solutions regarding reducing the class size of Kindergarten and First Grade.

The financial data provided to the board was not a detailed or up to date school budget as requested and required, but rather was an update of the annual budget which the board had approved in July. This update version had numerous significant changes which were not explained, and although the income reflected an increase of 10 students from the July budget, rather than showing an additional net of 65, 200 as might have been expected, the net balance was about \$1000 less than it had been with the lesser number of students.

Without this data the board could not make any definitive decision, although five alternative solutions to reducing class size were discussed, and eliminated down to two possibilities – combining the highest level K students with the lowest level grade 1 students into a single K/1 hybrid and hiring a new teacher for this class, or moving K and 1st grade into the modular buildings where they would have more room and hope that would alleviate the problems the Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers were having in teaching and controlling their classes.

Because the teachers were considering filing a grievance about class size, claiming that the number of students they had violated the HSTA contract, Teacher rep Sandy Carvalho volunteered to email the uniserve director with specific questions regarding class size ratio, use of EAs in determining the student teacher ratio, etc.

Again board chair Maurice Messina apologized for the erroneous financial report and promised to get us an updated one for our next meeting on this subject, which was to be held as soon as we got back data from the uniserve director.

Lore Makaiwi nominated Serena Fujikawa to become the new board treasurer, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 8:05PM