

**MYRON B. THOMPSON ACADEMY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

<p><b>Date: April 12, 2012</b>          Location: MBTA, 629 Pohukaina Street, Suite 3, Honolulu, HI 96813          Time: 5:00 PM- 6:30PM          Recorded by: Jerelyn Watanabe</p>	
<p>Attendance: D. Oshiro, M. Braun, D. Lord, J. Doi, K. Klinger, I. Braun, J. Watanabe, M. Chow, R. Galindo, W. Simmons, P. Berry, K. Uyeda-Young, C. Sumiye, S. McBride, G. Higgins, S. McBride, D. Park, M. Wilson</p> <p>Excused: M. Thompson, E. Gianfrancisco</p>	
<p><b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b></p>	<p>Dr. Chow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p>	<p>Ms. Oshiro moved to approve minutes from March 8, 2012 meeting. Mrs. Braun seconded the motion. No discussion. Passed unanimously.</p>
<p><b>III. PARENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>	<p>Mr. Surlester McBride, parent of former student at Myron B. Thompson Academy, asked to speak to board about his child. Previously homeschooled then attended Thompson Academy. Enrolled in McKinley to experience social aspect of high school. Would like child to be able to return to Thompson Academy. Grades suffered at McKinley because the schedule differs from the Thompson Academy schedule.</p> <p>Mrs. Oshiro moved that we enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. Braun at 5:24 pm – 5:30 pm.</p> <p>Mr. Lord moved that according to policy governance we identify the issue as an operational issue under the oversight of the Executive Director. Mr. Galindo seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.</p>
<p><b>IV. OLD BUSINESS</b>          A. Facility search update          B. PR update</p>	<p>A. Waiting for approval for AG’s office to finalize agreement. Soliciting at lease three sealed bids for renovations. Mrs. Higgins has contacted four moving companies. Mrs. Braun will be reviewing all bids.</p>

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	<p>Mrs. Oshiro moved that the facilities/search committee be given the authority to consider up to \$175,000 for the renovation without individual vendor approval. Mr. Sumiye seconded the motion. Mrs. Simmons has reservations about approval for the blanket amount. Two in favor (Sumiye, M. Braun); All others opposed.</p> <p>Mrs. Simmons moved that the facilities/search committee request for an electronic vote for vendor purchases at or above \$10,000. Mrs. Oshiro seconded. Dr. Berry asked if the specifics for each bid are set. Mr. Lord answered yes. Mr. Wilson asked if there is any conflict of interest with the vendors. Mr. Lord answered no. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Higgins presented that there are four nearby parking structures because there is no onsite parking. Mrs. Oshiro suggested that we raise this issue at another meeting. Rule of thumb from HSTA is that if there is no onsite parking then the teachers pay for parking. Mrs. Simmons would like to consider an annual fundraiser to raise funds for the school.</p> <p>B. Mrs. Braun commented about the April 11, editorial in Star Advertiser. Limtiaco recommended that we respond immediately with a 150 word letter to the editor. Limtiaco and Mrs. Braun will meet with Ms. Essoyan. Mrs. Braun will communicate that self-governed charter schools are able to quickly respond to issues. The information included in Star Advertiser articles is two years old. Limtiaco is actively working to address the issue. Mrs. Braun is reaching out to the military community regarding enrollment.</p>
<p><b>V. NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>A. Introduction of Nominees for the LSB <b>Action Item</b></p> <p>B. Increase to Expense Account <b>Action Item</b></p>	<p>A. Mr. Matt Wilson – MBA, currently doing business development for local companies. Primarily homeschooled in Northern California. Mr. Dean Park – JD, educated in Hawaii Public Schools. Strong supporter of improving education for Hawaii. Private practice focusing on estate planning. Ms. Simmons moved to accept the two nominees for LSB membership.</p>

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<p>C. Current MBTA Financial Report</p>	<p>Seconded by Mr. Lord. Ms. Braun commented that the nominees can bring additional skills to our group. Ms. Uyeda-Young added that Mr. Park is involved in fundraising for MDA. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. Legislature still holding funds from SY1112. Increase to expense account proposed to cover several unplanned expense. Mrs. Oshiro presented financial reports (Balance Sheet, P &amp; L, P &amp; L Budget vs. Actual) through March 31, 2012.</p> <p>Mrs. Oshiro moved to increase expense account to cover additional curriculum contracts. Ms. Watanabe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Oshiro moved to approve Philadelphia Insurance as vendor over \$10,000. Mrs. Simmons seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Braun moved to increase the expense account for 5530 Insurance as vendor over \$10,000. Mrs. Oshiro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Lord moved to transfer monies from savings to checking to cover projected summer expenditures. Mr. Galindo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p><b>VI. OTHER BUSINESS</b> A. Principal's Report</p>	<p>Written report submitted to board members. Mrs. Oshiro also commented that Ho'ilina is working on entrepreneurial ideas to support Thompson Academy. Possible connections with international students.</p>
<p><b>VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b></p>	
<p><b>VIII. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Dr. Chow moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Braun seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>