



STATE OF HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2008

BOARD APPOINTMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW PANEL

Meet the newest member on the Charter School Review Panel: Ms. Amy Vorderbruegge.

Vorderbruegge fills the vacant start-up charter school teacher position that was formerly occupied by Kathleen Klinger who resigned from the Charter School Review Panel due to a change in employment. Vorderbruegge is a kindergarten/first grade teacher and methodology and training coordinator at Voyager Charter School.

The Board of Education appointed Vorderbruegge to the start-up charter school teacher position on April 17, 2008.

Established in 2006, the 12-member Charter School Review Panel's responsibilities include issuing and revoking charters; approving Detailed Implementation Plan revisions; conducting charter school evaluations; and appointing the Charter School Administrative Office Executive Director.



Board Chairperson Donna Ikeda represents the Hawaii State Board of Education at the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference held in Orlando, Florida in March. NSBA is a not-for-profit federation of state associations of school boards throughout the nation.

BOARD SETS GUIDELINES TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING A WSF FOR SY 2009-10

The Board of Education has established guidelines to assist the Committee on Weights (COW) IV in developing a Weighted Student Formula (WSF) for School Year 2009-10. The guidelines are intended to facilitate and evaluate imple-

mentation of the WSF, taking into account possible adjustments to the formula in light of the information and experience gained in implementing the WSF to date.

The guidelines for the COW IV include: (1) developing and documenting COW internal operating procedures; (2) recommending additional categorical-funded programs to include in the WSF; (3) reviewing the existing WSF formula; (4) making monthly reports to the Board Committee on Budget & Fiscal Accountability; and (5) adhering to the established timeline in the guidelines to enable the Board to consider the Committee on Budget & Fiscal Accountability's recommendations and make a final decision on the WSF in September 2008.

The Board, not less than annually and based upon recommendations from the COW, is required to adopt a WSF for the allocation of moneys to public schools.

Board General Business Meetings

April 2008

3 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)
17 (TH) Windward District

May 2008

1 (TH) Hawaii District
15 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)

June 2008

5 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)
19 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)

July 2008

17 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)

August 2008

7 (TH) Leeward District
21 (TH) Kauai District

September 2008

4 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)
18 (TH) Maui District

October 2008

2 (TH) Hawaii District
16 (TH) Central District

November 2008

6 (TH) Kauai District
20 (TH) Maui District (*Molokai*)

December 2008

4 (TH) Honolulu (*Liliuokalani Bldg.*)
11 (TH) Maui District (*Lanai*)

Amended 12-19-07

Board meeting notices are available at:
www.boe.k12.hi.us

SCHOOLS' WAIVER REQUESTS APPROVED

On April 17, 2008, the Board of Education approved the following School Community Council (SCC) waiver requests:

- **Konawaena Middle School's SCC Exception Request** to allow the school to implement a modified school schedule to accommodate testing for School Year (SY) 2008-09. Among other things, this will provide two days for assessment of student learning through performance activities and provide time for students to demonstrate evidence of their work presented orally.
- **Prince David Kawanakoa Middle School's SCC Exception Request** to allow the school to change its bell schedule and teacher preparation periods for SY 2008-09. Changing the teacher preparation periods to a floating preparation within a rotating schedule during the school day will provide flexibility so teachers can better address the needs of students and state requirements.
- **Waiakea High School's SCC Waiver/Exception Request** to allow the school to implement revised attendance procedures for SY 2008-09. Among other things, this will enable students to make up missed

classes through a Saturday School Program and emphasize the responsibilities of students, parents/guardians, teachers, and faculty with respect to attendance at the school.

- **Waipahu Intermediate School's SCC Exception Request** to allow the school to implement its revised bell schedule and teacher preparation periods for SY 2008-09. This will allow the school to increase its instructional time by 15 minutes per week to support student achievement.

Board Policy 2412, School Community Council Waivers and School Community Council Exceptions Policy, enables schools to seek waivers from Board policies or rules to facilitate school improvement. Schools must ensure their requests align with their school's Academic and Financial Plan and demonstrate how the waiver or exception will improve student learning and increase student achievement.

Students Share Their Woodworking Skills

Former Superintendent Herman Aizawa introduces students from Olomana School at the April 17, 2008, Board general business meeting.



Aizawa dedicates his time and skills to the students by instructing them in woodworking skills and life skills and sharing an appreciation of music and the arts with the students.

and Musical Talents



Olomana School students share their musical talents and display their "finished products"--*their ukulele!*--at the Board general business meeting at Kaelepu Elementary School in Kailua, Oahu.

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Congratulations!

Hawaii's Outstanding Schools

Errata! The following schools were omitted from the list of "Hawaii Distinguished Schools" which appeared in the February 2008 issue of "BOE Highlights." We apologize for this error.

Education Laboratory
Public Charter School

Haaheo Elementary School

Innovations Public Charter School

President Thomas Jefferson
Elementary School

We extend our warmest congratulations to these schools and the members of their school communities for their work and efforts to raise school performance and student achievement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY MEETINGS

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Board of Education welcomes the community to discuss and share issues concerning public education.

April 2008

- 2 (W) President George Washington Middle School, Honolulu District
- 10 (TH) Naalehu Elementary & Intermediate School, Hawaii District
- 21 (M) Kapaa Elementary School, Kauai District

May 2008

- 7 (W) Kaunakakai Elementary School, Maui District (Molokai)
- 8 (TH) Lihikai Elementary School, Maui District

Board Member Eileen Clarke Elected to the 2008 NASBE Board of Directors

Hawaii State Board of Education Member Eileen Clarke has been elected to a two-year term on the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) 2008 Board of Directors.

Clarke was elected by NASBE's voting new members to serve as a New Member Representative on the NASBE Board.

"A large part of NASBE's focus is to improve each state's public education system and strengthen state leadership in educational policy making. As a state board of education member from Hawaii, I'm pleased to be a part of this organization," stated Clarke.

NASBE is the national organization that comprises the state boards of education of other states. Its mission is to strengthen state leadership in educational policy-making, promote excellence in the

education of all students, advocate equality of access to educational opportunity, and assure continued citizen support for public education.



**Board Member
Dr. Eileen Clarke**

"In my new member capacity on the NASBE Board, I'll articulate the concerns and interests of the NASBE new members, and serve as a liaison between this national organization and the Hawaii State Board of Education," said Clarke.

Clarke is a former teacher, vice principal, evaluation specialist, and school renewal specialist of the Hawaii State Department of Education.

PUBLIC INPUT ON DOE BUDGET

The public has until May 31, 2008, to participate in a survey being conducted by the Department of Education on its budget and use of education moneys.

The Department is currently collecting the public's input on the education budget via a survey that is available online on the following web sites:

Public Input on the Budget Fiscal Biennium 2009-2011 Survey

State of Hawaii
Department of Education Web Site
<http://www.doe.k12.hi.us>

or

State of Hawaii
Board of Education Web Site
<http://www.boe.k12.hi.us>

It's been nearly two years since Board Policy 1200-1.16, "Department of Education's Budget Public Input Required Policy," went into effect. The purpose of the policy is to support greater transparency of public education moneys.

The policy states that parents, students, employees, and the community should be afforded the opportunity to provide input on the use of moneys received by the Department of Education.

Under the policy, the Department is also encouraged to take the public's comments and concerns into consideration prior to submitting a final proposal to the Board for approval.

The 2008 "Public Input on the Budget" survey results will be posted online on the Department's web site by June 30, 2008.

2008 Board Committees and Subcommittee Assignments

Committee on Audit *(Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month)*

(Program Evaluation; Business & Facilities; Personnel)

Chairperson John Penebacker

Vice Chairperson Herbert Watanabe

Members: Lei Ahu Isa, Jonathan Allen, Eileen Clarke, Mary Cochran, Maggie Cox, Breene Harimoto, Kim Coco Iwamoto, Karen Knudsen, Garrett Toguchi

Committee on Budget & Fiscal Accountability *(Meets on the 1st Monday of each month)*

Chairperson Breene Harimoto

Vice Chairperson John Penebacker

Members: Jonathan Allen, Eileen Clarke, Mary Cochran, Maggie Cox, Kim Coco Iwamoto, Karen Knudsen, Denise Matsumoto, Garrett Toguchi, Herbert Watanabe

Committee on Legislation & Community Partnerships *(No established meeting day)*

(Legislation; School Community Councils)

Chairperson Karen Knudsen

Vice Chairperson Lei Ahu Isa

Members: Breene Harimoto, Kim Coco Iwamoto, Denise Matsumoto, John Penebacker, Garrett Toguchi

Committee on Public Libraries & Student Support Services *(Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month)*

(Public Libraries; Information & Telecommunications; Student Activities; Student Safety; Food Services; Student Transportation)

Chairperson Eileen Clarke

Vice Chairperson Kim Coco Iwamoto

Members: Jonathan Allen, Mary Cochran, Maggie Cox, Breene Harimoto, Denise Matsumoto, Garrett Toguchi, Herbert Watanabe

Committee on Regular Education, K-12 *(Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month)*

(Performance Standards; Assessment & Accountability; Guidance & Counseling; Career & Technical Education; Hawaiian Education)

Chairperson Maggie Cox

Vice Chairperson Eileen Clarke

Members: Lei Ahu Isa, Jonathan Allen, Mary Cochran, Breene Harimoto, Kim Coco Iwamoto, Karen Knudsen, Denise Matsumoto, John Penebacker, Garrett Toguchi

Committee on Special Programs *(Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month)*

(Special Education; Special Services; Hawaiian Language Immersion; Early Childhood Education; Adult Education; Student Discipline)

Chairperson Denise Matsumoto

Vice Chairperson Jonathan Allen

Members: Eileen Clarke, Mary Cochran, Maggie Cox, Breene Harimoto, Kim Coco Iwamoto,

Subcommittee on Charter Schools *(No established meeting day)*

Chairperson Cec Heftel

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Member Breene Harimoto

Committee on Collective Bargaining, Unit 05 (HSTA)

Maggie Cox, Denise Matsumoto

Committee on Collective Bargaining, Unit 06 (HGEA)

John Penebacker, Eileen Clarke

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