

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS VIII MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 6, 2013
Liliuokalani Bldg., BOE Conference Room**

Members: Suzanne Mulcahy (Chair), Elynn Chung, Paul Daugherty, Linell Dilwith, Stan Hao, Roxane Matinez, Cary Miyashiro, Sharlene Morimoto, Fred Murphy, Gail Nakaahiki, Mitchell Otani, Kimberly Shinno, Bill Taylor

Excused: Rachelle Matsumura, Rick Paul

Staff: Kimberly Chee, Brian Hallett, Gary Zane

Topic	Who	Discussion
Opening – 9:08 am	Suzanne Mulcahy	Chair Mulcahy welcomed committee members and thanked them for volunteering for COW VIII. Ground rules for testimony and the statutory authorization for COW were covered. Reviewed with members schedule of future COW meetings from 9AM to 1PM on June 20, July 3&18, Aug 8&15.
Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 Budget Updates	Amy Kunz	Department’s budget is aligned with its’ Strategic Plan. All Asst. Supts. justified their budget. Internal restriction was used to meet strategic plan initiatives. 2013 legislative session appropriated additional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$12.8 million for increase in enrollment \$8.2 million for testing and hardware \$270K for athletic coaches \$2 million for Hawaiian language testing In addition, \$8 million of federal Impact Aid funds appropriated FY14 (one-year only) for anticipated Student Transportation shortfall. WASC certification did not receive funding. Legislature’s budget and committee report and provisos were very critical of DOE budget. RTTT ends 2014 so supplemental budget will be submitted to address shortfalls in 2015.
WSF Reference Materials	Brian Hallett	Informed the COW that the Legislature’s \$12.8 million

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		increase to WSF funds for SY14 works out to about \$60-\$65 per student. Reviewed WSF terminology, previous COW recommendations to BOE, and useful website links.
Break 10:25 am to 10:42 am		
Committee Work: Review of Current WSF	Kimberly Chee	Reviewed current WSF calculation, programs that have moved into WSF, current categorical programs, and the definition and weights of each WSF characteristics.
Committee Work	Suzanne Mulcahy	Chair Mulcahy asked committee members if there are any thoughts or questions.
	Gail Nakaahiki	Expressed that she felt base funding was to small, especially for small schools
	Stan Hao	SPED allocations seems to be later every year, but with technology, SPED allocation should be allocated earlier.
	Mitchell Otani	Informed committee that Honolulu Dist principals were informed to expect only 80% of SPED allocation because of federal sequestration.
	Suzanne Mulcahy	Superintendent reserve was created to help small, isolated, and rural schools.
	Paul Daugherty	Stated that Gifted and Talented (GT) weight is a set percent of student enrollment, so why even have a weight for GT?
	Kimberly Chee	GT funds were given a weight to show there are funds allocated to GT. Previous COW wanted a separate weight for GT.
Committee Work: OSFSS Discussion on Neighbor Island School Maintenance	Ray L'Heureux	258 public and conversion charter schools are under OSFSS maintenance. HIDOE is 51 st in the nation per student spending on facilities, about \$256. Moving to create 21 st century schools. Acknowledged inequity of facility services to neighbor island schools. OSFSS is sending Oahu staff to neighbor islands to address backlog, reviewing Service Level Agreements (SLA) with DAGS. Initiated efforts to have all DOE facilities maintained by OSFSS, including neighbor island schools. Looking in the long term to have schools be net zero in electricity.
	Paul Daugherty	Inquired when will WiFi be in every school, how about

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		sustainability? Who will pay for any upgrades?
	Mitchell Otani	When will older schools receive what new schools have – like central air conditioning?
	Bill Taylor	Who will be responsible for maintaining schools' WiFi? Safety issues at his school have not been addressed for years.
	Ray L'Heureux	Fire systems are a hybrid of OSFSS and OITS
	Fred Murphy	Awaiting report from Jacobs Group on survey of school facilities.
	Paul Daugherty	How is the Dept. addressing the Student Transportation problem?
	Ray L'Heureux	STSB is currently running a pilot program in the Aiea area schools that will address problems and hopefully be expanded to all schools in SY15-16. New contracts will not be based on routes but on student ridership.
	Paul Daugherty	Schools cannot operate 15 passenger bus, so are using 12 passenger vans, which requires two vans to transport a basketball team to their games.
	Ray L'Heureux /Gilbert Chun	DOE does not regulate school buses; that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.
	Stan Hao	Can DOE issue bonds to fund facilities issues like other municipalities?
	Brian Hallett	Informed committee of upcoming presentation on data integrity of student enrollment, WSF study, average daily attendance (ADA), increase in weight for poverty, average salary, and base funding.
	Fred Murphy	Shared ADA concerns for military impacted schools. ie. military housing closed for renovation and students move due to reassignment halfway through the school year- how can we address these large dynamic shifts.
	Elynn Chung	Multi track schools are affected heavily by students attending mainland sport tournaments during the summer. Will ADA take that into consideration?
	Stan Hao	Request information on changes to WSF formula from COW

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		1 to present.
	Kimberly Shinno	SPED students show up first day and never show up again because the want Social Security benefits, how will ADA take into account of those students?
	Gail Nakaahiki	When is SPED/Article VI allocation coming out? Affects buy/sell and preparation of salary financial plan.
	Roxane Martinez	Shared concerns that any cuts to WSF results in classified staff being reduced first. Classified staff has been decimated since WSF went into effect. Classified staff covering multiple jobs now and previous staffing formula is no longer being considered.
	Suzanne Mulcahy	Requested committee members take a look at base funding, GT and ADA for next meeting.
Adjournment – 1:01 p.m.		