

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS IX MEETING MINUTES  
 Friday, March 6, 2015  
 DOE Board Conference Room**

Members: Present: Suzanne Mulcahy (Chair), Audra Chang, Paul Daugherty, Brandon Gallagher, Jan Iwase, Elton Kinoshita, Glenn Miyasato, Sharlene Morimoto, Fred Murphy, Bruce Naguwa, Mitch Otani, and Bill Taylor

Excused: Roxane Martinez, Cary Miyashiro, Gail Nakaahiki, and Chad Okamoto

Staff: Kimberly Chee, Brian Hallett, Ken Kuraya and Gary Zane

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Opening – 8:58 a.m.	Suzanne Mulcahy	Chair Mulcahy welcomed and thanked Committee members for volunteering. Informed them that the BOE has approved positions to serve on the Committee. Shared Chair’s expectation for members to respect everyone’s opinion and asked members to encourage people to testify.
Public Testimonies	Glint Gima & Keith Imada	Submitted written testimony in support of keeping learning center funding out of the Weighted Student Formula (WSF).
Orientation for Committee Members	Brian Hallett	Informed the Committee on Weights (COW) that the COW and WSF were created by Hawaii Statute (HRS302A-1303.5). Because the COW is established by statute, the Committee must follow Sunshine Law. Covered the basic sunshine rules and Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG).
	Kimberly Chee	Presented details on how WSF is currently being calculated and covered areas of: WSF Reserve Fund, mid-year enrollment adjustments, base funding, and weighted count of each student.
	Ken Kuraya	Reviewed COW VIII recommendation as submitted to the BOE.
	Suzanne Mulcahy	Asked Committee members to review the BOE recommendation thoroughly.
	Brian Hallett	Provided FY15-16 DOE budget updates as it is currently moving through the Legislature and useful website links for additional information.
	Mitch Otani	Inquired about Race to the Top positions and how it will affect general funds when the federal program ends.
	Amy Kunz	Advised that CAST positions are included in the biennium budget, but of

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		the six CAST position at district, two may be funded with Title II funds.								
	Fred Murphy	Asked if positions have been eliminated when Legislature did not fund it.								
	Amy Kunz	Leadership is looking at ICAA funds to support CAST positions if Legislature does not fund positions.								
	Paul Daugherty	In COW VIII recommendation to BOE, did the Department request clarification of definition, “what is considered expended by Principals” from the Legislatures?								
	Bruce Naguwa	Inquired if there are shortfalls this fiscal year, like student transportation, are these being addressed?								
	Amy Kunz/ Brian Hallett	The Governor has approved release of \$19.2 million of this years’ restriction to address student transportation and school food service shortfalls.								
Break 10:06 - 10:20 a.m.										
Principal Engagement	Brian Hallett	Presented to the Committee the upcoming principal listening tour scheduled from March to May 2015. Budget staff will be going to all fifteen (15) complex area principal meetings to get feedback from principals on WSF. Seeking feedback on what they would they like to see changed and how they view “expended by principal” in the context of ACT 51.								
		Superintendent has requested COW IX review the pros and cons of adding the following programs into WSF: Athletics, Food Service, Student Transportation, and Utilities. The COW created four (4) Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) to study each program. Committee members volunteered for the following PIGs:								
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		<p>Informed the committee that there is a bill that is currently working its way through the Legislature that requires the Department to create a Government Interagency Working Group to discuss facilities services provided to schools on Maui, Kauai and Hawaii. If this bill passes, the Committee might not need to look closely at facilities funds going into WSF to address a perceived inequity of service between Oahu schools and neighbor island schools.</p> <p>In each members' folder, is a list of current categorical programs that could be added to WSF. Asked members to see if there any programs they would like to discuss for consideration to adding to WSF.</p>
	Fred Murphy	Would like to find out more information about SBBH services, OCISS, and SPED. Expressed feeling that a lot of centralized parts of OCISS and OITS can be better handled at the school level. SPED occupational and skill trainers could possibly be added to WSF.
	Paul Daugherty	Increase CTE funding. Difficult for schools to attract CTE instructors because of low pay rates – i.e. instructors in the fields of Information Technology, Automotive, Chefs, and Carpenters.
	Fred Murphy	Asked for clarification on the difference between programs going into WSF versus staying categorical with buy back.
	Mitch Otani	Pointed out that when Castle performing arts program went into WSF, they were unable to buy back the teacher position because the funds were distributed to all schools and the funds Castle received were not enough.
	Suzanne Mulcahy	There are pro and cons for programs to be added to WSF. Committee must have comprehensive study to add programs to WSF and be able to explain to others why a program was added.
Permitted Interaction Groups Discussion		Committee members broke up into PIGs to review current budget and allocations of their respective programs and discuss what process they would like to take to gather information.
Lunch 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.		
	Athletics	Mitch Otani presented. If athletics funding goes into WSF, Molokai would not have enough funds for coaches' salary. Shared that there appears to be an inequity of facilities across the state.
	Student	Brian Hallett presented. There are separate regular and special education

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	Transportation	student bus transportation programs. Inquiry made on whether schools are able to schedule bus routes and do individual contracts.
	School Food Service	Gary Zane and Fred Murphy presented. School food service program receives three types of funding: federal, special, and general funds. Inquired how other states handle their foodservice program. How much collection do different types of schools receive. Look at other models where programs receive federal and general funds, i.e. SPED. Can schools plan their own menus?
	Utilities	Audra Chang presented on the pros and cons of funds being sent to schools for utilities. One of the pros would be schools will be conscientious of electricity usage. The cons would be schools don't conserve electricity and additional workload for school staff. Funding for utilities will not be able to supplement other school's need.
	Brandon Gallagher	Utility costs vary island to island. How does physical size of the schools or type of facilities (gyms, stadiums) affect these costs?
	Mitch Otani	Utilities were "quasi" in the weights. What is fair? Some schools have central air and others do not. In the past, principals did not want to deal with utilities.
	Suzanne Mulcahy	Invited Committee members to attend Principal Listening tour presentations. Asked member to listen, answer questions best they can, and encourage principals to submit testimony to the COW.
	Bill Taylor	Inquired if consideration was given to inviting Legislators to attend the listening tour.
	Amy Kunz	Suggests inviting Legislator to attend the next COW IX meeting in June.
	Mitch Otani	Informed the committee that Mr. Alan Awaya from Senator Tokuda's office attended the last COW meetings.
	Suzanne Mulcahy	Agrees with Mr. Taylor suggestion of inviting Legislators to next COW meeting. Scheduled the next COW IX meetings: June 8, June 24, July 10, July 20, August 7. Thanked members for their participation. <b>(Note: subsequent to the meeting some COW meeting dates had to be changed due to conflicts. The new dates are: June 9, June 24, July 13, July 22, and August 7)</b>
Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.		