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Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School Announces New School Director

Laupāhoehoe, HI – Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School’s Governing Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Kurt Rix as LCPCS’s new School Director, effective July 11, 2019. “Mr. Rix brings a wealth of experience in school leadership and effective teaching to this role,” said Pam Elders, Governing Board Chair. “His easy connection with students was evident during his first contact with LCPCS students who participated in the interview process. Kurt has worked his entire career to prepare himself to be a school director and we are thrilled he will serve the children and youth of Laupāhoehoe through this role.”

Rix accepted a 3-year contract to lead LCPCS, which serves approximately 300 students from pre-school through 12th grade, both on campus and through the online blended Kaupē‘a program. “I am so excited to again be part of a local, historic, community-minded school that aspires for the success of all its students, and recognizes that when their children thrive, the whole community thrives,” said Rix.

The School Director Search Committee, facilitated by consultant Dr. Natalie Nimmer, managed the recruitment process. The search attracted 52 applicants, narrowed to 10 semi-finalists who were invited to submit written responses about their approach to academic planning, relationship-building with students, and financial management. These semi-finalists were narrowed down to a slate of 3 finalists who participated in day-long interviews that included parents, faculty, staff, students, board members, and the Search Committee.

“Through the interview process, and the conversations I’ve had with LCPCS teachers, administrators, parents, and community members in these past few weeks, one thing I can say for certain is that I am so very lucky to be joining such a dedicated team of professionals who are already committed to making LCPCS an exceptional school,” said Rix.

The Search Committee ranked the 3 finalists; the LCPCS Governing Board voted unanimously and enthusiastically to appoint Mr. Rix to the position. Rix holds an MEd in Educational Leadership and a BA in History. He is joining LCPCS after serving 7 years with Quality Schools

International (QSI) as Secondary Director/Principal, Elementary Director/Principal, and Teacher/Athletic Director in Kazakhstan, China, and Kyrgyzstan, respectively. Prior to his international career, Ms. Rix served 10 years as a teacher and coach in Chico, California.

He will be joined in Laupāhoehoe by his wife Julie and 15-year-old son Grant. They have two grown sons, Matthew (26) and Kevin (23) and a granddaughter Olivia who live in the continental United States. Julie is a long-time high school teacher and coach. Grant is a high school honors student and athlete who is extremely excited about moving to Hawai'i, as it feels like home. The family spent summers in Hawai'i during their years living abroad.

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