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Contra Costa School of Performing Arts

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

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Date and Time:

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM PDT

Location:

2730 Mitchell Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Remote Participant:
MacKenzie Hennessy
4229 20th Street

San Francisco, CA 94114

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Directors Present

A. Mbonisi, C. Hill, G. Ponikvar, H. Vega, L. McPhatter-Harris, M. Hennessy (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Foster

Non Voting Members Present

C. Foster

Guests Present

C. Tirlia

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

H. Vega called a meeting of the board of directors of Contra Costa School of Performing Arts to order on Tuesday Jan 23, 2024 at 5:44 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Establish a Quorum

Quorum Established at 5:45pm by Heather Vega

D. Agenda Review and Adoption

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to Accept and adopt the agenda as present.

G. Ponikvar seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. McPhatter-Harris Aye

H. Vega Aye

G. Ponikvar Aye

C. Hill Absent

A. Mbonisi Absent

M. Hennessy Aye

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Items on the Agenda

No items on the agenda were publicly discussed at this time.

B. Items Not on the Agenda

Rich Ennis - Wants to know what he can do to help the school and the parents.

Reyes Ramos - Speaker sees a lot of potential in this school. He wants to know how they can go to other bigger corporations and help promote the school and increase the student body. He would like to have people come to the school to help get more involved both financially and as help for the school.

Kevin Sam- Is currently working on a school dance at their restaurant. He needs more direction on the next steps to take for this dance.

Adiagha Mbonisi entered at 5:56pm

Charles Hill entered at 5:56pm

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A.

Approve Minutes

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-12-23.

A. Mbonisi seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

G. Ponikvar	Aye
A. Mbonisi	Aye
H. Vega	Aye
C. Hill	Aye
L. McPhatter-Harris	Aye
M. Hennessy	Aye

IV. FINANCE

A. Financial Report

Debbie began the DMS monthly Financial Report update. Spending needs to be monitored closely and Candice and Catherine have make cuts to try to increase funds and decrease spending.

second Interim Budgeting should be complete by March for review.

Debbie said to be aware that big changes will be happening with the Governor's budget come the 2024-2025 school year.

V. Committee Reports

A. Financial Committee

Charles let the board know that Candice is going to go to the bond companies and figure out what is going on with our reserve requirements. Candice will schedule that before the next board meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Executive Summary

Enrollment is down to 352 from the original goal of 364. Enrollment for 24-25 is already underway with 268 students planning to return and there is a goal to have 300 by February 1st.

The school now has an official TikTok. Catherine is also posting more to get more views and applications.

Catherine is working on a safety plan for the students and was told by the county that only staff and the board can know official safety plans and the plan displayed to parents is very straightforward and does not give further details that the staff and board will receive.

Catherine wants to implement our own "Healthy Kids" survey to gather data on our students and their overall satisfaction with the school.

Catherine and Neil met to discuss the interim 1 budget and discussed cuts and Prop 39 options.

Catherine presented an i-Ready presentation that gave a break down of the testing data taken at the beginning of the year and in the middle of the year. i-Ready is proving to be very resourceful for our students for both testing and giving the kids academic activities that feel "fun and enjoyable". The board discussed strategies to have increased academic data for the students such as considering different testing times or giving teacher extra assistance in working with the students academically.

B. 2024 - 2025 Academic Calendar

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to Approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

C. Hill seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

H. Vega	Aye
G. Ponikvar	Aye
C. Hill	Aye
M. Hennessy	Aye
A. Mbonisi	Aye
L. McPhatter-Harris	Aye

VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A. Report Out

Returned from closed meeting at 9:25pm and no action was taken at this time.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Mbonisi