Oakland School for the Arts

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 29, 2018, 6:15 PM
School of Instrumental Music Room 408
1920 Telegraph, Oakland, CA

6:18 Call to Order/Roll Call/Establish of Quorum Ms. Eisen
Quorum established at 6:23
Present: Mike Barr, Ken Brooks, Elise Darwish, Jonathan Dharmapalan, Carol Isen, Theresa Mak, Buddy James, Matthew Novak, Dianne Woods, PhD, Milica Mitrovich
Absent: Steven Borg

6:20 Public Comment Ms. Eisen
No public comment

6:21 Election of Board Officers for 2018-19 Ms. Eisen
Proposed slate approval M/S/A unanimously

6:24 Consent Agenda Ms. Darwish
- Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of June 27, 2018
- Community College Resolution 2019-001
- Immigration Bill AB699 Sanctuary Resolution 2019-002
- Student Transportation Bill SB1072 Resolution 2019-003
- Signing authority update Resolution 2019-004
- Interim Ombudsperson Resolution 2019-005
M/S/A unanimously

6:25 Student President’s Report Ms. Hopkins
M/S/A unanimously to move this report earlier in the agenda so that Ms. Hopkins could be excused early for homework.

Report: school year is great, students feel very positive, assembly planned for 9/14 around student clubs and 9th grade student reps running for election. There will also be spirit week, and a movie night after the assembly.

6:28 Committee Assignments for 2018-19 Ms. Darwish
A motion was made by Mr. Barr to delay assignments until committee descriptions were written and circulated so that educated commitments could be made by the board. Seconded and approved.

6:30 Director’s Report Mr. Köhn
More detail to be covered in SBAC report; overall indicators for the school are positive. Staffed with excellent teachers, wonderful PD week thanks to new Chief Academic Officer. Test scores are up, good energy in hallways. New facilities manager is great for the kids.
6:34  Presentation: CSMC Introduction  Ms. Barnes

Brief introduction to Ms. Barnes, an Oakland native and mother to three children who have gone through the Oakland school system. She will be handling our Accounting, Payroll, Budgeting and Compliance going forward, and is a consultant employed by CSMC. She works with a number of charter schools in this capacity and we anticipate she will be a great asset to OSA.

6:38  Principal’s Report  Ms. Smith

Happy to be before the board in this new role. Structural cohesiveness at the school, focus on being one school, introduction of Phillip Gedeon, new Chief Academic Officer. Mr. Gedeon shared his background and educational philosophy.

6:43  SBAC Score Update  Ms. Douglass

Scores improved over last year across nearly all categories. Public results aren’t released so we don’t know how we compare to other schools. AP scores are also higher at OSA than the California and national averages. Better training, student preparation, and parent engagement is key to growth.

6:52  Advancement  Ms. Keslosky

Prepare for a training exercise at the October retreat to better train the board in being effective fundraisers for OSA.

Break before Closed Session

7:02  Closed Session  Ms. Darwish

Per § 54957(b)(1) Board will convene a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, discipline, or dismissal of an OSA employee.

7:38  Report Out from Closed Session & Adjournment  Ms. Darwish

Nothing to report from closed session

7:40  Adjournment  Ms. Darwish

I, Milica Mitrovich, Secretary of Oakland School for the Arts Board of Directors do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of Oakland School for the Arts Board of Directors meeting held on August 29, 2018 as approved by the attending members.

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Signature  Date  9/26/18

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Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any topic relevant to OSA. There is no requirement sign in. OSA reserves the right to limit the number of speakers.