



**Minutes of the Parker Performing Arts School Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2017**

Board Members Present

Gail Nguyen, Secretary
Sean Wiggin, Treasurer
Jan Payne, Director
Aaron Adamson, Director (by telephone at 7:26pm)

School Leaders Present

Tiffany Maestas, Business Manager

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Director Payne on March 14, 2017 at 7:02pm.

Vision and Mission Statements

Upon the meeting being called to order, Director Nguyen represented the Board of Directors by reading the PPAS Vision and Mission statements.

Approve Consent Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Director Nguyen and seconded by Director Wiggin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda for today's Board meeting.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Director Wiggin and seconded by Director Nguyen, the Board unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2017.

Director Payne gave an update on the expansion plans. Due to the Town of Parker's expectations for traffic control and the school's inability to contain all school traffic onto the school property, the Town would not give approval for the school's expansion. Additionally, the current budget for the expansion would not provide what the school needs in the space and does not fulfill the expectations of how the expansion would complete the school building to be utilized in a sufficient manner. The Board strongly feels that we want to do the expansion right, or not at all.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Payne and seconded by Director Wiggin the vote unanimously passed to not move forward with the school expansion.

Resolution 3-14-17

Director Wiggin read the Resolution of Gratitude to Corey Wahl:

WHEREAS, Corey Wahl resigned from the Board of Directors for Parker Performing Arts and his position as President; and,

WHEREAS, the Board hereby extends sincere thanks and gratitude to the former Board President, Corey Wahl.

WHEREAS, the Board can confidently say that without Corey Wahl, Parker Performing Arts, this wonderful new school and fledgling community, would not be here.

WHEREAS, former President Wahl was among the handful of individuals who, several years ago, came together with the idea for a new school, unlike anything available in Parker, Douglas County, or even Colorado. Former President Wahl knew from his own experiences in Parker that performing arts can teach lessons not found in traditional textbooks. Whether it is theatre, dance, or music, the performing arts gives an enhanced understanding of how to apply creativity, communication, critical thinking and collaboration. Former President Wahl demonstrated many of these skills in his service to PPA.

WHEREAS, Corey collaborated with other Founding Families and the Board to develop committees and teams to tackle essential tasks. Time and again he showed creativity and critical thinking to figure out how to do as much as possible within the limitations imposed. His communication skills were put to constant use, whether it was confidently presenting at many information meetings or working with the District and the Town to get the necessary approvals to move ahead. His dedication to PPA and his work ethic are inspiring.

WHEREAS, former President Wahl's understanding of what PPA could be was infectious. He saw an amazing school where children would be challenged to excel at academics. With his experience at the Colorado School of Mines, working with some of the smartest college students in the country, he knew that book smarts were not enough. That meant children also had to have daily interactions with the performing arts; a chance to put lessons they learned about fractions, or history, or even science into practical application on the stage, and for the creativity inspired by the arts to permeate their thinking and academic engagement.

WHEREAS, Parker Performing Arts will move forward now without Former President Wahl on the Board, but will humbly carry on the tradition of dedication to the mission and vision of Parker Performing Arts that he embodied.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Parker Performing Arts School Board of Directors expresses its profound thanks and gratitude to Corey Wahl for his outstanding service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Parker Performing Arts School Board and a suitable copy presented to Corey Wahl.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Nguyen and seconded by Director Payne the vote unanimously passed to accept Resolution 3-14-17.

Public Comment

None.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Wiggin and seconded by Director Nguyen, the Board unanimously votes to accept section IV.01.01 to the Parker Performing Arts School By-Laws.

Policy Policy Reading

The Board acknowledges that it has read the 1st reading of the Policy Policy and will have the next reading, known as the 2nd reading, at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Election Committee Update

Director Nguyen updated that Board that the Board Election Committee has had it's first meeting which was productive. A timeline has been set for the election process.

Board Appointment of Candidates

Mr. Jason Naugle addressed the Board as to his desire to join the Board along with his background and qualifications.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Nguyen and seconded by Director Wiggin, the Board unanimously votes to appoint Jason Naugle to a Board seat with a term ending May 2018.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Wiggin and seconded by Director Nguyen, the Board unanimously votes to appoint Jan Payne to the officer position of Board President.

Principal Update:

Principal Burgess had a family emergency, so business manager Tiffany Maestas gave the update. Faurot is working on taking care of the remaining theater items which are unfinished.

The 2017-2018 budget is being worked on and being prepared for the April Board Meeting.

STAR Data is back and shows that student growth is good in reading and math.

Next year the special education team will not be purchased through Douglas County. PPA will employ it's own special ed team.

The Denim & Diamonds Fundraising event, scheduled for October 21, 2017, is well under way with planning. The Board will assist with sponsorships.

PPA has funded school lunches for the students who qualify for free and reduced lunch, which has been a large expense at approximately \$3,000 per month. The school will look at alternative lunch providers who are registered with the CDE to see if a switch is reasonable.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Nguyen and seconded by Director Wiggin, the Board unanimously votes to accept the proposed optional services that will be purchased from Douglas County for the 2017/2018 year.

Business Manager Update

Tiffany Maestas updated the Board that she will present revised Q1 and Q2 financials as well as the Q3 financial at the April meeting. There continues to be several full day kindergarten families who have not paid their tuition. For school year 2017/18 and forward, the school will require auto-pay for kindergarten tuition.

There is currently a 95% collection rate on student fees. Thrive Church has expanded their rental to use the facility until 8:00pm beginning in April. This revises their first rental payment to begin in September 2017.

The school will be closed for 1.5 weeks in the summer for maintenance.

The Board discussed in further detail the cost of funding the free and reduced students' lunches, uniforms, and student fees.

Board Member Appointment

Tom Donohoe joined the meeting, introduced himself, and addressed the Board as to his desire to join the Board along with his background and qualifications.

VOTE:

Upon motion duly made by Director Wiggin and seconded by Director Nguyen, the Board unanimously votes to appoint Tom Donohoe to a Board seat with a term ending May 2017

Board Work:

Director Wiggin updated the Board that he will have information on the finance policy for the working meeting. Jan Payne will provide a draft of the Board handbook for the working meeting.

Director Payne updated the Board that she will provide onboarding materials for Director Naugle and Director Donohoe, and will send out the agenda for the next working meeting one week in advance. She also reviewed the role of Board vs. School with regard to governance vs. operations.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Director Naugle, and seconded by Director Wiggin, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting on April 17, 2017 at 9:08pm MT.