



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Perpich Center for Arts Education**  
**Arts High School Visitor's Center**  
**6125 Olson Memorial Highway**  
**Golden Valley Minnesota 55422**

*Mission: to provide all Minnesota students the opportunity to develop and integrate their artistic and academic abilities to their highest potential.*

**Approved – MINUTES – Approved**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ben Vander Kooi at 5:03p.m.

Members Attending: L. Brobeck, N. Coulter, J. Donnelly (telephone), J. Grams, L. Henning, L. LeCuyer, M. Nabors, M. Ollig, T. Surprenant, G. Sutton, B. Vander Kooi, G. Winter, J. Workman

**ACTION:** Approval of the Agenda  
A motion to approve the agenda was received from Member Coulter, on a second from Member Winter a voice vote was called (Member Donnelly had not yet joined the meeting). With all members present in favor, the agenda was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION):**

The consent agenda consists of non-controversial items the Board may adopt routinely. Any single member may remove an item from the consent agenda by requesting removal at the time the consent agenda is moved for adoption. Items to be approved by consent:

- a. Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Meetings, March 23, 2017
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Reports, period ending March 31, 2017 -- M. Zabel, Administrative Management Director

On a motion to approve received of Member LeCuyer and a second received from Member Sutton, the Chair called a vote by voice (Donnelly not yet present). With all members voting in favor and none against the consent agenda is approved.

**INFORMATION:** Board Communications, Lon Lamprecht  
The Secretary was recognized by the Chair and provided an update on board contact information and business cards with proofs of the card having been sent to each respective board member. Board members are to approve or indicate changes and cards will then be sent for printing.

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**INFORMATION:** Interim Executive Director Report, Peg Birk  
Birk thanked Board Members for all their efforts working with the agency. She noted Graduation coming up on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Birk also spoke about budget planning that is in process and the matrix that has been created and used to track corrections needed per the financial and program legislative audits.

**INFORMATION:** Arts High School Update – Ahava Silkey-Jones  
Jones provided an update on upcoming events including: Summer Camp, GALA, We Are Perpich and Graduation. Reminder that the Senior Retrospective show is still mounted, the Foundation applied for and won the opportunity receive a new website. Reviewed MCA test results, ACT is completed and AP testing coming in May. And, lastly spoke about enrollment and Spring Orientation.

Crosswinds Update

Interim Executive Director Birk gave a summary of the written report provided by Debra Kelley who was unable to attend the meeting in person. Students are on Spring Break in the next week.

Outreach Update – Dr. Pam Paulson

Paulson shared a review and update of the current Regional Centers activities under the direction of Dr. Betsy Maloney.

**INFORMATION & ACTION:** Executive Director Search Committee, Ekpe Akpan & Ben Vander Kooi  
Akpan gave an overview of the Search Committee's activities to date.

**INFORMATION:** Discussion about Campus Tour, Ben Vander Kooi  
The Chair recognized Thomas Surprenant Chair of the Information & Technology Committee who spoke briefly about the committee's campus tour of the previous day and then Chair Vander Kooi spoke about the group that toured earlier that day.

**INFORMATION:** Retreat Planning, Ben Vander Kooi  
The Chair and Interim Executive Director Birk offered suggestions regarding startup of planning activities by the Board Development Committee for the July Retreat, including possible search for a pro bono facilitator and location of the meeting.

**ACTION:** Approve Committee Appointments, Ben Vander Kooi  
The Chair commented that the Finance Committee is in need of one additional member and encouraged members to consider serving in that capacity.

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**INFORMATION:** Committee Reports --

Appeals – no report

Board Development – Julie Workman  
Unable to meet as yet, scheduling a future date.

Budget and Finance Committee – George Sutton  
The members of the committee met on April 19 and discussed the present and the next year's budget. Sutton offered the committee's recommendation to empower staff to do all things necessary to balance the operating budget for the current fiscal year. Following discussion the recommendation was brought to a Roll Call vote and with all members voting in favor and none voting against, the recommendation of the Committee is approved.

Government Relations – Leslie LeCuyer  
The committee has met March 30 and April 12 to discuss strategy at the Legislature. LeCuyer acknowledged the contributions that committee members and members of the public have made to date to be heard. Further discussion was offered highlighting legislative visits and testimony that have occurred.

Human Resources – Linda Brobeck  
Have met and are addressing two items: annual Executive Director Assessment and Bi-Annual Board Self Assessment. A schedule is being developed for the ED Director assessment to be used over the first year. A survey to the Board is being prepared that results of which will be presented at the Board retreat in July.

Information/Technology – Tom Surprenant  
Met on April 19 following a tour of the campus; three guests attended (Craig Farmer, Brian Pickerell and Anne Dennison) to answer questions of the Committee Members. Discussion highlighted a strong desire to move the library back into the Arts High School building

Nominating – Jan Carey  
No report

Statewide Arts Outreach – Leslie LeCuyer  
The committee met on April 19 with guests Mary Schaeffle of MMEA and Nora Schull of Minneapolis Public Schools attending. Seeking to meet up to three times in May to gather more staff input for developing a 360 review and survey to the field regarding the Regional Centers that will be brought to a future outreach committee meeting and ultimately carried as a recommendation to the Board.

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**ACTION:** Change the calendar – Ben Vander Kooi  
The Chair described the need to alter the meeting schedule of the board to accommodate the work of the Executive Director Search Committee.

Discussion took place first with respect to moving the May 18 regular meeting to occur after the legislative session end on May 22. The meeting date was proposed to move to May 25, 2017. On a motion received from Member LeCuyer and a second from Member Workman a Roll Call vote was taken and with all members voting in favor the May regular meeting is to be held on May 25, 2017.

Further discussion identified a need to move the June regular meeting from June 22 to June 21, 2017 and extend the length of the meeting to three hours ending at 8:00p.m. Receiving a motion from Member LeCuyer and second from Member Coulter, the Chair asked for a Roll Call vote. All members voted in favor of the change and the June regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 21, 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

**ACTION:** Approval of the Arts High School Calendar – Ahava Silkey-Jones  
The Principal presented the 2017-2018 School Year calendar and answered board member questions. Following discussion the Chair requested a motion to approve and received a motion from Member Coulter with a second offered by Member Ollig. On a Roll Call vote with all members voting in favor and none voting against, the Arts High School calendar is approved for the 2017-2018 School Year.

**INFORMATION:** Board Member Forum  
No member rose to speak.

**INFORMATION:** Open Forum/Public Comment  
Diane Aldis – spoke about the importance of Arts Outreach and the Comprehensive Arts Planning Program.  
Brittany Edwards – spoke to the Board about the potential renaming of the frontage road in honor of Bev DeVos.

**Adjournment** The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn from Member LeCuyer and second from Member Ollig at 7:21pm. On a Voice Vote with all members in favor the meeting is adjourned.