



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.
Perpich Center for Arts Education

Google Hangout: <https://meet.google.com/wxh-vkci-eed>

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

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Approved – MINUTES - Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Julie Workman called the meeting to order at 5:06p.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

L. Brobeck, J. Grams, L. LeCuyer, D. Loritz, G. Winter, J. Workman

ACTION:

CONSENT AGENDA - 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 Regular Meeting, April 23, 2020
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, period ending April 30, 2020 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Member LeCuyer and a second was offered by Member Brobeck. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting for approval and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

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INFORMATION:

Executive Director's Report – Interim Executive Director Dr. Charles Rick presented a report of activities of the Executive Director's office and the Agency since the Board's last meeting in May. Items included adjournment of the 2020 Legislative Session, information about an anticipated Special Session, COVID-19 Pandemic related meetings, the June 5 virtual Arts High School Graduation Ceremony, the Governor's Executive Order 20-40 which begins the planning for a limited and gradual return of State (and other) employees to office settings and, efforts begun by the agency to update and revise the existing technology plan and provide a report to the Board at its retreat in August. No questions were received. The text of Rick's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

INFORMATION:

Arts High School Update – Principal Conn McCartan supplied a report of Arts High School activities since the previous meeting of the Board. Items highlighted were included updates to the Arts High School's Distance Learning Plan (accessible at: <http://perpich.mn.gov/arts-high-school/perpich-distance-learning-plan/>), the Arts High School's Student Support Response, and continuing efforts for engagement of student families. McCartan also presented the members with projected enrollment for the coming school year that indicates potential realization of the 20% growth goal set for the year. McCartan responded to questions regarding student Learning & Housing plans for the coming school year from Chair Workman. The text of McCartan's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

INFORMATION:

Human Resources Update – Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan reported to the members on the State collective bargaining agreements and compensation plan that has been approved for implementation, the state-wide hiring freeze and process for filling necessary vacancies, the temporary re-deployment of one agency staff member to the Veteran's Home, continuing telework guidance for staff who are able to do so, information options available to the public about the COVID-19 pandemic from the State and the pending release of the Board's self-assessment survey. Akpan responded to a question from Chair Workman regarding possible plans/procedures for testing of staff that may be asymptomatic. The text of Akpan's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

INFORMATION:

Library Update – Senior Librarian Anne Dennison supplied the members with a report on the activities of the Perpich Library, the effects of the current pandemic on library operations, and planning for activities to be undertaken over the summer in anticipation of students returning in the Fall. No questions were received. The text of Dennison's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

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- INFORMATION:** Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Proposal – Finance Director Johnston presented the members with a draft of the agency’s proposed budget for FY21 in spreadsheet form and a PowerPoint deck that highlighted changes of significance to the budget in comparison to FY20. Johnston responded to Chair Workman on a question regarding carry-over of any remaining dollars from FY20 to FY21.
- INFORMATION/ACTION:** Agency Policies for approval consideration –Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan provided the members with background on the agency’s requested update to Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records. Akpan responded to a question from Member Brobeck about transference of right of access to records when a student achieves the age of 18 years. Approval of Policy 515 updates was moved by Member Brobeck and a second was offered by Member LeCuyer. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting for approval and no votes against, Policy 515 was approved for update.
- INFORMATION:** Committee Reports:
No Committees Reporting
- INFORMATION:** Board Member Discussion
Travel & Events
Board Member Forum – Member Brobeck inquired about possible training modules offered by the Minnesota School Board Association. Chair Workman and Board Secretary Lamprecht provided information about offerings that members are able to pursue. Members were encouraged to contact the Board Secretary for assistance with registration if they identify workshops they would be interested in attending.
- INFORMATION:** Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the public indicated desire to address the members.
- ADJOURNMENT** Having concluded the business of the Board as represented by the agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31p.m.