



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 25, 2021 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.
Perpich Center for Arts Education
Virtual Meeting (Google Hangout): meet.google.com/yyp-vmux-pfy

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 Linda Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:14p.m
- MEMBERS ATTENDING:** On a Call of the Roll, the following members were identified present: L. Brobeck, M. Chase, P. Hustoles, D. Loritz, M. Nabors, M. Ollig, J. Workman. Member LeCuyer joined the meeting at 5:17p.m.
- 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:
Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Regular Meeting, January 21, 2021
Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, period ending January 31, 2021 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director
Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Member Hustoles and a second was provided by Member Ollig. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes cast against, the Consent Agenda was approved.
- INFORMATION:** Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Charles Rick provided the members a review of activities on behalf of the agency since the Board’s last meeting including a thank you to the Government Relations committee members to aid in developing the agency’s reply to a response to questions from the Minnesota House Education Finance Committee, meetings attended that are indicating expanded plans for COVID-19 testing and vaccination, the State’s pending budget forecast, deadlines for introduction and action on bills before the Senate or House and recognized the Members of the Board for their work with regard to National School Board Recognition Week.
Dr. Rick responded to questions from Member Hustoles. The text of Dr. 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 thanked the members of the board for the efforts in honor of National School Board Recognition Week and reviewed activities of the Arts High School with respect to work to make adjustments to the calendar and rotation schedules to best accommodate student needs for ACT and AP testings, theater production and other needs. Round one of Admissions has been completed and numbers of applicants and acceptances are ahead of last year at this time. The balance of students applying across art areas is proceeding well with potential for need to close further applications to the Visual Arts Program.
- McCartan responded to questions from Members Brobeck and Hustoles. A 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 thanked the Members for their work in honor of National School Board Recognition Week and reviewed updates to the current Peacetime Emergency orders, the State’s hiring freeze, business travel restrictions, expansion of vaccinations, COVID-19 testing that will begin with the return of more staff and students to campus, staffing vacancies that are being researched and prepared for posting. HR has recently completed the STAR report required by MDE and is working on completion of the agency’s affirmative action plan document to submit it for review to MMB. Akpan responded to questions from Member Hustoles.
- INFORMATION:** Communications Update - Communications Director Betsy Anderson acknowledged the contributions of the board members and provided a report describing the support of Admissions with increases in advertising over the past year and the success of these efforts. Information detailing this work and it’s resulting data was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public. Anderson responded to questions from Members Brobeck and Hustoles.
- INFORMATION:** Budget Assumptions, Budgeting Timeline – Finance Director Thomas Johnston lead the members through a review of the FY22 budget assumptions and the timeline for development of the agency budget and approvals. Johnston and Dr. Rick responded to questions from Members Brobeck, Chase, Hustoles and LeCuyer
- ACTION:** SY2022 Fee Schedule – Johnston shared the proposed student fee schedule for the 2022 School Year and how the fees’ structure impact the agency. Johnston responded to questions received from Members Brobeck, Chase, Hustoles and Nabors. Member LeCuyer moved approval of the schedule and a second was received from Member Hustoles. With the completion of discussion, on a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the SY2022 Fee Schedule was approved.

INFORMATION/ACTION: Update of the Bylaws, Section 2.3 Compensation – Members discussed language proposed to resolve technical concerns for payment of per diem to Board Members attending legislatively required trainings. Upon review and discussion of the current language and possible changes needed. The board secretary received and noted suggested edits to supply the Board with a re-draft. On a motion by Member Hustoles to table further discussion of language changes until the next meeting of the Board and receipt of a second from Member Chase, the Chair requested a Call of the Roll. With each member voting in favor and no votes against, tabling this agenda item was approved and it will be revisited at the April 22, 2021 regular meeting of the Board.

INFORMATION: Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance Committee Chair Mikal Nabors recapped the recent meeting of the committee that focused on conversations around the budget assumptions, budget preparation timeline, the SY2022 student fee schedule that was approved earlier in this meeting and dollars that have been identified for carry-forward to FY2022 and funds that do not qualify for carry-over and will be returned to the State’s General Fund at the end of the current fiscal year. Nabors responded to questions from Member Hustoles.

Government Relations Committee Chair Molly Chase updated the members on the recent meeting of the committee to discuss legislative relationships and key talking points as board members consider opportunities to engage with legislators during session.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion:

Travel & Events
Member Hustoles shared the dates and information for the opening of Minnesota State Mankato’s production of Mama Mia.

Board Member Forum
No further announcements were received from members.

INFORMATION: Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the attending public rose to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT Having concluded the business of the Board as represented by the agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19p.m.