



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Perpich Center for Arts Education**

**Virtual Meeting**

*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 5:00p.m.

### **MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

L. Brobeck, M. Chase, J. Grams, P. Hustoles, L. LeCuyer, D. Loritz, M. Nabors, M. Ollig, G. Winter and 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, December 17, 2020
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, period ending December 31, 2020 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Member Hustoles and a second was provided by Member Chase. 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: submission of the Executive Director’s Annual Report to the Legislature, the Agency’s appearance before the House Education Finance Committee, the drafting of responses to requests for further data from House members received during that appearance, attendance at the MSBA Virtual Leadership Conference, attendance at a webinar entitled “Racism and the Economy: Focus on Education” with guest speaker Minnesota Supreme Court Justice (retired) Alan Page among others, plans underway to offer COVID testing to faculty and staff as we return to hybrid and in-person learning for students in coming weeks and, efforts in motion to identify faculty and staff members for vaccination priority based on guidelines provided by the State as vaccine allotments are released and distributed. Rick responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Chase, LeCuyer, Nabors and Workman.

**INFORMATION:**

Arts High School Update – Principal Conn McCartan supplied members with a review of activities underway for transition from first semester to second semester, monitoring the downward trending of COVID case rates locally as the Arts High School continues to plan for a return to hybrid learning as soon as that is possible, shared an update on Admissions numbers with 41 applications received to date with the deadline for applications on February 1, 2021, there is broad representation among all art areas and Congressional Districts. McCartan also shared that that among 73 Perpich students who submitted works to the Scholastic Art Awards program there were 94 honors awarded (third largest number of awards by school in the State) including 18 Gold Key and 25 Silver Key awards with the Gold Key winners continuing on to national adjudication and also recognized staff that are currently exhibiting. No changes were reported in enrollment levels. McCartan responded to questions from Members Hustoles, LeCuyer and Workman.

**INFORMATION:**

Professional Development & Resources – Dance Specialist Mary Harding and Theater Specialist Dr. Stephanie Lein Walseth together presented a comprehensive view of their work with Schools and School Districts using the tools of theater and dance to promote Arts Education, Arts Literacy and Arts Standards and support educators’ abilities to instruct the arts through conferences, workshops, mentoring and coaching on behalf of the State of Minnesota. They described the many collaborations that PDR has participated in on the local and national levels to deliver new ideas and curriculum and the pivot required to manage the challenges of the pandemic over the past year. Harding and Lein Walseth received questions or remarks from Members Hustoles, LeCuyer and Workman.

**INFORMATION:**

Board Member Discussion -

Travel & Events – No member of the Board submitted a request for travel or attendance to an event.

Board Member Forum – Member Brobeck submitted a request for an update to the bylaws that better aligns language with the practice of permitting members to be paid per diem for attending training events required by the legislature and/or related to their service on the board; in accordance with the bylaws, this request will be taken up as an action item in the February regular meeting. Member Chase submitted a request for a notation on the percentage of time elapsed through the fiscal year.

**INFORMATION:**

Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the public rose to address the members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With completion of the business of the Board as represented by the agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m.