



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, September 23, 2021 - 5:00 -- 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 Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:07p.m. On a Call of the Roll members identified to be present were: S. Anderson, L. Brobeck. M. Chase. S. Grans-Korsh, P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer, D. Loritz, B. Burnham (ex-officio), M. Nabors 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:
Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting, August 26, 2021
Receive Agency Budget and Financial Reports, period ending August 31, 2021 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director
Approval was moved by Member LeCuyer with a second provided by Member Nabors, no discussion was raised. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION: Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick supplied the members a review of his activities on behalf of the agency since the previous meeting and gave some of his time over to Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan to speak on the topic of Policy #1446 regarding the State's COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination and Testing Policy that became effective September 8; Akpan responded to a question from Member Khosravi. Dr. Rick with staff member Toni Beckler, responded to questions from Members LeCuyer and Khosravi – following these questions adjustments were made to the room and devices being used that improved the ability of all attendees to see and hear. A text of Dr. Rick's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

During the transition to the next agenda topic the Chair recognized the attendance of Assistant Commissioner Bobbie Burnham, the appointed representative of the Minnesota Department Education. Burnham introduced herself to the members and attendees and shared her biography.

INFORMATION: Arts High School Update – Principal Conn McCartan shared highlights of Arts High School during the previous month and upcoming events. This was followed by a review of enrollment numbers documenting current enrollment standing at 170 students. A text of McCartan's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

INFORMATION: Library Update – Librarian Anne Dennison highlighted activities she has undertaken on behalf of the library since her last report to the Board. Dennison’s report is detailed in printed form that was supplied and included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public. Dennison responded to a question from Member Khosravi.

INFORMATION: Professional Development & Resources – Jeremy Holien provided the members with a review of his efforts to advance the PDR goals that work to address teacher isolation, community building, advancements of practices in arts education and collaborations that focus on anti-racism and equity efforts through Visual and Media Arts Education programming and instruction support to Minnesota Educators. Holien received no questions from the members.

Dr. Wendy Barden supplied the members with a review of the efforts that she has undertaken to advance the PDR goals that work to address teacher isolation, community building, advancements of practices in arts education and collaborations that focus on anti-racism and equity efforts through Music Education programming and instruction support to Minnesota Educators. Barden responded to questions from Members Grans-Korsh and Brobeck. Members LeCuyer and Brobeck each shared their appreciation of the work that Holien and Barden are doing on behalf of the State and the agency.

INFORMATION: Bylaws Article 3.1c – Board Development Committee Co-Chair Steve Anderson reviewed a recommendation of the Board Development Committee that the Board amend bylaws article 3.1c that currently provides for a secret ballot in the event of a contested race in an election of the Board Chair or Vice chair. The existing language has not been activated in any known history of the board and to do so would place the agency in violation of Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Anderson offered replacement language: *“In any challenged election, voting will take place for each named candidate by a Call of the Roll.”* In accordance with the bylaws, this amendment will appear as an actionable item on the agenda of the October meeting.

INFORMATION: Committee Reports:
Government Relations Committee Chair Chase Reported to the members progress that the committee has made toward identifying the three key points that will be addressed with legislators in the next session and discussions of how best to promote relationships within the legislature. These recommendations will be brought to the full board for discussion and action in the coming months.

INFORMATION:

Board Member Discussion:

Travel & Events – No members submitted a request for board related travel

Board Member Forum –

Member Khosravi shared that his work has begun to return to business travel and described some recent experiences with conferences and trade-shows with respect to pandemic protocols.

Member LeCuyer shared that she will be attending a Grantmakers in the Arts Conference in Puerto Rico in November

Member Grans-Korsh shared that she will be presenting again in October on Federal Statute 179D that is a tax benefit to government agencies for building out energy efficiencies

INFORMATION:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded the business of the board as represented by the meeting agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.