



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.
Perpich Center for Arts Education
Zoom 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 5:02p.m. On a Call of the Roll members identified to be present were: S. Anderson, L. Brobeck, B. Burnham, M. Chase, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer, Y. Lee, D. Loritz, M. Nabors. Member L. Childers joined the meeting in progress at 5:03p.m. and Member J. Workman joined the meeting in progress at 5:15p.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:

- a. Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting, December 16, 2021
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Reports, periods ending December 31, 2021 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Members Hustoles with a second provided by Member Khosravi; there was no discussion. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no members against, the Consent Agenda was approved at 5:03p.m.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick supplied a report of his and agency activities beginning with an update on the State and Agency's response to the COVID-19 pandemic that was joined by Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan. Dr. Rick and Akpan responded to questions received from Members LeCuyer, Grans-Korsh, Hustoles, Childers, Khosravi and Brobeck. Dr. Rick continued his report by drawing attention to the copy of the Agency Annual Executive Director's report received by members in their board packet, his completion of training required for maintenance of his administrative license, recapped a meeting with the City of Golden Valley and progress on the Highway 55/Douglas Drive upgrade project and summarized his experiences attending the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference. Dr. Rick also noted several key dates related to the upcoming Legislative Session. No additional questions were received.

INFORMATION:

Arts High School Update – Perpich Arts High School Principal Conn McCartan reported to the directors on the success of meeting the year's pandemic related challenges for staffing and student attendance and preparedness for pivoting to distance learning if conditions require. McCartan updated members on the closure of first semester and beginning of the second semester, highlighted two students who have received national recognition awards from the College Board, student applications that are

being received on pace to exceed application numbers tallied over any of the previous five years and highlighted upcoming events and reviewed current enrollment numbers that were included in the members packets. McCartan responded to questions received from Members Khosravi and Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATION: Business Services – Finance Director Thomas Johnston reported that the budget year is proceeding well with some savings resulting in a few agency areas that are likely to realize a modest surplus that can be carried over in the coming fiscal year. Johnston outlined the timeline and initial processes for budgeting of the coming year and change items that may be considered looking ahead to the next legislative session in 2023. He noted that the agency request for bonding funds in the coming session was acknowledged in the Governor’s bonding proposal to be offered to the legislature though not for the entire request that was submitted and we will try again for some projects in future years. Johnston reviewed on-going enhanced cleaning and sanitation procedures and two capital projects that are currently in design phase with contracts projected to be awarded in May for the replacement of the dormitory boiler and deteriorated sidewalks from the Dorm parking lot to the main/front entrance and at the southeast entrance of the Arts High School building. Johnston further highlighted current IT with remarks on the new staff person added in September and progress that has been made on maintenance and replacement of assets as necessary and updates to internal processes. Johnston responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Lee, Grans-Korsh and Brobeck.

INFORMATION: Board Survey Results – Due to technical issues Human Resources Committee Chair Julie Workman was unable to provide her report for this meeting and the topic will be moved to the February meeting agenda for the regular meeting.

INFORMATION: Nominees for Election of Officers, February 2022 Annual Meeting – Committee Members LeCuyer, Nabors and Workman supplied the Directors with the slate of candidates recommended by the committee: Nominees to election at the Annual Meeting in February are Linda Brobeck for Board Chair and Leslie LeCuyer for Board Vice Chair. Member Chase was recognized by the Chair for a question and inquired if nominations from the floor would be received at the Annual Meeting; members were provided assurance that further nominations will be accepted from the floor.

INFORMATION: Executive Committee Report – Member Chase speaking for the committee, reviewed the committee’s recent discussion of board communications and talking points that have been developed and drafted by the Government Relations committee and will be used to create printed materials that Directors can use to promote the agency in conversations with legislators and supply as a ‘leave behind’ piece with legislative staffers. Chase responded to inquiries and comments from Members LeCuyer, Khosravi, Lee, Hustoles and Workman.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion:

Travel & Events – Chair Brobeck noted an Officer’s Training offering by MSBA that may be of interest to the Directors. No travel requests were received specific to this offering but discussion of the members resulted in a motion to provide advance approval for any requests to attend this training that was offered by Member Khosravi and a second supplied by Member Hustoles. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the motion was approved.

Board Member Forum – Members LeCuyer and Grans-Korsh supplied comments on their experiences attending the Leadership Conference sponsored by MSBA earlier in the month. Member Khosravi related recent experiences traveling for business and pandemic related protocols encountered.

INFORMATION: Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the public was identified desiring to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT Having concluded the business of the Board as represented by the agenda the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.