



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 24, 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 Meeting
Approved – MINUTES - Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Linda Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:22p.m. On a Call of the Roll, members identified to be present were: L. Brobeck, M. Chase, L. Childers, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer, Y. Lee, M. Nabors, M. Ollig 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, January 20, 2022
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, period ending January 31, 2022 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Member Hustoles moved approval of the consent agenda and a second was provided by Member Nabors. In discussion, Member Chase asked for clarification of how calculations are presented. Finance Director explained that the payroll data are presented to document the agency obligation and do not represent actual to-date expenditure. There were no further items of discussion raised and the Chair called the question. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor of approval and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick recognized the members of the Board for their public service to the school and the State in celebration of Minnesota School Board Recognition Week and presented the Directors with a report of his activities on behalf of the agency. Rick noted that the agency has completed its presentation before the House Capital Investment Committee. Rick also reported that efforts on updating the Statewide Arts Assessment Survey are progressing and the PDR director position posting has closed. Applicant resumes and cover letters are in review for preparation of determining an interview schedule. Dr. Rick received and responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Lee and Khosravi. A 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 offered his personal gratitude to the Directors in observance of Minnesota School Board Recognition Week and shared with the members that the Arts High School has experienced no reports of COVID-19 among the student body since late in January. With

the new/current CDC guidelines if there is a reported close contact the required quarantining time has been reduced by half greatly reducing possible lost education time. McCartan provided the members with an update on Round 1 of the application/admissions process, offered his comments on the significant successes of Perpich students in the Scholastic Art Awards competition that placed PAHS fourth (of 74 participating schools) in overall awards received and highlighted recent and upcoming events given the Art areas and the recent Student Showcase delivered by the Perpich Student Council. McCartan reported to the Directors that the Perpich Graduation Ceremony will return this year to the Ted Mann Concert Hall in its traditional format. McCartan responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Khosravi and Lee. A text of McCartan's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

INFORMATION: Board Survey Results – In deference to a scheduling conflict for Director Workman, the Chair brought forward Agenda Item IX and HR Committee Chair Julie Workman shared the results of the Self-Assessment survey that the Directors undertook in the Fall of 2021 that had been carried over from the January meeting of the Board. Workman responded to a question received from Member Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATION/ACTION: Approval of Perpich Arts High School, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year calendars. The Chair brought forward Agenda Item VIII and Ekpe Akpan deferred speaking on the approval request to Principal McCartan. McCartan supplied a summary of the process and the structure of the calendars and their respective schedules. A motion to approve was received from Member LeCuyer and a second given by Member Hustoles. In discussion, McCartan received and responded to questions from Members Grans-Korsh, Workman, Childers, Brobeck and Khosravi. With the conclusion of discussion, the Chair requested a Call of the Roll and with Members Brobeck, Chase, Childers, Hustoles, LeCuyer, Lee, Nabors, and Ollig voting to approve, Member Grans-Korsh abstaining and Member Khosravi voting present, the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year calendars were approved.

INFORMATION: 2018 MN Academic Standards in the Arts – Returning to the order of the published agenda, PDR Music Specialist Dr. Wendy Barden spoke to the Directors on the Minnesota Arts Academic Standards established in 2018. These standards provide the framework to achieve the opportunities and offerings in five art areas that MN school districts must provide to their students to remain in compliance with existing statutes. Dr. Barden responded to questions from Members Hustoles LeCuyer and Childers. Dr. Barden's entire presentation is available in the recording of the meeting.

INFORMATION: Budget Assumptions, Budgeting Timeline – Finance Director Johnston presented the Directors with a review of the process for establishing the agency's budget assumptions and the timeline that is observed for creating the agency's budget for the coming fiscal year and preparing that for future approval of the Board. Johnston responded to a question from Member Brobeck.

- ACTION:** SY2022-2023 Student Fee Schedule – Finance Director Johnston presented the Directors with the proposed student fee schedule for the coming school year and reflected that the dollar amounts in the offered schedule hold at the same values as offered in the previous school year having been determined that these figures are sustainable without adjustment for the coming year. Approval of the SY2022-2023 Student Fee Schedule was moved by Member LeCuyer and a second supplied by Member Nabors. In discussion, Johnston responded to questions from Members Chase, Hustoles and Brobeck. On conclusion of the discussion the Chair asked for a Call of the Roll and with each member voting to approve and no votes against, the Student Fee Schedule was approved.
- INFORMATION:** Committee Reports:
Budget & Finance Committee – Committee Chair Pasha Khosravi briefed the Directors on learnings gained in the committee’s meeting earlier in the day including the possibility that the agency will realize a surplus on the current fiscal year. Further description of the situation was supplied by Finance Director Johnston who reminded the board that surplus funds in the current fiscal year (year one of the biennium) are reallocated to the next fiscal year (year two of the biennium). Johnston received and responded to a question from Khosravi.

Government Relations Committee – Committee Chair Molly Chase updated the Directors on progress toward completion of the materials being developed for ‘Leave Behind’ and preparations of the contact list to reach out to Representatives and Senators with the legislative session in progress.
- INFORMATION:** Board Member Discussion – No member of the Board made inquiry for a new request of travel to the Directors. Finance Director Johnston offered the Members an update on the installation of MN DOT signage to provide advance notice to eastbound Highway 55 traffic that they are approaching the campus. Further details will be supplied as they become available.
- 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 7:24p.m.