



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 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.

Approved – MINUTES – Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Linda Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m. On a Call of the Roll, members identified to be present were: S. Anderson, L. Brobeck, M. Chase, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, L. LeCuyer, D. Loritz, J. Mohr and R. Petersen. The Chair recognized and introduced newly appointed Board members Janet Mohr and Rebecca Petersen and, recognized Paul Hustoles on his reappointment to the Perpich Board.

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 Annual and Regular Meetings, February 24, 2022
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, periods ending February 28 and March 31, 2022 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

The Chair was supplied a motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Member Hustoles, a second was received from Member LeCuyer. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting to approve and no votes against the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick Welcomed the new board members and reported to the body on his activities on behalf of the agency since the previous meeting including updates on the Legislative Session, Highway 55/Douglas Drive intersection and tunnel project, the 2022 Arts Needs Assessment Survey that has been emailed to 9,000+ Minnesota Arts Educators, School Administrators and Curriculum Directors, an upcoming meeting with Senator Pappas and building a collection of the questions and responses to build the agency knowledge base for making contacts with Legislators. Dr. Rick also made announcements on the hiring of Dr. Wendy Barden to fill the vacant PDR Director position and the August 2022 retirement of Board Secretary Lon Lamprecht. Dr. Rick received and responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Brobeck, Grans-Korsh and LeCuyer. 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 supplied the body with an update on the Admissions process for the coming school year and a current projection of 150-160 students for the coming year with slightly over 25% of those students identifying as BIPOC and noting that there is space for improvement in this area as we’re somewhat below the Statewide average of BIPOC students. Additional updates were supplied on 3rd quarter events completed, conclusion of standardized testing for the year, this year’s Perpich recipient of the Rose Rees Peace Award – Mona Mavluda, National Scholastic and Art National Silver Medalist – Fox Lopez, and reminded Directors of events planned as the end of the year approaches. McCartan responded to questions from Members Grans-Korsh, Hustoles, Mohr, Petersen and Anderson.

INFORMATION: Library Update – Perpich Librarian Anne Dennison reported on the year-to-date in Library services and how usage has grown much nearer than expected to pre-pandemic ‘normals’ with total checkouts exceeding double over the previous year and still increasing. Dennison noted that she has been glad to have TA’s working in the space again, the Maker Space (closed last year) is back in use, efforts on loading booklists and anticipated updates to the library website content. Surveys are out among students and staff for the purpose of informing new book lists. Plans are in place for cataloging new inventory as it is received as well as weeding the existing collection to remove unused materials over the summer months. Dennison responded to a question from Member Hustoles.

INFORMATION: Business Services Update - Finance Director Thomas Johnston supplied an update of the Budgeting Process and timeline to the Directors with a presentation of the FY23 Budget Proposal to be delivered for consideration at the May Board meeting and then seeking an approval vote at the June meeting. There is a modest surplus from FY22 identified to carry forward into the next budget year. Items identified for use of the surplus include: refreshing staff devices, upgrades to lighting and audio in the Black Box Theater, upgrades to ventilation in some rooms, updating of security cameras in some spaces and replacement of carpeting in designated areas. Johnston supplied a brief list and timeline for projects that are scheduled to be completed over the summer months. Johnston replied to questions from Members Hustoles, Grans-Korsh and Mohr.

INFORMATION: Committee Reports:
Budget & Finance Committee – The committee Chair was unable to attend and Committee Member Grans-Korsh shared a brief update on the committee’s recent meeting.
Government Relations Committee – Committee Chair Chase supplied a recap of Government Relations efforts including in-person and virtual one on one meetings with influential legislators and will be working on improvements for the next year informed by the current year’s learnings.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion:
Travel & Events – No requests were made.
Board Member Forum – No updates offered.

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

ADJOURNMENT Having completed the business of the Board as represented by the agenda the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.