



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, August 24, 2023 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.
Perpich Center for Arts Education
Gaia Building, Large Glass Box & 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 - Chair Khosravi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

On a Call of the Roll, members identified to be in attendance were: S. Anderson (onsite), L. Brobeck (onsite), M. Chase (virtual), L. Childers (virtual), S. Grans-Korsh (onsite), P. Hustoles (onsite), P. Khosravi (onsite), L. LeCuyer (onsite), D. Loritz (virtual), J. Mohr (onsite), R. Salazar (onsite), J. Workman (virtual).

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, June 22, 2023
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, periods ending June 30 and July 31, 2023

Member P. Hustoles moved to approve the adoption of the Consent Agenda, Member S. Anderson seconded, on a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION: Executive Director Rick provided updates for the start of the academic year, the MN Free School Meals program, 2023 Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Seminar, MN Department of Education’s Back to School Conference, Minnesota House Education Finance and Education Policy committees’ visit, and upcoming events.

Executive Director Rick responded to comments from Members Hustoles, Grans-Korsh, and LeCuyer.

INFORMATION: Arts High School Update – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal, highlighted the high school report with updates on activities including new staff, in-service teacher weeks, dorm facility, enrollment, in service teacher professional development planning, and upcoming events.

Principal Bullen responded to comments from Members J. Mohr and S. Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATION: Professional Development and Resources Update – PDR Director Dr. Wendy Barden reported on goal and priority updates to the 2023-24 PDR report, library initiatives, and a new webpage.

Dr. Barden responded to comments from Members L. LeCuyer, P. Hustoles and R. Salazar.

INFORMATION: Finance Director Melissa Stirn provided a summary of the hard close and start of the new school year and related activities in the finance department. Director Stirn noted the retirement of the accounts payable and payroll team member, Suzanne Bursh. Director Stirn also outlined the work plan for the new fiscal year including bonding requests.

Director Stirn responded to comments from Members Hustoles, Khosravi, and Grans-Korsh.

ACTION: Human Resources Update – Member Janet Mohr outlined the Board Self-Assessment results. The Committee will discuss a potential mid-year assessment.

INFORMATION: Board Retreat Update – Chair Khosravi provided a summary of the August 24, 2023 Board Retreat. Members Grans-Korsh and Chase provided positive comments.

ACTION: Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan provided an overview of new board policies titled Board Policy 5.16 Student Medication and Board Policy 5.16.5 Overdose Medication. Ms. Akpan responded to questions from Members Khosravi and Childers. Member LeCuyer made a motion to approve Board Policy 5.16 Student Medication and Board Policy 5.16.5 Overdose Medication, Member Salazar seconded.

Principal Bullen responded to questions from Members Childers, Chase, Hustoles, Khosravi, and Brobeck.

On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes against, Board policies 5.16 and 5.16.5 were approved.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion – none.

INFORMATION: Open Forum/Public Comment (limited to 2 minutes each, total of 20 minutes) – No member of the public rose to address the Directors.

ADJOURNMENT: With completion of the business of the Regular Meeting as identified by the Agenda, Chair Khosravi called the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.