



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, September 28, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. - 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 – Vice Chair Grans-Korsh called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Joining the meeting in process: L. Childers (virtual), Y. Lee (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, August 24, 2023
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, periods ending August 31, 2023

Member J. Mohr moved to approve the adoption of the Consent Agenda, Member Chase 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 acknowledged Suzanne Bursh in Perpich Center for Arts Education’s accounts payable position who retired with more than 20 years of service. Dr. Rick provided updates regarding the 2023 Assurance of Compliance Report, progress toward 2023-24 strategic planning goals, report on Douglas Drive/Hwy 55 Project, the Minnesota Free Meal Program, Perpich asset preservation projects, and the upcoming SRSEA (teacher) negotiations. Executive Director discussed the upcoming visit from Senate Education Finance and Senate Education Policy committees and invited members, if interested, to attend. Executive Director Rick noted the Board will be asked to take formal action at this meeting on four policy revisions as a result of the 2023 Minnesota Legislative changes. The Board will also be asked at their next meeting to approve a policy related to school meals in October.

Executive Director Rick responded to comments from Members Loritz, Mohr, Grans-Korsh, and Chase.

INFORMATION: **Arts High School Update** – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal, highlighted the high school report with updates on activities including the portfolio and career day, studio arts exhibition, literary arts reading, and invited members to attend the first music concert of the academic year held on October 26 and 27.

INFORMATION: Professional Development and Resources Update – PDR Director Dr. Wendy Barden reported on current activities including statewide services, equity training, review of the impacts from legislative action, and the Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP). Members Childers and Mohr discussed the disconnection for arts educators and disproportionate professional development support between arts educators and others teachers in education.

Dr. Barden responded to questions from Members Anderson, LeCuyer, J. Mohr, and L. Childers.

ACTION: Board Policies 413: Harassment and Violence, 507: Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint, and 514: Bullying Prohibition – Executive Director Rick and Human Resources Director Akpan outlined the request to approve policies that are either required by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) or legislative action. The policies include: Policy 413-1: Harassment and Violence that is part of assurance of compliance report, Policy 507: Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint, that is a new policy, and Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition policy which is an update.

Member Mohr made a motion to act on the three policies in one vote. Member Anderson seconded.

Dr. Rick and Ekpe Akpan responded to questions from Members J. Mohr, L. LeCuyer, and L. Childers.

On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes against, Board Policies 413: Harassment and Violence, 507: Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint, and 514: Bullying Prohibition were approved.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion – Member Childers reported she is currently choreographing musicals in St. Michael-Albertville and at Century College in White Bear Lake. Member Anderson will be performing with the Gold Star Alumni Band at the North Dakota State University homecoming in a band.

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, Vice Chair Grans-Korsh called the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.