



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 16, 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 UNAPPROVED – MINUTES - UNAPPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Khosravi called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

**INFORMATION:** Chair Khosravi called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

**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, October 19, 2023
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, periods ending October 31, 2023

Member J. Mohr moved to approve the adoption of the Consent Agenda, Member R. Salazar 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 a report on the Minnesota Free Schools Meal Program and noted Perpich has been approved to participate in the program and will request the board to approve pricing options later on the agenda. Executive Director Rick reported on the campus visit with members of the Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee and the presentation to the Governor’s Executive Budget Team capital requests regarding asset preservation. Members suggested Perpich pursue discussion, if applicable, with existing agencies such as the Minnesota Council on Disabilities, to assist Perpich with ADA requests. Executive Director Rick also reported on the Highway 55 / Douglas Drive project, labor negotiations, required annual State of Minnesota employee training with the completion deadline of December 15, participation at the Minnesota Rural Education Association and upcoming events. Executive Director Rick and Board Chair Khosravi discussed the importance of board committees meeting to adhere to the statutory meeting requirement.

Executive Director Rick responded to comments from Members P. Hustoles, L. Brobeck, S. Grans-Korsh, R. Doyle, J. Workman, R. Salazar, L. LeCuyer, and J. Mohr.

**INFORMATION:** Dr. Michael Buck, Professional Development and Resources Music Specialist, provided a report on Professional Development and Resources (PDR) activities, partnerships, and resources provided to music educators across the State of Minnesota. Dr. Buck articulated work in customized workshops, professional learning communities, classroom visits, and curriculum review.

Dr. Buck responded to comments from Members R. Doyle, R. Salazar, and S. Anderson.

**INFORMATION:** Arts High School Update – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal, highlighted the high school report with updates on activities including current enrollment, student activities including a school dance, field trips, portfolio day, as well as other community building activities. Principal Bullen further reported on a potential partnership with Concordia College to showcase student work in early 2024 and provided an update with dorm activities and student support from the dorm staff. Principal Bullen reported on participation at the Arts School Network conference attendance that focused on anti-racist work and discussed local connections at the conference.

A suggestion was made for the Government Relations Committee to explore, if appropriate, working with students in the Student Ambassador Program, and provide guidance and talking points to students who wish to share their Perpich experiences with legislators.

Principal Bullen responded to comments from Members L. LeCuyer, P. Hustoles, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Khosravi, and R. Salazar.

**ACTION:** Minnesota Free School Meals Program – Executive Director Rick reported Perpich was approved to implement the Minnesota Free School Meals Program sooner than anticipated and outlined the recommendation for board approval to begin participation in the program effective January 15, 2024. The approval includes a fee reduction in meal cost. Once approved, Principal Bullen will notify students and families of the change to the School Meals Policy effective on January 15, 2024. Executive Director Rick noted a scheduled site visit with the School Meals Program administrators on February 1, 2024.

**INFORMATION:** Dr. Rick reported on progress toward strategic plan goals. Members of the board supported the report format and congratulated Dr. Rick and the leadership team for the progress.

**INFORMATION:** Board Member Discussion – Member Grans-Korsh inquired if the board was at full complement. Chair Khosravi initiated a conversation on board member terms and the status of appointments. Chair Khosravi encouraged board members to direct interested applicants to the Secretary of State website to apply.

**ACTION:** Member Salazar expressed interest in attending the January 2024 Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference. Board Secretary Kathy Morgan provided details regarding the conference scheduled for January 11-12, 2024, and encouraged members who wish to attend, as well as members who must complete required training, request registration.

Chair Khosravi responded to comments from Members R. Doyle, J. Workman, and J. Mohr.

Member J. Workman noted she will attend the conference representing Rochester and hopes to meet others who may attend the luncheon.

Member S. Grans-Korsh made a motion to approve board members who wish to attend the

conference or need required training be allowed to participate and pay associated expenses. Member L. LeCuyer seconded, on a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes against, members interested in attending the Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference on January 11-12, 2024 was approved. Board Secretary Kathy Morgan will send an email to the board requesting interest and will process registrations.

**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 6:53 p.m.