



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024 - 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** – Chair Khosravi called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

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

**ACTION:** APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Chair Khosravi called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda. A second was provided by Member S. Anderson. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the regular meeting agenda was approved.

**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 25, 2024
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, periods ending January 31, 2024

Member P. Hustoles moved to approve the consent agenda. A second was provided by Member L. LeCuyer. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

**INFORMATION:** Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Rick introduced Minnesota Department of Education’s (MDE) Nicole Laven, Standards Implementation Manager, who replaced Bobbi Burnham as the MDE representative on the Perpich Board of Directors. N. Laven provided information on her background and is eager to learn and help the efforts of the Perpich Board of Directors.

Executive Director Rick introduced incoming Perpich Finance Director John Toop who will start employment on Tuesday, February 27. Mr. Toop provided the board with professional background information. Dr. Rick highlighted February as School Board Recognition Month and thanked board

members for their service to the Perpich Board of Directors. Dr. Rick reported on updates to the 2024 Legislative Session, Minnesota Department of Education visit, updates to the 2023-24 strategic goals, FY25 budget assumptions, timelines and the student fee schedule along with a report on the MDE Free Lunch program. Dr. Rick also provided information on the 2024 Legislative Session and information regarding FY25 budget planning.

Executive Director Rick responded to questions and comments from Members P. Hustoles, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Khosravi, M. Chase, and J. Mohr.

**INFORMATION:** Professional Development and Resources – PDR Director Wendy Barden provided an extensive, detailed report primarily focused on Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers across the State of Minnesota. The data was extracted and reviewed by PDR staff using Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) data.

PDR Director Barden responded to questions and comments from Members P. Hustoles, R. Doyle, P. Khosravi, S. Grans-Korsh, R. Doyle, and R. Salazar.

**INFORMATION:** Arts High School Report – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal, highlighted the high school report with updates including current enrollment, round-one admissions, school experiences, family focus, community and family connections, student leadership and arts practice as well as upcoming March events. Principal Bullen also reported on enrollment by arts area, Congressional district, ethnicity, and residents / commuters.

Principal Bullen responded to questions and comments from Members S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, and P. Khosravi.

**ACTION:** Board Committee Updates – Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan, on behalf of the Human Resources Committee, provided an overview of the recommended updates for approval to Perpich Center for Arts Education policies 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records and Policy 533 Wellness. Director Akpan noted these policies require specific language to meet the requirements for the Federal Nutrition Program

Human Resources Director Akpan responded to questions and comments from Members L. Childers, and R. Doyle.

Member L. LeCuyer moved approval for Policy 533: Wellness, a second provided by Member P. Hustoles. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Policy 533: Wellness was approved.

Member S. Grans-Korsh moved to approve Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, a second was provided by Member R. Salazar. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Policy 515: Wellness was approved.

**INFORMATION:** Board Member Discussion – Members of the board discussed strategies to encourage applicants for the Perpich Center for Arts Education Board of Directors. Members agreed to forward information to their networks as appropriate to encourage potential candidates to apply. Member L. LeCuyer requested a list of current openings along with a suggested message to be sent to all members of the board.

**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 6:55 p.m.