



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 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 P. Khosravi called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

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

Former Perpich Board Chair Linda Brobeck was in attendance.

ACTION: Approval of Agenda – Chair P. Khosravi requested resequencing items to allow for Budget and Finance Committee to provide their report earlier on the agenda. Member L. LeCuyer motioned to approve. Member S. Anderson provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the revised 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, October 10, 2024
- b. Approval of Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending October 31, 2024

Member R. Doyle noted the previous month's minutes read the Executive Director's Report contained an action item. The report contained information only and requested the minutes to reflect the change from action to information.

Member L. LeCuyer noted the item Approval of Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending October 31, 2024 should also include November 01, 2024 as reflected on one financial report.

Board members discussed. Member P. Hustoles motioned to approve consent agenda item Minutes, Board of Directors Regular Meeting, October 10, 2024, as amended with no action from the Executive Directors Report. Member L. LeCuyer provided a second. On a call of the roll with members voting in favor and no votes against, the revised Consent Agenda item was approved.

Member P. Hustoles motioned to approve Consent Agenda item Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending in October 31, 2024 to include November 1, 2024. Member J. Mohr provided a second. On a call of the roll with members voting in favor and no votes against, the revised Consent Agenda item was approved.

ACTION:

Budget and Finance Committee Report – Committee Chair J. Mohr and Finance Director J. Toop provided an update from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Member J. Mohr provided an update from the Budget and Finance Committee and reviewed the financial reports in detail and further outlined materials highlighting the requests contained in the board meeting packet. Finance Director J. Toop and Member J. Mohr answered questions from members P. Hustoles and LeCuyer.

Member P. Hustoles motioned to approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation spend from surplus of up to \$452,852 as outlined in the meeting material. Member S. Anderson provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the recommendation was approved.

Member J. Mohr highlighted the Dorm Fees and Revenue Budget and Finance Committee discussion with for a separate, additional funding request to the Legislature.

ACTION:

Human Resources Committee Report – Committee Chair J. Mohr provided information on two Perpich policies requiring updates as outlined by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) based upon Legislative action. The policies are reviewed by Principal Rebecca Bullen as they relate to Perpich policies and forwarded to the Human Resources Committee for review, and the Attorney General’s office is consulted as needed. Committee Chair J. Mohr outlined the recommended changes to Perpich Policy 501 School Weapons and Perpich Policy 506 Student Discipline.

Committee Chair J. Mohr responded to questions from Member P. Hustoles. Comments were provided by Member S. Grans-Korsh and Member R. Doyle.

Board Chair P. Khosravi noted the Board Development Committee will review the bylaws to determine if board policy review should be officially assigned to the Human Resources Committee or remain a role of the Board Development Committee. -Comments were provided by Member R. Doyle and Member S. Grans-Korsh.

Comments were provided by Members R. Doyle, S. Grans-Korsh, R. Salazar and P. Khosravi.

Member J. Mohr motioned to approve Perpich Policy 501: School Weapons and Perpich Policy 506: Student Discipline. A second provided by Member S. Grans-Korsh.

On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, Perpich Policy 501: School Weapons and Perpich Policy 506: Student Weapons, were approved.

INFORMATION:

Board Chair Report – Board Chair P. Khosravi acknowledged and thanked Dr. Charles Rick, Executive Director, for his work at Perpich Center for Arts Education as he is retiring and this is his last Board meeting. Chair P. Khosravi provided an update on board member recruitment and recommended appointments. Board Secretary K. Morgan reported the Governor’s Office plans

to appoint members in January instead of March as there are several open positions. Board Chair P. Khosravi shared his recent statement in the Perpich newsletter. Comments were provided by Members P. Hustoles

ACTION:

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director C. Rick provided updates including Perpich's new hire, Human Resources Director Ahmed Thabet and Interim Executive Director Allegra Smisek. Further updates included information regarding the Gaia Building, Arts School Network Conference, Minnesota Rural Education Summit, and the Arts Network Conference. Executive Director C. Rick reported the need for a board resolution to identify Interim Executive Director Allegra Smisek as the Identified Official with Authority for Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Member P. Hustoles moved to approve Allegra Smisek as Perpich Center for Arts Education's Identified Official with Authority as required by the Minnesota Department of Education. A second was provided by S. Grans-Korsh. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, Allegra Smisek is Perpich Center for Arts Education's Identified Official with Authority.

INFORMATION:

Professional Development and Resources – Dr. Wendy Barden provided an update on PDR activities since the last board meeting. Topics of discussion included Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers. Minnesota's Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP) program manager, Kristi Johnson, provided an extensive update on this year's competitive program including the application process and new CAPP logo.

Comments were provided by Members P. Hustoles and S. Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATON:

Arts High School Update – Arts High School Principal R. Bullen provided updates on student and staff care, staffing updates, Community Educational experiences, Accreditation, accreditation, public transportation, and appointment to the Arts Schools Network Board of Directors. Principal R. Bullen reported upcoming events and student enrollment figures. Principal R. Bullen also thanked Dr. C. Rick for his leadership.

INFORMATION:

Board Chair Pasha Khosravi acknowledged Allegra Smisek, Perpich's Interim Executive Director, who thanked Charles Rick for his leadership and reported on her first few weeks at Perpich.

INFORMATION:

Public member and former Board Chair Linda Brobeck publicly thanked Dr. Rick for his year's of leadership and service to Perpich Center for Arts Education.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having concluded the business of the Meeting as identified by the agenda, Chair Khosravi called the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.