



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 23, 2025 - 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 5:00 p.m. On a Call of the Roll, members identified to be in attendance were: S. Anderson (virtual), L. Childers (virtual), S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles (virtual), P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer (virtual), and J. Mohr (virtual).

ACTION: Approval of Agenda – Chair P. Khosravi called for a motion to approve the board meeting agenda. Member J. Mohr moved and Member P. Hustoles provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the 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, December 19, 2024
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, periods ending December 31, 2024

Member P. Hustoles moved approval of the consent agenda. Member S. Grans-Korsh provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION: Board Chair Report – Board Chair P. Khosravi provided updates on new board member recruitment and the potential of five new members appointed by the Governor as well as the permanent Executive Director search.

ACTION: Chair P. Khosravi discussed the need to change the February board meeting date from February 27 to February 20. Member P. Hustoles moved to change the February meeting date as requested by Chair P. Khosravi. Member L. LeCuyer provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the February Board meeting will be moved from February 27 to February 20, 2025.

ACTION: Member S. Grans-Korsh provided an update on her participation on the Minnesota School Board's Association Annual Conference and shared information regarding board performance,

expectations, and new board member onboarding. Member L. Childers requested the information be made available on the Perpich Board shared drive and Member S. Grans-Korsh noted she will provide the information to be placed on the board shared drive.

INFORMATION: Executive Director's Report – Interim Executive Director A. Smisek provided information regarding the SLEDS data tool previously discussed during the meeting and can provide additional information should the board wish to receive. Interim Executive Director A. Smisek discussed the Perpich Newsletter tool, detailed updates on Perpich's Strategic Plan that includes a board mentor program, legislative updates including bonding, legislator visits, and incoming board members. The Human Resources Committee is scheduled to meet on January 30. The Board Development is scheduled to meet on February 12 to continue review of Perpich bylaws and policies and make any change recommendation(s) to the full board. Interim Executive Director gave a "shout out" to Perpich Communications Director Betsy Anderson for her work. Questions were asked by members S. Grans-Korsh regarding the Governor's HEAPR recommendations and answered by Interim Executive Director A. Smisek. Comments were received by member P. Hustoles regarding the political climate and Communications Director B. Anderson.

INFORMATION: Professional Development and Resources Update – Dr. Wendy Barden, PDR Director, provided updates on the activities of the Professional Development and Resources (PDR) team. The PDR team brought together several leaders from arts education organizations to address the assumption that elementary classroom teachers taking the role of an arts specialist. Several leaders came together and determined this is an issue yet not a challenge. PRD Director W. Barden further noted that PELSBE reported this is being addressed and the data supports this.

PDR Director W. Barden addressed questions from Members S. Grans-Korsh and P. Hustoles.

INFORMATION: Arts High School Update – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal, extended gratitude to the board for their support and awareness of today's climate and its impact on PACE students, faculty and staff. Principal R. Bullen provided an update on the focused work of the Arts High School and creating a safe space for all students and staff at Perpich. Principal R. Bullen also discussed student recruitment, outreach, and marketing as well as outlined upcoming events and activities and encouraged board members to attend, should their schedule permit.

Principal R. Bullen addressed comments and questions from Members J. Mohr, P. Hustoles, L. LeCuyer, S. Grans-Korsh, and P. Khosravi.

INFORMATION/: Committee Updates

ACTION

Government Relations: Chair P. Hustoles provided a report on recent activities at the Legislature and the work of the Government Relations Committee. Committee Chair Hustoles further detailed the materials provided in the Board Meeting Packet. Materials include the Governor's recent budget suggestions, Perpich Center's existing statutory language, and guidelines for contacting legislators after the Legislative Platform is complete. When the Legislature reconvenes, board members are encouraged to contact their district legislators and shared the resource to search and find their Legislators. Tutorials and shadowing are available for existing and incoming board members.

Committee Chair P. Hustoles responded to questions from Member S. Grans-Korsh.

Development Committee: Chair S. Anderson provided an update on recent activities of the committee including an update on board member recruitment and review of the Minnesota School Board Association's proposed policy changes and recommended Perpich Policy changes as

follows: Perpich Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity, Perpich Policy 413 Harassment and Violence, and Perpich Policy 524.1 Student Use of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices.

Committee Member S. Grans-Korsh responded to questions from members L. LeCuyer and P. Khosravi. Committee Member S. Grans-Korsh indicated the Development Committee fully vets each policy and forwards a recommendation to the board for a second reading and adoption of the policy. Member J. Mohr requested confirmation that the Attorney General's office reviews all Perpich policies for statutory alignment, and sought guidance confirmation from R. Bullen, who affirmed the policies have been brought through the appropriate and necessary channels, including Perpich Center's Human Resources Director, prior to requesting board approval.

Member L. LeCuyer motioned to approve Perpich policies 102 Equal Educational Opportunity, and 413 Harassment and Violence. Member L. LeCuyer provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and not votes against, the policies were approved.

The committee also reported on the review of Perpich Bylaws.

INFORMATION: Board Chair P. Khosravi provided the Nominating Committee report on behalf of Committee Chair R. Salazar. The committee developed a slate of officers for consideration, Member S. Grans-Korsh as chair and Member P. Hustoles as vice chair, and will request approval at the February 2025 meeting.

INFORMATION: Board Member Forum
Member P. Hustoles invited members of the board to attend an upcoming musical / comedy in which he is directing at Mankato Playhouse. Member L. Childers invited members to Theater 55 where she is the performance's choreographer at the Gremlin Theatre in Saint Paul. Board Chair P. Khosravi recognized members J. Mohr and L. LeCuyer for their board service and willingness to assist with the Executive Director search.

INFORMATION: Open Forum/Public Comment (limited to 2 minutes each, total of 20 minutes)

No members of the public were in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.