



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 24, 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

Chair S. Grans-Korsh called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. On a call of the roll, members identified as present: S. Anderson (virtual), S. Finnegan (virtual), S. Grans-Korsh, M. Haley (virtual), P. Hustoles (virtual), P. Khosravi (virtual), R. Salazar (virtual), T. Wollenzien (virtual).

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda – Member P. Hustoles moved to approve the regular meeting agenda. Member P. Khosravi 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, February 20, 2025
- b. Approval of Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending January 31, 2025

Member P Hustoles moved to approve the Regular Agenda. Member R. Salazar 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 /ACTION: Board Chair Report – Board Chair Sally Grans-Korsh provided an update on the change in the expense reporting process and called for comments and questions. Member P. Hustoles requested board secretary Kathy Morgan to remind members by email to submit their expense reporting. Finance Director J. Toop offered comments. Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh provided an update on the revised process for board member required review of agency policies and reminded members to complete the process prior to the May 9 deadline. Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh asked board members to update the board chair and executive director, when appropriate, if members have communication with Perpich staff.

INFORMATION: Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Allegra Smisek highlighted the transition to Executive Director and expressed gratitude to members of the board. Executive Director A. Smisek highlighted the work of Principal R. Bullen’s hosting of a Perpich student art market. Executive Director A. Smisek reported on progress toward agency strategic goals. Questions and comments from members P. Khosravi and R. Salazar.

INFORMATION: Professional Development and Resources Update – Dr. Wendy Barden, PDR Director, provided an update on the Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP) and reported awardees will be announced in the coming week. Dr. Barden further reported on numerous activities and statewide

events in the Professional Development and Resources department. Dr. W. Barden responded to questions from members P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, and S. Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATION: Arts High School Report – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal – Principal R. Bullen reported on the National Arts Honor Society and provided updates from the weekly meetings with students. There are currently 16 Perpich students involved, and most are juniors. Principal R. Bullen also highlighted national awards received by Perpich students and a student support grant request. A robust discussion was held regarding broader sharing of student achievements and how members of the board may assist in these efforts. Principal R. Bullen also reported on information gathering from Perpich alumni that may be used in various ways, including partner relationships. Principal R. Bullen reported on the accreditation process and that Perpich received two noteworthy remarks. Principal R. Bullen also provided an update on student recruitment and enrollment.

A. Smisek highlighted the increase in student demographics in both physical location and racial / ethnic diversity. A robust discussion was held regarding student enrollment. Comments and questions were provided by P. Hustoles, S. Grans-Korsh, R. Salazar, P. Khosravi.

Principal R. Bullen responded to questions and comments from members P. Khosravi, P. Hustoles R. Salazar, M. Haley, S. Finnegan, and S. Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATION /ACTION: Budget and Finance Committee – Committee Chair P. Khosravi provided an overview of the work of the Budget and Finance Committee. Finance Director J. Toop provided a detailed of the operations budget and reported changes on the FY25 budget. Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh reported the Budget and Finance Committee has carefully reviewed the budget and called for a motion to approve the revised FY25 budget. Member P. Hustoles moved to approve the revised budget. Member P. Khosravi provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the revised FY25 budget was approved.

Finance Committee Chair P. Khosravi thanked A. Smisek and J. Toop for the time spent detailing the budget revisions and implications.

INFORMATION /ACTION: Board Development Committee: In the absence of the Committee Chair R. Doyle, Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh provided the Committee update. Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh thanked the committee members for their work reviewing the bylaws and policies. Executive Director A. Smisek provided an overview of the policy and procedure review and thanked Principal R. Bullen for the development of a tracking system. An internal Executive Policy Committee (EPC) was formed and includes Human Resources Director A. Thabet, High School Principal R. Bullen, and Executive Director A. Smisek who will review policies prior to submitting to the Board Development Committee for review.

Executive Director A. Smisek presented for first reading the Drug Free Policy: Drug Free School and Tobacco-Free Environment Policy. Executive Director A. Smisek responded to questions from member P. Hustoles.

INFORMATION /ACTION: Government Relations Committee: Committee Chair P. Hustoles provided an update on the status of the legislative session and the current status of board member legislator contact efforts. Member S. Finnegan requested the meeting minutes be revised to remove L. LeCuyer and add S. Finnegan. Comments were provided by R. Salazar.

INFORMATION: Board Discussion – Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh provided an update on board recruitment with an eye toward Congressional District 8. If any members know of potential candidates from District 8, please send information to Executive Director A. Smisek. Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh reminded members of the Arts High School graduation taking place on May 23. Members who have not RSVP'd are encouraged to do so.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.