



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, October 21, 2021 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.
Perpich Center for Arts Education
Virtual Meeting

Mission: to provide all Minnesota students the opportunity to develop and integrate their artistic and academic abilities to their highest potential.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APPROVED – MINUTES – APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. On a Call of the Roll members identified to be present were: S. Anderson, L. Brobeck, B. Burnham (ex-officio), M. Chase, L. Childers, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer, Y. Lee, D. Loritz, M. Nabors, M. Ollig and J. Workman

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 Meeting, September 23, 2021
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Reports, period ending September 30, 2021 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Members Hustoles and a second provided by Member Nabors, there was no discussion. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no members against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick offered the members a review of his and agency activities since the last meeting of the Board including meetings with SRSEA Bargaining Unit, attendance at the 2021 MASA Conference, staff Enterprise Learning Management (State) training and meeting with staff from the Minnesota Department of Education. Dr. Rick also recapped continuing work on efforts begun with the Board's Retreat in September, further updates will be supplied for the December meeting. Rick responded to questions and remarks from Members Hustoles, Khosravi and Grans-Korsh.

INFORMATION: Arts High School Update – On behalf of Principal Conn McCartan and Assistant Principal Rebecca Bullen, Dr. Rick provided the members with the Arts High School report highlighting the return from Remote Learning and the Dedication ceremony held October 18. Enrollment has seen a recent decrease of 7 students to reach 162 students enrolled, this is a typical occurrence at this time of year as we shift quarters and exit interviews have been completed with each student and family. Rick responded to questions and comments from Members Brobeck, Hustoles and Khosravi.

INFORMATION: Digital Marketing Report – Communications Director Betsy Anderson provided a report to the Directors on results of the past year’s digital marketing campaign. This report was carried over from the June meeting agenda due to a local power outage affecting Anderson’s home. Anderson responded to questions received from Members Hustoles and Khosravi.

ACTION: Bylaws Article 3.1c – Board Development Committee Co-chair Steven Anderson reviewed the committee’s recommendation for language update to the bylaws. The existing language provides for a secret ballot which places the bylaws in conflict with Minnesota’s Open Meeting Law; the recommended language for update directing that, elections will occur by a Call of the Roll for any contested office. Having been moved by the Committee, the Chair requested a Call of the Roll and with each director voting in favor and no votes against the bylaws were amended.

INFORMATION: Board Attestation Form – Human Resources Committee Chair Julie Workman reviewed the new policy HR/LR Policy #1446 and the need for board members to complete the attestation form provided by Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan as soon as possible.

INFORMATION: Committee Reports from Board Development & Human Resources were passed over to be delivered at the November meeting after both committees have met.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion: Travel & Events – Chair Brobeck requested approval of the Board to be permitted to attend the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership conference in active travel status January 12-14, 2022 and recommended to directors who are available to attend these events also. The Chair recognized the Board Secretary who reviewed for newer members that fulfillment of the legislative requirement of MN Statute 129C.10 Subd.1(b) can be achieved by attendance at MSBA Phase I & II training modules offered as workshops virtually and in-person in advance of the annual conference.

Member Hustoles offered a motion to approve the Chair’s travel request that was followed by a second from Member Grans-Korsh. On a Call of the Roll with Members Anderson, Brobeck, Chase, Childers, Grans-Korsh, Hustoles, Khosravi, LeCuyer, Loritz, Nabors, Ollig and Workman voting in favor and Member Lee abstaining the motion was passed. Member Hustoles being recognized by the Chair offered another motion to approve travel requests received from any director to attend the MSBA Leadership Conference events. The motion received a second from Member Grans-Korsh and on a Call of the Roll with Members Anderson, Brobeck, Chase, Childers, Grans-Korsh, Hustoles, Khosravi, LeCuyer, Loritz, Nabors, Ollig and Workman voting in favor and Member Lee abstaining the motion was passed.

Board Member Forum – Member Workman advised that she would be present at the MSBA Leadership Conference with her attendance cost covered by Rochester Public Schools where she is a school board member.

Members Grans-Korsh and LeCuyer expressed concerns for challenges being experienced by Member Lee with a consistent ability to hear all aspects of the meeting proceedings. It was noted by the Chair that we have recently received approval for an alternative virtual meeting platform that many in the State feel offers a better experience than we are currently encountering. We will be using the new alternative for the next board meeting.

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

Having concluded the business of the Board as represented by the agenda the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23p.m.