***Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character***

***for the community and the workplace.***

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 30, 2017**

**Vertus Charter School**

**21 Humboldt Street**

Board Members Present: Ty Kelly, Evan Gallina, Stephen Jacobs, Todd Oldham, Bryan Hickman

Vertus Staff Present: Dr. Leigh McGuigan, Perry White, Jason Mellen, Julie Locey, Fran Schenk, Naomi Geier, Jamaal Peavy

Guests Present: Dorrance Lamb, Reverend Thomas

Ty Kelly called the meeting to order at 5pm.

Public comment was opened at 5:01:

Vertus parent, Theresa Long, voiced concerns about an incident involving her son. She expressed her interest in keeping the school safe, requested the relevant report, and asked about health protocols and mediation. The board listened, responded to her concerns, and directed school leaders to be as responsive as possible regarding each of Ms. Long’s concerns

Public comment was closed at 5:22

Upon a motion by Bryan Hickman, seconded by Stephen Jacobs, with unanimous consent, the Board approved the minutes for the December 12, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Leigh McGuigan reviewed her monthly report. The board reviewed the new board statistics summary.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Todd Oldham, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to approve the Board meeting calendar for 2017, as proposed. The dates will be added to the school’s website.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Todd Oldham, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to approve revisions to Vertus’ charter.

Upon a motion of Bryan Hickman, seconded by Evan Gallina, the board unanimously adopted to approve the fiscal agency agreement with Rochester e-NABLE.

School academic leaders Julie Locey and Fran Schenk reviewed Vertus’ academic progress report. This included background information on Vertus’ academic goals for school year 2016-2017, a credit snapshot, reports covering students on track to graduate in terms of credits and regents exams, and students participating in MCC dual-credit courses, and Vertus’ plan for ACT testing. The board asked by what criteria the school gives a green light to students to take their Regents exams. Ms. Locey and Ms. Shenck responded that for the January Regents administration they wanted especially third year students to have first hand experience with the challenge of taking a Regents exam. The hope is that students who did not take the rigors of Regents preparation seriously enough would learn by directly experiencing a test and their results.

Jason Mellen reviewed the monthly report and included details of how the school is on target with both income and expenses.

Perry White reported on the development update including substantial progress on meeting 2016-17 targets.

Nominating Committee Report: The nominating committee is currently seeking additional board members. They also recommended the following:

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Todd Oldham, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to elect Bryan Hickman to a second three year term, ending on January 30, 2020.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Todd Oldham, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to elect Mike Mandina to a second three-year term, ending on January 30, 2020.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Evan Gallina, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to elect Bryan Hickman to a one year term as Board chair, ending on January 30, 2018.

Upon a motion of Evan Gallina, seconded by Bryan Hickman, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to elect Ty Kelly as Board Secretary for a one-year term, ending on January 30, 2018.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Bryan Hickman, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to elect Evan Gallina as Board Treasurer for a one-year term, ending on January 30, 2018.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Bryan Hickman the board voted to enter executive session at 6:05.

Upon a motion of Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Evan Gallina, the board voted to exit executive session at 6:33.

Ty Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:35.

**Next Meeting – Scheduled for February 27, 2017 at 5pm, 21 Humboldt Street, Rochester**