



Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character.

**Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017
Vertus Charter School
21 Humboldt Street**

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Todd Oldham, Mike Mandina, Stephen Jacobs (via skype)

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Dr. Leigh McGuigan, Julie Locey, Perry White

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Upon a motion by Todd Oldham, seconded by Mike Mandina, the board unanimously resolved to approve the minutes for the July 24th meeting.

Upon a motion by Evan Gallina, seconded by Evan Mike Mandina, the board unanimously resolved to approve the minutes for the August 29^h meeting.

Leigh McGuigan reviewed the CEO month at a glance document. She also reviewed the development of the school's program from year-to-year.

Principal Julie Locey then reviewed Vertus' NWEA annual growth for each of our first three years, 2018 graduation estimates, and Vertus' Regents pass rate. She reported data that reflects that Vertus' 2016-18 passage rate is likely to be very close to the State average for males. Ms. Locey also reviewed students' preliminary ACT scores. Fourth year students are enrolled in an ACT prep class provided at Vertus' expense on Friday afternoons at Vertus.

Dr. McGuigan reported that 26 students are enrolled in classes at MCC this quarter. Board member Todd Oldham suggested ways toward finding the right balance between courses on MCC's campus and other dual credit courses offered at Vertus. The long-term goal for MCC and Vertus is a state level policy change to provide additional resources for dual credit programs. The Board also discussed ways to begin to provide Vertus students with internships, especially those aligned with our dual credit pathways in manufacturing and IT, as well as in the health sector.

Dr. McGuigan and Mr. White reviewed the Board Statistics Report, underscoring that staff will increase this year's on attendance and retention, as well as on parent communication, especially concerning the academic program.

Dr. McGuigan gave the Board finance report.

Perry White reviewed the Enrollment Report, stating that the current enrollment is 283 students. He also shared a summary of staff's attrition analysis with the Board.

The floor was opened for public comment, seeing none, the floor was closed.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Bryan Hickman, the board resolved with unanimity to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Upon a motion by Bryan Hickman, seconded by Stephen Jacobs, at 6:20 p.m. the board resolved unanimously to exit executive session.

The Board discussed the resignation of member Ty Kelly. On a motion by Evan Gallina and seconded by Stephen Jacobs, the Board unanimously resolved to "express appreciation for Ty Kelly's hard work and insightful leadership".

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Todd Oldham, the Board unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for October 30, 2017 at 21 Humboldt Street, Rochester