



Vertus Charter School

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Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2018

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21 Humboldt St.

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Todd Oldham, Victoria Van Voorhis, and Stephen Jacobs

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak – Leigh McGuigan by phone

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

Upon a motion by Evan Gallina, seconded by Todd Oldham, the Board resolved to approve the minutes from the August 15th Board Meeting.

Julie Locey discussed the Month at a Glance, highlighting our Jump Start/Warrior week and its great success. She also commented on the NWEA testing which started the year to assist in placing our new students in the appropriate classes, including the creation of new classes to best accommodate our students. Ms. Locey then led a conversation about our Returning Student Family Conference Night which was well attended.

Jason Trzeciak led a brief discussion of the Board Statistics, with follow up questions about reasons for student attrition and what we can do to counter them.

Julie Locey then transitioned to a review on Performance vs. Benchmark Goals for the 2017-18 school year, and the suggested goals for the 2018-19 school year. The discussion highlighted efforts to improve overall attendance towards meeting both our internal performance goal as well as our charter goal. Conversation continued around how Vertus has met most of the goals set, and the positive impact that will have on the upcoming charter renewal. Victoria Van Voorhis asked about efforts we are making towards improving our results in math and science, which are meeting goals, but not to the same extent as with reading comprehension. Victoria Van Voorhis offered a tutor to come and work with our students on ACT preparation on a weekly basis in an effort to help Vertus meet its ACT score goal.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, approved by Bryan Hickman, seconded by Evan Gallina, the board unanimously approved the Benchmark Goals for 2018-19.

Upon a motion by Bryan Hickman, approved by Stephen Jacobs and seconded by Evan Gallina, the board unanimously approved Part II of the Charter Renewal Application.

Jason Trzeciak led a discussion about the August Financial report, highlighting the need to manage carefully due to the delay in revenues from RCSD. This led to a conversation around the need for an increased Line of Credit for the school.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, approved by Victoria Van Voorhis and seconded by Bryan Hickman the board unanimously approved the request to increase in the school's Line of Credit with M&T Bank.

Bryan Hickman moved to adjourn, seconded by Evan Gallina at 8:40am

Next Meeting – Scheduled for October 22, 2018 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester