

*Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character  
for the community and the workplace.*

**Vertus Board Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2014  
Klein Steel Board Room  
105 Vanguard Parkway, Rochester, NY**

Board members present: Bryan Hickman, Mike Mandina, Stephen Jacobs, Ken Wasnock, Sebrone Johnson, Todd Oldham, Ty Kelly (member elect).

Staff members present: Leigh McGuigan, Perry White, Patricia Anthony

3 members of the public

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hickman at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Hickman and Dr. McGuigan introduced Ms. Anthony, the school's new Chief Operating Officer.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. Hickman the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**Resolved**, that the minutes from the meeting on May 8 are approved.

**CEO Report:**

Dr. McGuigan circulated the "Month At A Glance" report for May and answered questions from the Board.

**Governance Report:**

Mr. White introduced new prospective Board member Ty Kelly. Several Board members discussed their experience working with Mr. Kelly and noted specific ways that he will contribute to the Board. Noting that the Board had approved Mr. Kelly in its last meeting, subject to SED approval, Mr. White explained that there was formal resolution language suggested by SED for new Board member approvals. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**Resolved**, that on June 12, 2014, the Vertus Charter School Board of Trustees voted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law to select Ty Kelly as a final candidate with a term expiring on May 31, 2017, pending approval by SED.

**Finance Report:**

Mr. White updated the Board on fundraising activities and progress. Board members agreed to send the Crowdrise link to their networks, understanding that this was a vehicle that was appropriate for small contributors and that large potential donors should be approached personally, in coordination with Mr. Hickman.

Dr. McGuigan then gave the Board an update on the selection of the school's core curriculum, describing how the selection had been narrowed to two vendors, Edgenuity and Florida Virtual. Referring to a summary handout showing price negotiations, she described the considerations of breadth of offerings, quality and price that went into making a final selection of Edgenuity. Dr. McGuigan noted that the Board Chair must sign off on expenditures of more than \$20,000. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Mandina, seconded by Mr. Wasnock, the Board approved the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the Board approves the purchase of the Edgenuity core curriculum package, including access to all courses, My Learning Path, NWEA integration, enhanced first year support, and first year professional development for a cost not to exceed \$47,000.

Dr. McGuigan then reviewed the school's Technology Plan with the Board, describing the background of the school's tech consultant, Macroconnect, in working with blended learning high schools, as well as the steps in developing the plan. The Board discussed the priorities set forth in the plan, in particular the need for care and deliberation in implementing a program for mobile student devices that students could bring home. Dr. McGuigan noted that the most costly aspect of the plan was the purchase of computers for the learning labs, and described the selection process for those devices. Several Board members had suggestions for obtaining best prices. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Wasnock, the Board approved the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the Board approves the purchase of up to 108 Dell Optiplex 9020 AIO desktop computers or their substantial equivalent for student learning labs, for a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

### **Staff and Student Recruitment Report**

Mr. White presented the student recruitment report and updated the Board on progress in recruiting students. Board members offered helpful suggestions for enhancing recruitment efforts. Dr. McGuigan presented the staff recruitment report, noting that staffing was almost complete.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**Resolved**, that the meeting is adjourned.