



# Vertus Charter School

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*Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character.*

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 22, 2018**

**Vertus Charter School**

**21 Humboldt St.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Stephen Jacobs, and Linda Clark

**Vertus Staff in Attendance:** Dr. Leigh McGuigan, Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak,

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Upon a motion by Bryan Hickman, seconded by Linda Clark, the board unanimously resolved to approve of the minutes for the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Linda Clark, the board unanimously resolved to approve the election of Bryan Hickman for an additional one-year term as Board Chair (ending 1/31/2019); Mike Mandina for a one-year term as Secretary (ending 1/31/2019); Evan Gallina for an additional one-year term as Treasurer (ending 1/31/2019), and Stephen Jacobs as a Trustee for an additional three-year term (ending 1/31/2021)

Julie Locey discussed the Board Statistics Report, including the addition of students' 'On-Track to Graduate' status, and Enrollment Reports. A discussion about how this is monitored, along with NYS graduation requirements and credit accumulation ensued; with an emphasis of how we ensure that students are on track to meet NYS graduation requirements. Julie Locey also discussed our student's ACT Test scores and Vertus' goals towards ACT Tests.

Julie Locey discussed how Vertus is creating systems for excellence and the ways in which Vertus' Management and Leadership Teams all work together striving for an exceptional high school, including meetings, data and reports, and communications and training.

Dr. McGuigan briefly discussed the CEO's Month at a Glance Report, which led to a discussion about opening up avenues into the medical and coding professions for our students.

Jason Trzeciak briefly discussed the Financial Report; including news about impending SPED Tuition payments that will help to bring the income to the expected 50% level at this point in the year, and how Vertus is managing to the budget in order to remain at or below expectations on expenditures.

Stephen Jacobs led a discussion about the future leadership at Vertus and the plan to transition over the next 9 months as Dr. McGuigan phases out of her role, with a focus on fundraising and the possibility of turning that into a Board responsibility; the Board agreed to move the discussion to the next Board Retreat.

Stephen Jacobs also led a discussion about students meeting with Board members to discuss college applications and preparation.



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Dr. McGuigan briefly discussed the Development Report, highlighting a \$25,000 donation recently received. Evan Gallina summarized the status of the fundraising for the upcoming 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraising event.

Bryan Hickman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm.

**Next Meeting – Scheduled for February 26, 2018 at 1890 South Winton Road, Suite 100, Rochester, NY  
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