



Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character.

**Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2017
Vertus Charter School
21 Humboldt Street**

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Mike Mandina, Stephen Jacobs, Linda Clark (not voting)

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Dr. Leigh McGuigan, Perry White, Jason Trzeciak

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Upon a motion by Evan Gallina, seconded by Stephen Jacobs, the board unanimously resolved to approve the minutes for the October 30, 2017 meeting.

Dr. McGuigan informed the board of results of the 2016-17 State audit conducted by Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. Their summary finding was that, "The financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Vertus Charter School as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." In other words, no reportable conditions were found by the auditors.

Leigh McGuigan discussed the CEO Month-at-a Glance report, including programs to recruit and retain students, status of space in the building, and recommendations for adjusting the number of students for this and next school years.

Upon a motion by Bryan Hickman and seconded by Stephen Jacobs the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board requests a change in the charter to reflect that the school will have 300 students in 2017-18 and 340 in 2018-19.

Board Chair Bryan Hickman updated the Board about the city's charter schools' adoption of a common charter school application program with associated public communication efforts in support of quality school choice in Rochester. Board members discussed the efficacy of holding a charter school fair.

Dr. McGuigan also spoke with the Board about staff efforts to further minimize the school's use of disciplinary suspensions.

Dr. McGuigan then reviewed the school's proposed internal Performance Benchmarks for 2017-18 and performance on last year's measures.



Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Bryan Hickman, the board unanimously approved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board approves the school's proposed performance goals for 2017-18.

Dr. McGuigan gave the Board finance report and reviewed possible changes to the 2017-18 budget based on the school's number of students.

Perry White reviewed the Enrollment Report.

Perry White shared the Development Report covering the period of 2017-18. Board member Evan Gallina, co-chair of the spring basketball tournament, mentioned the need for Board members to help to recruit teams and sponsors for this effort. Mr. Gallina indicated that he will present the Board with more detailed plans over next few months.

At 6:28 p.m. the floor was opened for public comment. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

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

Next Meeting – Scheduled for November 27, 2017 at 21 Humboldt Street, Rochester