

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

**Vertus Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2014
2 Austin St., Rochester, NY**

Board members present: Bryan Hickman, Mike Mandina, Ty Kelly, Sebrone Johnson, Todd Oldham

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

One member of the public

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hickman at 5:10 p.m. Upon a motion made by Mr. Oldham and seconded by Mr. Hickman the following resolution was unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the minutes from the meeting on July 10 are approved.

CEO Report:

Dr. McGuigan circulated the "Month At A Glance" report for July. She also discussed with the Board a proposed schedule for topical reports focusing on various areas of operation throughout the year.

Dr. McGuigan and Mr. Hickman updated the Board on the status of the facility, noting that while there was a lot of work to be done, the facility should be ready for students on Sept. 15.

Dr. McGuigan reviewed the Student Handbook with the Board. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolved, that the Board approves the 2014-2015 Student Handbook.

Dr. McGuigan then reviewed the Wellness Policy. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Oldham, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Board approves the Wellness Policy.

Dr. McGuigan then explained that although she had been identified as the CEO of the school from the time of the initial charter application, state protocol requires that the Board formally approve a school leader. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Board approves Dr. McGuigan as the school leader.

Financial Report

Mr. White presented the fundraising report. Dr. McGuigan and Ms. Anthony then presented the financial report to the board, noting that although the school continued to face an \$80,000 shortfall in projected local revenues (which would be matched by the Next Generation grant), an application for \$100,000 was pending with the Farash Foundation, which will be decided in September.

Enrollment Report

Mr. White presented the student enrollment update. The Board discussed the number of students with IEPs, noting that the high number demonstrated that the school was delivering on its promises to serve students with disabilities. Dr. McGuigan and Mr. White described how students with disabilities would be served in the Vertus model, noting that the exact amount of funding for these students was difficult to predict at this time. Mr. Kelly reiterated the need to ensure that all students who need IEPs are tested to ensure that all students' learning needs are accommodated.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

Resolved, that the meeting is adjourned.