



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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Board Meeting Minutes July 21, 2020

Board Members in Attendance (via video conference): Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Victoria Van Voorhis, Mike Mandina, and David Carr

Vertus Staff in Attendance (via video conference): Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Resolution 1: Upon a motion by Evan Gallina, seconded by Mike Mandina, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the June 2020 Board meeting.

Julie Locey presented the Month at a Glance report, highlighting the development of Vertus' plan for reopening school for in-person instruction in the fall as required by NYSED. The plan is required to prioritize having students physically in the building, though Vertus' small footprint will require us to have half the student body in the building at a time, creating a hybrid in-person/remote model. She went on to discuss our recent graduation where 67 students graduated in a three way split ceremony. The Board then discussed the graduation rates which reflect an overall improving graduation rate for our 2014, 2015, and 2016 cohorts.

Jason Trzeciak discussed the student recruitment efforts for the 2020-21 school year, highlighting the slower than usual rate of applications, likely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and efforts to highlight our reopening plan, focused on in-person and remote learning in order to keep students and staff safe. The discussion moved on to the statistics report, which was amended to include the difference in reporting requirements based on the COVID-19 situation. The report also highlighted two new statistics; credits earned and courses completed. Julie explained some of the expectations and incentives used to keep students actively working while home.

Jason went on to present the preliminary 2020 Actual vs. Budget report and the Cash Flow report. Both reports show a very strong financial picture, and a healthy cash flow through the projected months with no need for borrowing from our line of credit to accommodate projected expenditures. Once finalized, the Actual vs. Budget will reflect a slightly better than anticipated revenue for the year, and a substantially lower than expected expenditures.

The Board then entered into Executive Session to discuss the School Leader Evaluation at 4:55 pm and left the session at 5:15 pm.

Mike Mandina moved to adjourn, seconded Victoria Van Voorhis at 5:21 pm.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for August 11, 2020 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester