



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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Board Meeting Minutes June 16, 2020

Board Members in Attendance (via video conference): Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Victoria Van Voorhis, Mike Mandina, Timothy Brown, David Carr, and Dr. Frederick Johnson

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 Bryan Hickman, seconded by Evan Gallina, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the May 2020 Board meeting.

Resolution 2: Upon a motion by Victoria Van Voorhis, seconded by Dr. Frederick Johnson, the Board unanimously approved the revised minutes for the January, February, March, and April 2020 Board meetings.

Resolution 3: Upon a motion by Victoria Van Voorhis, seconded by David Carr, the Board unanimously approved the proposed staff attendance bonus payments for the 2019-20 school year.

Resolution 4: Upon a motion by Evan Gallina, seconded by Bryan Hickman, the Board unanimously approved the Board meeting schedule for the 2020-21 school year.

Julie Locey presented the Month at a Glance report; she was asked about the plan for the summer session. The session will continue primarily remotely due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, with the hope that we can have some of the most at-risk students scheduled for occasional days in the building. Bryan discussed the potential donation from The Summers Foundation to assist with the summer session and the 2020-21 school year; requesting a spending plan to present to the foundation.

Jason Trzeciak presented the Board Statistics Report which is little changed to the prior month. Victoria Van Voorhis requested that Vertus look into whether it would be best practice to use a separate bank account for donations. Bryan Hickman asked about attendance tracking, which we are completing on a daily basis through our online curriculum software. Mike Mandina requested updates to the report with information relating to the impact of the pandemic on the benchmarks; Julie Locey indicated that we will have those data for the July Board meeting and the report will be updated.

Jason Trzeciak went on to present the 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.



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The discussion went around the topic of the current social and racial unrest in the area and in the country, and what, if any the Board's response should be. Julie highlighted the efforts made by the leadership team at Vertus, and advised that she feels it would be acceptable for the Board to respond. Victoria Van Voorhis suggested that the Board come together to write up a statement, but refrain from any response that requires changes to our charter or by-laws; Dr. Frederick Johnson offered to write a draft to be reviewed by the Board.

Bryan Hickman led a conversation around the pending charter renewal application, specifically around the self-evaluation; he proposed an update to the current evaluation which will lead to action items for the coming year. He also requested that the existing committees set up meeting schedules in order to ensure accountability and consistent reporting to the rest of the Board. Lastly, Bryan brought up the Board Strategic Plan and requested that the Board suggest an updated plan based on the academic schedule and committee meeting timing.

Bryan Hickman moved to adjourn, seconded Evan Gallina at 5:10 pm.

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