



# Vertus

## HIGH SCHOOL

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### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL

May 18, 2021

#### **Time and Place of Meeting**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) on May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. EST at the school, in person.

#### **Quorum and Attendees**

The following directors were present:

Victoria Van Voorhis  
Bryan Hickman  
Evan Gallina  
Frederick Johnson  
David Carr  
Mike Mandina  
Carol Garrett

The following directors were excused:

Timothy Brown  
Calvin Gantt

The following directors were absent:

None

The following staff members were present:

Julie Locey

The following advisors to the Board were present:

Amy Brisson – DeJoy, Knauf & Blood, LLP

The following members of the public were present:

#### **Call to Order**

Ms. Tory Van Voorhis called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. and acted as Chairperson of the meeting. Mr. Gallina acted as Secretary of the meeting. Ms. Van Voorhis then announced that



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the meeting was ready to proceed with its business. All directors could see, hear and be seen and heard by each other.

### **Governance and Resolutions**

**Resolution 1:** That the board approve the minutes of the April Vertus Board meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Mandina, and passed unanimously at 4:19 pm.

**Resolution 2:** That the board approve the adoption of the revised discipline code and DASA policy. The motion was moved by Mr. Gallina and seconded by Mr. Carr and passed unanimously at 4:22 pm.

**Finance Committee Report:** In Mr. Brown's absence, Ms. Brisson reported on his behalf and reviewed school finances in depth. The Finance Committee continues to closely monitor the school's cashflow in the midst of the pandemic, and did receive the additional funds from RCSD regarding the SpEd funding and the ESSER Grant, as discussed at last month's Board Meeting. With these additional funds, and the end of the fiscal year approaching, the school will close the fiscal year in a positive cash position. The budget for the next fiscal year has been drafted and will be presented to the Finance Committee at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

### **School Reports**

**Principal Report:** Ms. Locey gave an update on school activities, and was happy to announce that graduation will be held on June 22, in an outdoor ceremony, at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. park. As remote learning continues, the school has been able to continue offering the NWEA make-up tests in order to assess how well students are reaching their annual benchmarks. In an effort to grow our student body, especially in the midst of the pandemic, the school has done a phone-a-thon to try and attract new students and has seen a strong response thus far.

**Charter Renewal Update:** The Board received the notice that the school has received a 3-year Charter Renewal.

### **Public Comment**

*None.*

### **Adjournment**

Questions were asked and answered throughout the meeting and general discussion ensued throughout the meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Gallina, seconded by Rev. Johnson, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m. EST.



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