



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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

December 21, 2021

Time and Place of Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) via video conference on December 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. EST

Quorum and Attendees

The following directors were present:

Victoria Van Voorhis
Evan Gallina
(Reverend) Frederick Johnson
Calvin Gantt
Mike Mandina
Carol Garrett
Dekedrian Johnson
Bryan Hickman

The following directors were excused:

David Carr
Spencer Ash

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:

None

Call to Order



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Ms. Tory Van Voorhis called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and acted as Chairperson of the meeting. Mr. Gallina acted as Secretary of the meeting. Ms. Van Voorhis then announced that 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 November Vertus Board meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Medina, and passed unanimously at 4:10 pm.

Resolution 2: That the board approve the allocation of funds for the initiation of expanding the school to include grades 6-8, which will involve a consulting contract with School Works, and work in conjunction with Ms. Locey. The motion was moved by Mr. Gantt, seconded by Ms. Van Voorhis, and passed unanimously at 5:34 pm.

Finance Committee Report: Ms. Brisson reported on behalf of the finance committee, and brought the board up to date on the current cash position of the school. As the halfway point of the school year has arrived, the actual spend is in line with the budgetary assumptions outlined at the beginning of the school year. Pending no major surprises in the spring semester, the school is on track to finish the year in a strong cash positive position.

School Reports

Principal Report: With the winter break approaching, Ms. Locey gave an update on school activities, including both the modification of remote learning due to COVID-19, as well as cancellation of the January Regents exams. Winter sports have commenced and student participation is over 20%. Furthermore, the NCAA has approved the academic program and courses of Vertus to be eligible for college athletics.

Fundraising Committee: Vertus has received a \$30,000 grant from the ESL Foundation, and an \$8,000 grant from the Wilmott Foundation, continuing the positive success rate of the grant writing program.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Questions were asked and answered throughout the meeting and general discussion ensued throughout the meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m. EST.



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