



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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

February 15, 2022

Time and Place of Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) via video conference on February 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. EST

Quorum and Attendees

The following directors were present:

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

The following directors were excused:

David Carr
Spencer Ash
Mike Mandina

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
Kirsten Barclay – Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC

The following members of the public were present:

None



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Call to Order

Ms. Tory Van Voorhis called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 January Vertus Board meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Rev. Johnson, and passed unanimously at 4:04 p.m.

Resolution 2: That the board approve the re-election of current Board Member Evan Gallina for an additional 3-year term. The motion was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Rev. Johnson, and passed unanimously at 4:06 p.m.

Resolution 3: That the board approve the re-election of current Board Member Mike Mandina for an additional 3-year term. The motion was moved by Mr. Gallina, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and passed unanimously at 4:07 p.m.

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. Barring no major surprise costs, the school should finish the year in a strong cash position. Vertus has also continued its grant work, and with the recent grant of \$10,000 from the Bill Belichick Foundation, the total amount of grants received for 2021 totals \$103,000.

School Reports

Principal Report: With Covid cases on the decline in Monroe County, students have reoccupied the building and have had a strong start to the spring semester. Throughout the month of February, students have embraced Black History Month and hosted events from live music to historical presentations. Currently, the school is on track for a 5-Year Graduation Rate of 89%. Vertus will be hosting its second Family Night on March 4th.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:10 p.m. and remained in session until 4:47 p.m., before resuming the normal board meeting.

The Board again entered Executive Session at 5:10 p.m. and remained in session until 5:50 p.m.

Public Comment

None.



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Adjournment

Questions were asked and answered throughout the meeting and general discussion ensued throughout the meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Garrett, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. EST.

Evan Gallina
Secretary of the Board