



# Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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

October 19, 2021

### Time and Place of Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) on October 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. EST

### Quorum and Attendees

The following directors were present:

Victoria Van Voorhis  
Bryan Hickman  
Evan Gallina  
Frederick Johnson  
David Carr  
Calvin Gantt  
Dekedrian Johnson

The following directors were excused:

Timothy Brown  
Mike Mandina  
Carol Garrett

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 4:07 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 September Vertus Board meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Gantt, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and passed unanimously at 4:08 pm.

**Finance Committee Report:** Ms. Brisson reported on behalf of the finance committee, which recently reviewed the annual audit with Mengel, Metzger, and Barr. The audit results were very positive and overall, Mengel, Metzger, and Barr had very few suggestions. The school remains in a strong cash position and is operating within the approved budget.

### **School Reports**

**Principal Report:** Ms. Locey gave an update on school activities, including the baseline NWEA results for the incoming students. Baseline results are in line with the past, but with many more students scoring lower in math. Vertus will be hosting a family night on November 18<sup>th</sup>, for all friends and family of Vertus. The inaugural football season is coming to a close and experienced success not only on the field, but also off the field by encouraging school spirit. The growth of the football program will hopefully positively effect enrollment in the coming years. School enrollment is steady at the budget number, with over 100 current students also enrolled in career ready programs through Vertus partnerships.

**Fundraising Committee:** Vertus has prepared the next round of grants with Grants 4 Good, and hopes to continue the momentum of receiving funds via grants. Vertus has also been approved for donor designation by the United Way of Greater Rochester.

### **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. Gallina, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m. EST.

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Evan Gallina  
Secretary of the Board