APPROVED

Vertus High School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Trustees Present
C. Gantt, C. Garrett (remote), D. Johnson (remote), E. Gallina, F. Johnson, J. O'Connell, V. Van Voorhis

Trustees Absent
M. Mandina, S. Ash

Guests Present
A. Brisson, J. Locey, L. Bennett, Margit Brazda Poirier

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Van Voorhis called a meeting of the board of trustees of Vertus High School to order on Tuesday Sep 20, 2022 at 4:06 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Gantt made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 08-16-22.

F. Johnson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Consent Agenda Items

A. Month At A Glance

Ms. Locey updated the Board on recent school activities including that the fall semester is in full swing. The school kicked off the year with Warrior Week, which is a weeklong based around team building activities, school spirit and overall comradery amongst the students and staff. Fall sports have also commenced and currently there are 68 students participating in some capacity.

B. Board Statistics

The School currently has 331 students enrolled, which is a record for the school!

C. School Safety Plan

The Board is going to review the School Safety Plan individually and vote digitally via the Board Portal.
V. Van Voorhis made a motion to Approve the School's submission of the Safety Plan to NYSED.
E. Gallina seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Finance

A. Budget vs Actual & Cash Flow

Ms. Brisson presented on behalf of the Finance Committee and brought the Board up to date on the current finances of the school. With the school budget based off an enrollment of 290 students, and current enrollment being 331 students, the actual revenue should be much higher than the budgeted revenue. The school is entering into a Sweep Option with our bank, which will allow the school to earn interest on the money in the bank account.

IV. Committee Reporting

A. Board Committee Structure & Monthly Reporting

Ms. VanVoorhis presented on behalf of the Governance and Nominating Committee and stated that she has a strong candidate for the board.

V. Discussion Items

A. Renewal Year & Expansion

B. Grants Update

As part of the Fundraising Committee, Margit Brazda Poirier presented to the Board on behalf of Grants 4 Good. Grants 4 Good has been a partner of Vertus since December of 2020 and has helped Vertus receive funds of nearly $300,000. There were continued discussions of areas of need for the school and how to identify potential funding sources.

C. Recruitment and Enrollment Report

Mr. Bennett updated the Board on the ongoing recruitment efforts, which have been extremely successful as we now have a record number of students enrolled. As the school year kicks off, applications continue to come in and enrollment is ongoing.

VI. Closing Items

A. Action Item Review

D. Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 10 passenger van.
C. Gantt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
V. Van Voorhis
