



Agenda for Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2022

Location: Virtus Academy of SC
2407 Pisgah Road
Florence, SC 29501

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Statement: Virtus Academy will power student potential through project-based learning, leadership development, community service, and the spirited pursuit of excellence.

Announcement regarding Public Comment

- Welcome/Opening- Began at 6:01PM
- Dr. Thomas Ducey, Board Chair: Reading of School Mission
- Roll Call
 - Ducey
 - Strickland
 - Kozacki
 - Echlos
 - G. Hill (virtual)
 - Washington (virtual)
 - Coleman (virtual)
- Approval of Agenda
 - motion to amend the agenda (approved) emergency circumstances to amendment to the agenda with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
 - addition of discussion of the extending of the school day (added to Principal's report)
 - explosion recommendations moved to executive session
 - Action Items after executive session needs to be added
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
 - Regular, May 31, 2022
 - Minutes have been approved as written
- Monthly Budget Report
 - [May Financials](#)
 - Federal Funding is still being processed at the time this budget was made.
 - Ducey asked were Vista was listed on the budget
 - Pupil Activities (both have an expense or revenue sides)
 - Asked if Vista is making money or costing the school money- Nero stated that close to breaking even via Ms. Osbourne.
 - Nero asked to have more information to present at the next board meeting from the accountant
 - Strickland mentioned allocation process to come to be a true picture of what is costing to run Vista (overhead cost, etc)
 - Approval of FY-22 Budget
 - reviewed FY-22 Budget
 - Strickland asked if the SRO was included in the contracted budget
 - Not currently
 - Ducey asked for clarification about the bond interest that will be paid next school year

- Strickland asked about SRO and how that can be added to the budget
- Kozacki made a motion to approve the FY-22 Budget as written
 - FY-22 Budget approved

- COVID Report

| | Week Ending 06/28/22 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Students | Staff |
| New cases | 0 | 0 |
| Total positive cases Since 8/16 | 114 | 16 |
| New quarantines | 0 | 0 |
| Total quarantined since 8/16 | 412 | 20 |

- Board Appointees

- Two open positions
 - Lindsey Privett
 - John Atkins
 - Terry Dingle
 - Strickland stated that there are three strong applicants; asked after today all male representation on the board and that is something the board should consider
 - Ducey stated that after today, the board financial experience will no longer will be
 - Kozacki commented that YMCA board member (Dingle) makes the selection more difficult
 - Ducey stated that keeping the board intact is something to consider. Atkins has been a board member since the beginning
 - Motion for John Atkins as the first appointed board member for 2 year term
 - motion passes
 - Motion for Lindsey Privette to accept second appointed board member for 2 year term
 - motion passes

- Discussion/Revision of Procurement Policy

- Ducey proposed handing all procurement handlings dealing with staff to the Principal
- Reasoning: if the positions are in high demand and board may not be able to make a decision in time to get the position filled
- Discussed School Security (SRO position)
 - Kozacki stated that he assumed we would want the SRO for events; which would cost overtime
- Nero stated that this may not be a position for us to supply in the future. The application reopens from October-November. When applying, you must have an officer/agency who is available to have a position at Virtus.
- Ducey asked if the sheriff can come from Darlington County because we serve students who live in Darlington
- Kozacki asked if part-time would be a better option
 - Nero will asked if there is a part time position available (for events, etc) in addition to the full time position.
- On page 2 of the Procurement Policy- discussion about other expectations
 - Motion to add Security to the Exception to the Procurement Policy
 - Motion passes

- School Security
- Principal's Report

- Personnel Report
 - Still need
 - School Psychologist
 - Math Coach
- Enrollment Report

| Grade | Total Spots | Filled Spots | Seats Available | Waitlist |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Kindergarten | 69 | 69 | 0 | 1 |
| First | 69 | 69 | 0 | 16 |
| Second | 92 | 89 | 3 | 0 |
| Third | 92 | 85 | 7 | 0 |
| Fourth | 69 | 69 | 0 | 11 |
| Fifth | 69 | 62 | 7 | 0 |
| Sixth | 69 | 65 | 4 | 0 |
| Seventh | 46 | 46 | 0 | 20 |
| Eighth | 46 | 46 | 0 | 11 |
| Ninth | 46 | 42 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 667 | 642 | 25 | 59 |

- School Day Extension
 - Johnston presented
 - Current dismissal is 2:25 M-TH F 12:15
 - Wants to focus on K-8
 - noted that scheduling lunch and specials is a challenge
 - in 2019- Virtus did dismiss at 3
 - Informational item- Changed to 3PM
- Motion to go into Ex
- Executive Session
 - High School Facility Update
 - Expulsion Recommendations
 - Receipt of Legal Advice
 - Principal Evaluation
- Good of the Order
- Next Regular Meeting Date:
- Adjourn