



Agenda for Regular Board Meeting on November 30, 2021

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

1. Welcome/Opening
 - a. No Qerim as of 6:10
2. Dr. Thomas Ducey, Board Chair: Reading of School Mission
3. Roll Call
 - a. Dr. Ducey
 - b. Mr. Strickland
 - c. Ms. Nero
 - d. Mr. Hill
 - e. Ms. Tyner
 - f. Mr. Echols
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. No Objections
5. Public Comment
 - a. No Public Comment
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular, October 26th, 2021
 - i. Motion for minutes to be approved
 1. Strickland
 2. Hill- seconded
 - b. Emergency, November 24th, 2021
7. COVID Report
 - a. No new cases because we were out last week for Thanksgiving
8. Monthly Budget Report
 - a. Paige Morris (Accounting via Zoom)
 - b. Went over the dashboard- **review attached budget report**
 - i. Net Position- 1,025,660 (as of Oct. 31,2021)
 - ii. Surplus \$33,006 (Monthly) \$288,788 (Year to Date)
 - iii. Federal Revenue and Expenses were reviewed
9. Bond Issuance - Update
 - a. Closed today (11/30/2021)
 - b. Round of Bond Issuance is complete and the school is now owned by Virtus
 - c. Harrington donated this land- 10 acres in the middle of his land and within the first 5 years had the first offer to buy land at 110% or 1.2 Million.
 - d. Assessment that was done was not approved by all parties involved so a second

assessor is coming in to reassess. If the two appraisers do not have a similar number, a third appraiser will come in and reassess.

- e. The land purchase will come in the second round of the Bond Issuance and will start in summer 2022.

10. Principal's Report

- a. Academics Update
 - i. MAP Testing will begin mid December and end mid January
- b. Enrollment
 - i. Goal: 574
 - ii. 63 New Students since the first day of school
 - iii. Current Enrollment: 554
 - iv. Students in Process: 24*-Runyan has contacted the guardians and is waiting to hear back
 - v. School is working on promotional efforts to help increase enrollment and number of students that are on the waiting list
 - vi. Intent to return letters will be sent out to gain insight on who will be back next year

Discussion about lost of students/ unenrollment

Tyner- Asked if exit interview were done

Nero- Yes, I have tried to contact guardians when she was made aware a student is withdrawing

- c. Student Expulsion Policy
 - i. Nero presented "Administrator Recommendation Expulsion Matrix"
 - 1. Broken down into "MUST" "SHALL" and "MAY" grounds for expulsion
 - ii. Mary Allison also sent one to the Board of Directors

Ducey discusses in the student handbook notes that there is an expulsion outline.

-Principal will come to the board and states a student needs to be dismissed

-Principal will explain why

-If board agrees, Ducey will send letter to guardian of student

-Guardian can bring legal counsel at own expense

-Administration will have 20 minutes to argue cases, Students have 20 minutes to argue cases, Administration has an additional 10 minutes to close.

-Principal only can recommend for Expulsion

-Board has the final say when to dismiss students.

-Virtus has not expelled a student in 4 years

Discussion about reverse suspension (successes and failures)

Discussion about SPED/ 504

Executive session began at 6:41

Left Executive Session at 7:28 -Washington and Tyner seconded

Return to General Session

- 11. Action Items, if any, from Executive Session
 - a. Kiniry and Associates approved
- 12. Good of the Order
 - a. no comment
- 13. Next Regular Meeting Date: December 28 , 2021
 - a. Meeting moved to December 21,2021 (rescheduled)
- 14. Adjourn