



Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on September 27, 2021

Location: Virtus Academy of SC

2407 Pisgah Road
Florence, SC 29501

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Statement: Virtus Academy will advance student achievement by preparing students for civic and career success through rigorous academics, leadership development and project-based learning.

Before the meeting began those in attendance had the opportunity to sign up for public comment.

Called to order at 6:03pm. Board Members in attendance: Ducey, Washington, Coleman, Kozacki, Tyner, Hill, Echols, Strickland

Announcement regarding Public Comment

1. Welcome/Opening
2. Dr. Thomas Ducey, Board Chair: Reading of School Mission
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
 - **Approved as written**
5. Public Comment-- **None**
6. Approval of Minutes
 - **No objections to approval of the minutes.**
7. COVID Report
 - **Principal Nero shared that there are less than 5 cases currently and that the trend is becoming more favorable. Hill asked how many were currently out and Nero shared 4 new quarantines and 3 new cases. The board requested that the monthly Covid report be added to the board packets.**
8. Monthly Budget Report-July and August
 - **Ms. Kleine presented the monthly budget report. The financials included the balance sheet, statement of revenue and expenditures, YTD Actual vs. Budget and the Veris summary. It was noted that the new format was a great improvement. No action was taken.**
9. Principal's Report
 - **Staffing Update – Ms. Nero shared that we lost a custodian and that Ms. Coker and teachers were helping to fill the void for now. She also noted teaching assistants and the speech language and pathologist position vacancy.**
 - **Enrollment—Ms. Nero shared the current enrollment data and that VASC lost a few families that reported lack of transportation being the issue. Mr. Strickland brought up the previous work toward promoting the public transportation options for families in the Florence and Darlington areas and asked about new ways to help increase awareness. Ms. Nero shared that first grade does not have a waiting list and that there are only 2 students on the 8th grade waiting list.**

- School Report Card Data
 1. Ms. Nero—**Ms. Nero discussed the report card and showed state testing data that shows VASC in line and slightly above similar schools within FS1. She covered plans to see continued growth in ELA and Math.**
 2. Mrs. Hamilton—**Ms. Hamilton discussed the Orton-Gillingham training and resources. She shared that many of Ms. Dargan’s items are also on her list.**
 3. Mrs. Dargan—**Ms. Dargan discussed IXL, Freckle Math, myON, and the Instructional/PBL Coaching plans. She talked about better utilizing the programs we have to improve student performance.**

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10. Action Items, if any, from Executive Session

b. Mr. Echols made the motion and Mr. Strickland seconded that we move forward with the contract with US Bank. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Mr. Kozacki made the motion and Mr. Washington seconded that we move forward with the contractual agreement with DAC. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Mr. Washington made the motion and Ms. Tyner seconded that we move forward with the PSCASC Membership. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Good of the Order
12. Next Regular Meeting Date: October 26, 2021
13. Adjourn at 8:40