



Agenda for Regular Board Meeting on October 26, 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.

Announcement regarding Public Comment

1. Welcome/Opening
2. Dr. Thomas Ducey, Board Chair: Reading of School Mission
3. Roll Call
 - (Present in person)
 - a. Dr. Thomas Ducey
 - b. Scott Kozacki
 - c. Glenn Hill
 - d. Don Strickland
 - e. Carlos Washington
 - f. Amanda Tyner
 - Mary Allison Caudell
 - Melissa Kiddy
 - Brian Dangan
 - Absent
 - g. Stacy Coleman
 - h. Les Echols
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Comment
 - a. No public comment
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular, September 28th, 2021
 - i. No modification to minutes, minutes accepted as written
7. COVID Report
 - a. 1 case for week ending 10/22
 - b. 61 positive cases for students since 8/16
 - c. 184 quarantine total

(See the presentation slide attached for more details)
8. Monthly Budget Report
 - a. Melissa Kiddy
 - i. Reviewed monthly financial report (see graph attached)
 - ii. Changes were made to reflect an audit (August- September)
 - iii. Year to date expenses ~1.4 million

- iv. Deficits do not include federal programs(SEERR III, Title I, etc.) funding; once these are included there will be a surplus of \$36,786; there has been some delay in guidance for federal funding from CIE
 - v. Nero stated Title I allots came in recently and will be dispersed within the next few weeks
 - vi. predicted enrollment was 530-45 day count was 545; this has a large impact on funding
 - vii. Cash Balance- As of September \$1,492,691
 - viii. Breakdown of the finances are behind the dashboard
 - The Board did not have any questions about the monthly budget
9. FY 21 Audit Approval
- a. Melissa Kiddy
 - i. Page 44 of PDF- Custodial Credit Risk
 - Strickland asked if this has to be done annually
 - Kiddy stated that we must be covered at all times and once this process is done, we will always be covered
 - ii. Page 12 PDF- Exhibit A
 - Balance sheet
 - Breaks downs assets (1.9 Million)
 - liabilities (641,738)
 - Net position (1.3 Million)
 - iii. Page 13 PDF
 - Change in Net Position (1.2 million; there is a surplus last year of 1.2 Million)
 - The layout of changes and net positions
 - iv. Page 14 PDF- Exhibit C
 - Current fund balance

Questions

-Strickland asked if VASC was required to report/include Gatsby 68 and Gatsby 75

Gatsby 68 and Gasby 75 associated with the state retirement plan

-Strickland asked if there is a percentage that needs to be included in the report

For each audit, the auditor will take a look and see what is applicable- there are a few small amounts (~300) that is included. Compared to over 1 million, this probably is not enough to include.

Kiddy stated the auditor will present to the board in more detail what was found in the audit at a later date.

- v. The previous year has helped build the net position
- vi. Audit needs to be approved to include in the bond offering- Ms. Kiddy encouraged the board to review the audit ASAP
- vii. Board reviewed the FY 21 Audit Approval presentation together

Motion to accept the audit- by Ducey

Motion moved by Kozacki

Seconded by Tyner

- 10. Presentation from Specialized Public Finance (Bond Presentation Packet; building of High School)

- a. Brian Dunagan
 - i. Consist of 2 parts (phase 1 [current] and phase 2 [future])

Discussed bond details

- Max allowable amount (15.5 Million)
- Estimate \$12,845,000
- Fixed interest rate 4.79%

Phase I Slides included:

Sources and uses of funds

Annual Net Debt Service Requirements

Monthly/ Annual Debt Payments

Lease Payment vs. Bond Payments (Savings of ~3 million over the next 10 years)

Proformance Forecast -a requirement of covenant is 45 days of cash on hand- B.

Dunagan stated that VASC has accomplished this

Phase II

Overview of the Series

Sources and Uses of Funds

Annual Net Debt Services Requirement (Starts in 2022 ends 2057)

Monthly/ Annual Payment

Typo in second bullet- first payment is January 1, 2023

Combined Debt Services

Proforma Forecast

Key Financial Covenants

Debt Service Coverage

Days Cash on Hand

Financing Data

Timeline

11/4/2021- Print and post limited offering memorandum

11/18/2021- Bond pricing

-bonds are priced in the market

-Bond Purchase Agreement executed

11/30/2021- Closing

- The Bonds delivered and proceeds available to borrower

The bond document states that if you go below 1.1, you have to contact an auditor to get back on track to avoid default. 45 days to make that plan if needed

Once both bonds are in place, ~11,000 rent a month

The resolution will be discussed in the executed session

11. Establishment of High School Advisory Committee

- a. Nero and Strickland met with FDTC last week about using the FDTC campus for 1-2 years for High School students
 - i. Meeting focused on mostly to provide FDTC with information on VASC needs
 - ii. Strickland stated that FDTC seemed optimistic and did some research on how the logistics will look
 - iii. Strickland stated that should be hearing a proposal soon from FDTC

1. Proposal will include
 - a. safety
 - b. lunch options
 - c. separation of FDTC and VASC students
- iv. Kozacki asked if we were paying for services or if it will be a collaboration
 1. Strickland stated that no expectations as of now but should be included in the proposal
- v. Nero stated that she sent out a survey about SRO and let it be known that VASC is interested in hiring an SRO (this person will be part of the sheriff's office and will possibly be based on the FDTC campus for VASC students if proposal goes through)
- vi. Committee Member Nominees
 - Glenn Hill, Carlos Washington, Don Strickland, and Tom Ducey (Board)
 - Padgett, Hill, Dargan, Nero (Staff and Admin)
 - All communication will be a public record.
 - Meetings need to include public comment, agenda, notes, and prepared packets.. This needs to be posted 24 hours beforehand. (per Mary Allison Caudell)

Carlos Washington - moved to put into motion to approve committee
 Glenn Hill- Seconded

12. Principal's Report

- a. Nero presented PBIS pep rally and September's Employee of the Month- Nurse Lee Academics Update
 - 1) September MAP Data- Projection of how students will do for SCREADY and SCPass)
 - a) Goal is to reduce not met by 50 % (ELA)
 - b) Goal is to reduce not met by 50 % (Math)

Kozacki asked if there was a way to compare MAP data in the district

Nero stated that there is not a way to compare; we use SCReady and SCPASS to compare to other schools in the district

- b. Enrollment
 - i. Goal-31 students in the next few weeks

ii. **Runyan NOTES- please include here**

- Transportation questions per parents who are enrolling
- will the bus come to the house
 - background check of bus driver
 - pedestrian and students on bus or just students
 - bus drivers trained to work with kids
 - where will drop off be

Clarification was asked about 3rd grade due to the loss of a 3rd teacher and enrollment numbers was discussed

Kozacki asked if there is currently recruiting 3rd-grade teacher; Nero stated currently looking for a teacher

Runyan proposed to stop recruitment of 1st and 2nd grade so that we are in compliance of the charter; Ducey stated that doing this would affect the funding reports and the projected funding data

- 1) 45th Day Count

Ducey asked for Brian Dungan to stay for Executive Session
 General Session Ended at 7:10 PM

13. Executive Session-

- a. Pending Contractual Arrangements
 - 1. Rebranding
 - 2. 403 Match
 - 3. Bond Resolution
- b. Personnel Report
 - 1. 3rd Grade Change
 - 2. Workers Compensation Claim

Return to General Session

- 14. Action Items, if any, from Executive Session
- 15. Good of the Order
- 16. Next Regular Meeting Date: November 30th, 2021
- 17. Adjourn