



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Mission Statement: The mission of Vision Academy Charter School is to prepare students in kindergarten through eighth grade to become responsible and articulate students and citizens by using a comprehensive curriculum designed to foster academic success and current technology to build self-reliance.

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Time: November 11, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting Type	X	Regular		Special
Minutes Type		Proposed		Approved

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

This meeting has been publicized in accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and notification given to all appropriate parties. The notice of this meeting was posted in *the Delaware County Daily Times* and on *the school website*.

I. Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Vision Academy Charter School is called to order at **7:05 PM** by **Mr. Adam**. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

II. Roll Call:

	<i>Name and Position</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
1	Adam Oksuz, President	X
2	Gokhan Seker, Secretary	X
3	Arinola O. Adams, Treasurer	X
4	Kakageldi Hommadov, Member	X
5	Erion Peshkepia, Member	Absent

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mr. Seker

Second: Mr. Adam

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that the agenda for the meeting is **APPROVED**.

IV. Board Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting on October 14, 2020 (*Exhibit I*)

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Mr. Seker

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that the minutes for October 14, 2020 as in *Exhibit I* is **APPROVED**.

V. Call to The Public / Open Comment:

The board heard comments from Mrs. Chennault regarding the new building status. Mr. Adam said we're working on it and there's progress, but it's too soon to make it public because there is a confidentiality agreement between parties. We will make it public soon, though.

VI. School Leader's Report

- Principal's Report (*Exhibit II*)
 - We still have 373 students at VACS. No withdrawals or new enrollments since October 1st.
 - Our attendance is still in 90%+ for students
 - Home visits were made by Mr. Eggleston for some students who were on the path of truancy.
 - PBIS – We are providing students with more rewards for good work (e.g. *Dojo Master of the Week* for students who are meeting the core values each week).
 - We are offering after-school programs such as music club, study hall, 'Girls on the Run', etc. (Monday through Thursday).
 - We are starting a podcast via a 10-week program (Mr. Bergey is offering this).
 - **COVID Updates:**
 - Expected increase in second-wave this month.
 - Cases in Chester County - 250 new cases 3 weeks ago increased to 440 this week.
 - Cases in Delaware County - about double the Chester County statistics.
 - Delaware county was at 3.5-4% positive cases a few weeks ago (anything under 5% is moderate, and anything above it is considered substantial). Now, we are at 6%.
 - Philly and Upper Darby have decided to continue virtual.
 - Starting November 16th, William Penn is planning to bring low-incidence-disability children into the school (Autistic children, children with hearing or sight loss, etc).
 - Southeast Delco made a recommendation of not making changes to their virtual model until January 19th. In other words, they are planning to continue 100% virtually until January 19th, although this is not set in stone yet.
 - We sent out a survey to SPED families regarding whether or not they would send their child back in person. 70% said they are more comfortable continuing online, 15% said they would send their child in-person, and 15% didn't respond.
- Director of Instruction (Exhibit III)

- Quarter 1 report cards will be posted on Infinite Campus next week.
- We are also giving families the option of receiving an emailed or mailed copy.
- The Teacher Induction Program has been initiated. Our goal is for all teachers to be certified at level 2.
- We have also begun formal observations. We will release these schedules Friday. Beginning next Monday, we will have a minimum of 2 observations per teacher (our goal is 3 observations).
- We have more failing grades this quarter compared to previous years due to lack of work completion and submission.

VII. Director of Operations and Business Manager's Report

- **Director of Operations (Exhibit IV)**
- **Financial Statements (Exhibit V)**
 - We hired a new Special Education Teacher.
 - We hired a new 3rd Grade Teacher who will be starting in January.
 - We hired a new 4th Grade Intervention Teacher.
 - The technician will have a contract. He was working on an hourly basis.
 - We have 2 openings:
 - Due to a recent IEP meeting, we will need a new PCA for an in-person position
 - We need a 7/8th grade intervention teacher (due to Mr. L leaving due to family problems)
 - Update: we received \$680,000 in October, mainly from WPSD (reconciliation from 2019-20 school year). They still owe us \$380,000, which will be paid in November.
 - We received \$208,000 from the Southeast Delco School District.
 - Update from Charter Choices: after this month's elections, Biden has pledged to triple title 1 spending as well as increase federal contributions for Special Education.
 - We received \$90,000 for the Health and Safety Grant. We sent out the invoice for that this week. We spent it mainly on chromebooks.
 - Governor Wolf recently signed Act 84 (charter school board members must have school email addresses published on the school website).
 - We paid performance bonuses today, which were sent out with payroll (\$40,250 total).

VIII. New Business Items:

- a. Proposed timeline for returning students to in-person instruction for Vision Academy CS

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Mr. Seker

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved that **regular education students will be 100% virtual until the end of Quarter 2 (January 25th) and special education & ESL students will be provided an option for in person education in the school building starting November 30th is APPROVED.**

b. New Contracts/HR Updates since October Meeting

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Mrs. Adams

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved that the Employment agreements for Ms. Windle as 4th grade intervention teacher, and Ms. Knaack as SPED teacher, and Mr. Kenan Yasar as It Technician are APPROVED.

c. Adjournment

Public meeting adjourned at **8:03 PM.**

IX. Executive Session

According to Sunshine Law, 65 PA.C.S.A. § 708, executive sessions to discuss topics such as personnel matters, attorney-client privilege matters, pending litigation, negotiations and other such related matters. **Please Note:** The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

- Building Update
- Legal issues
- HR Needs

X. Suggested Future Agenda Items

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Board President/Board Secretary/Recording Secretary Date

Approved by the Board of Trustees on ___/___/201__

Board President/Board Secretary/Recording Secretary Date