



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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Topic: VACS Board Meeting

Time: Jan 13, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Wed, until Jun 9, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Jan 13, 2021 07:00 PM

Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 10, 2021 07:00 PM

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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 **7:02PM** 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	✓
2	Gokhan Seker, Secretary	✓
3	Arinola O. Adams, Treasurer	✓
4	Kakageldi Hommadov, Member	absent
5	Erion Peshkepia, Member	✓

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mr. Seker

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

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

IV. Board Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting on November 11, 2020 (*Exhibit I*)

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Ms. Adams

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that **the minutes for November 11, 2020** as in *Exhibit I* is **APPROVED**.

V. Call to The Public / Open Comment:

This is the time for the public to comment. Board President or designee opens the public comment session on agenda items only. Each person is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Board President or designee closes the public comment session on agenda items only.

The board heard comments from **NO ONE**.

VI. School Leaders' Report

- Principal's Report (*Exhibit II*)
- Director of Instruction (*Exhibit III*)
- Director of Operations (*Exhibit IV*)

Ms. Vee

- The re-enrollment process for current students is taking place January 11th – February 5th.
 - This is being done digitally via DocuSign.
 - Families will submit the re-enrollment form online and will be required to attach their driver's license and 1 form of proof of residency.
- The only way a parent can enroll their student's sibling is if they apply through the lottery (this is different from last year).
 - This is because we changed our re-enrollment forms to use "initial charter school enrollment forms", which don't have the option of asking parents if they want to enroll a sibling of their current VACS student.
- The Open Houses will take place *virtually* on January 14th (6PM) and February 6th (2PM).
 - Open Houses include a short asynchronous video, followed by Q&A.
- The lottery will take place *virtually* on February 18, 2021 (5PM).

Mr.G:- Director of Instruction

- Quarter 2 "at risk of failure" notices were sent to families before the end of Quarter 2 (an early heads up).
- Report cards for Quarter 2 are virtual this year (accessed through Infinite Campus), but families can still request a hard copy from Ms. Vee.
- The Teacher Induction Program is still continuing for teachers seeking certification.
 - By the end of January, we will meet our minimum requirements for this program.
 - We will continue having these induction meetings for two more months for the book study sessions.
- We want to finalize our observations by January 22nd.
- WIDA testing has begun for ESL.
- The 2nd round of iReady testing will take place January 19th – February 9th to see if students are growing and making progress.
- We are still planning and preparing for PSSAs.
 - Classroom teachers are integrating PSSA Prep in their classes weekly.
- Intervention teachers are continuing to meet with MTSS students on a regular basis at most grade levels.

Covid Updates

- 4,000 overall deaths in the U.S. per day (as of today).
- Deaths per day have almost doubled since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Data suggests more positive cases and deaths than the fall.
- 4 staff members so far have informed us that they have tested positive since the pandemic.
- ALL families survey (150 families responded) – 43% (in-person) vs. 57% (online).

- SPED families survey – 35% (in-person) vs. 65% (online).
- The plan is that we will conduct 100% virtual learning for all regular education students and offer a hybrid model for SPED & ELL students starting Feb 1st until we reconsider this in the February meeting.

New Staff Hires

- Gideon Luzares (7/8th Math Intervention) has been re-hired, and Kelli Crossin (3rd Grade Classroom Teacher) and Krystina Heidelberg (7/8th ELA) have been newly hired.

Other

- Ms. Connie Monk is the new President of the Vision Academy Parent Partners (VAPP).
- A guest speaker will be talking about civil rights and social justice with students for Black History Month via Zoom in February.

VII. Business Manager’s Report

Financial Statements (Exhibit V) is shared.

OPPS Team / Financial Updates – Ali & Chinar

- As of December 21st, our assets are sufficient to meet our current liabilities.
- Our local revenue is 55% of our budget revenue.
- We paid DCIU \$120,000 for speech therapy and occupational therapy for the previous academic year. They haven’t billed us for this year yet.
- Accounts receivable summary: WPSD owes us about \$323,000 for this month. We will be receiving this money on January 23rd. Southeast Delco owes us \$90,000, and Philadelphia and Upper Darby owe us \$11,000.

VIII. New Business Items:

- Reconsideration of the timeline for returning students to in-person instruction for Vision Academy CS

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Ms. Adams

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that **we will conduct 100% virtual learning for regular education students and a hybrid model for SPED & ELL students starting Feb 1st until we reconsider this in our February meeting is APPROVED.** The Administration will email the instructional model in the last week of January to the Board.

- New Contracts/HR Updates (Exhibit VI) since November 13, 2020

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Ms. Adams

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that **Gideon Luzares (7/8th Math Intervention) has been re-hired, and Kelli Crossin (3rd Grade Classroom Teacher) and Krystina Heidelberg (7/8th ELA Intervention) have been newly hired is APPROVED.**

- c. Rate Increase Requested by MacMain Connell and Leinhauser (Exhibit VII)

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Ms. Adams

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that **the rate increase requested by MacMain Connell and Leinhauser, \$250/Hour (instead of \$200/Hour) for partners and associates and \$125/Hour (instead of \$115/hour) for paralegals, with the condition that the law firm does not charge us the difference in pay if the fee is paid by the insurance company is APPROVED.**

- d. Bonuses for the Employees (Exhibit VIII)

Motion: Ms. Adams

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that **all VACS employees received holiday bonuses is APPROVED.**

- e. Vision Academy CS COVID-19 Compensatory Plan (Exhibit IX)

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that **the Vision Academy Charter School COVID-19 Compensatory Plan as presented on the screen is APPROVED.**

- f. Adjournment

Public meeting adjourned at **8:34PM.**

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
- Surveys

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 ___/___/2021

Board President/Board Secretary/Recording Secretary

Date