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# VICC



## **Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • January 15, 2021**

In actions at their January 15 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved minutes of the October 16, 2020 regular Board meeting.
- Approved renewal of VICC’s insurance coverage through the MUSIC program effective January 1, 2021 for property, liability and workers’ compensation during the 2021 calendar year at a premium of \$5,882.
- Approved the selection of Kerber, Eck & Braeckel to provide independent audit services for a three-year period beginning with the 2020/21 fiscal year at an annual cost of \$8,000/\$8,000/\$8,000 for Year 1/Year 2/Year 3.
- Approved the 2020/21 budget adjustments, resulting in revenues of \$40,268,100 (decrease of \$1,107,900) and revised expenditures of \$37,656,700 (a decrease of \$5,169,900). The projected reimbursement cap for county districts is unaffected by these adjustments and remains at \$7,000 per student (including Title 1 funds.)
- Approved the appointment of the following to serve as the committee to recommend VICC salary increases at the April meeting for the 2020/21 school year:
  - Sean Doherty, VICC Board chair and Clayton School District Superintendent
  - Chris Gaines, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Mehlville School District Superintendent
  - Mary Jo Gruber, School District of Clayton
  - Kevin Carl, Hancock Place School District
  - Patty Bedborough, Parkway School District
  - Paul Northington, Rockwood School District
  - David Glaser, VICC CEO
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of December, 2020, \$10,382,710.07 was invested as follows: 74.21 percent in FDIC Insured CD’s, 25.75 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements and 0.04 percent in US Government agencies—MOSIP Fund.
- Reviewed a report on VICC’s financial position. Through December, 2020, revenues totaled \$19,131,051.95. Expenditures for that period were \$9,024,300.30.
- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of January 5, 2021, VICC had received 113 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2021/22 school year, which is down from the 201 and 583 received at this point during the previous two years due to targeted and significantly reduced recruitment mailings based on available spaces. Consistent with prior years, the vast majority of new spaces are at the kindergarten through second grade levels, although some districts are making some spaces available at the middle school and high school levels. Year-to-date magnet applications for 2021/22, total 10, compared to 15 and 25 in 2020/21 and 2019/20, respectively. Year-to-date magnet placements stand at 9 compared to 8 and 14, respectively, in the prior two years.
- Discussed district instructional plans and challenges related to COVID-19 as well as updated in-person versus virtual schedules and plans to have school staff and bus drivers vaccinated.
- Discussed the Handle With Care program with the principle of which is that when law enforcement encounters a child at the scene of a traumatic event, they notify the school, not about the incident itself but that something traumatic has happened to the child and they should be Handled With Care. Lisa Potts of the St. Louis Mental Health Board would like to partner with districts to implement the program for their students.

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*Minutes of the meeting are available for review at the VICC Office after approval by the Board.*

- Received a detailed list of incremental costs incurred by VICC to address COVID-19 issues for March-December, 2020 totaling \$739,694.

- Future Meetings for 2020/21 are as follows:
  - 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2021 at Education Plus Offices
  - 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 11, 2021 at the Urban League

The Education Plus meetings will be held at 1460 Craig Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141. The Urban League meeting will be held at 3701 Grandel Square. Agendas will be available by request at the VICC Office one week prior to the meeting. Interested parties are welcome to attend, and those who wish to address the board are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting.