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# VICC



## **Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • February 17, 2017**

In actions at their February 17 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved the proposal from Logicalis in the amount of \$8,173.44 for a one-year renewal of transportation management operating system software licenses and support for March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.
- Approved the 2016/17 budget adjustments, resulting in revenues of \$47,282,700 (no change) and revised expenditures of \$50,623,100 (a decrease of \$830,000). 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 2017/18 school year:
  - Steve Brotherton, VICC Board chair and Affton School District Superintendent
  - Kevin Carl, treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Hancock Place Superintendent
  - Mary Jo Gruber, School District of Clayton
  - Patty Bedborough, Parkway School District
  - Tim Rooney, Rockwood School District
  - David Knes, Valley Park School District
  - David Glaser, VICC CEO
- Approved five year contract proposal with two one-year options for extension moving all business to MO Central based upon dissatisfaction with service levels provided by Durham.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of January, 2017, \$23,246,955.10 was invested as follows: 53.64 percent in FDIC insured CDs; and 46.35 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through January, 2017, revenues totaled \$28,071,580.00. Expenditures for that period were \$18,021,941.84.
- Continued discussion of strategic planning for VICC including mission and goals of VICC and the financial implications of different enrollment levels and how the VICC office should be staffed in the future.
- Reviewed and discussed the preliminary draft budget for the 2017/18 year. The proposed budget projects revenues of \$46,181,100 and expenditures of \$50,422,000. These amounts assume total student enrollment in September, 2017, of 4,366 students (down slightly from the current year's September enrollment of 4,471), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county districts will remain at \$7,000 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2017/18 year. Transportation costs are expected to increase, reflecting fewer buses and taxis offset by cost increases averaging about 5%. A final budget package will be presented for approval at the June 8 board meeting.
- Received a report from Karen Kalish on the Teacher Home Visit Program.
- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of February 7, 2017, VICC had received 1,737 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2017/18 school year, which is down slightly from the 2,162 and 2,501 received at this point during the previous two years. 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. At this point, VICC already has more applications than openings at almost every grade level in almost every attendance area. While not all applications are ultimately determined to be

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eligible due to behavior, city residency or special education issues, it appears that there will be no trouble filling all available spaces in all districts. As a result, VICC's recruitment efforts, particularly at the secondary level, have already been curtailed. Year-to-date magnet applications for 2017/18, total 124, compared to 101 and 119 in 2016/17 and 2015/16, respectively. Magnet participation continues to increase primarily due to interest in the new Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (CSMB).

- Received a report on the 2016 MAP Test Index Analysis. The relatively newly available MAP test score data disaggregated by transfer students suggests significant academic benefits -- as measured by state standardized tests -- resulting from being in the transfer program. These benefits are in addition to past studies which have shown both a higher graduation rate and a higher attendance rate for transfer students as well.

- Future Meetings for 2016/17 are as follows:

- 9 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2017 at Education Plus Offices

- 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 8, 2017 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 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.