

Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • June 11, 2015

In actions at their June 11 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- •Approved all final VICC transportation routes for 2014-2015. As of the end of the 2014-2015 school year, a total of 4,444 students had been served by the VICC transportation service, with an average ride time (one way) of 54 minutes. In total, VICC buses and cabs traveled about 5.9 million miles during the past school year.
- Approved the officers presented by the Nominating Committee for VICC offices for the 2015-2016 year. They are:

VICC Officers:

ChairpersonDr. Keith Marty, Superintendent, Parkway School DistrictVice-ChairpersonDr. Steve Brotherton, Superintendent, Affton School DistrictTreasurerDr. Kevin Carl, Superintendent, Hancock Place School District

Secretary Mrs. Lisa Gray, VICC

VICC Committees:

Program Committee Chair

Dr. Sharmon Wilkinson, Superintendent, Clayton School District

Budget Committee Chair

Dr. Kevin Carl, Superintendent, Hancock Place School District

Transportation Committee Chair

Mr. Ron Tucker, Superintendent, Bayless School District

- Approved a resolution allowing VICC to be eligible to participate in the election of directors at MOSIP's Annual Meeting of Participants.
- Approved an extension of the current VICC office space lease for a three-year period beginning September 1, 2015.
- •Approved the VICC budget for 2015-2016. The proposed budget projects revenues of \$49,472,400 and expenditures of \$53,578,500. These amounts assume total student enrollment in September, 2015, of 4,603 students (down from the current year's September enrollment of 4,606), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county districts will remain at \$7,250 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2015-2016 year.

All budget estimates are subject to adjustments as better information regarding actual enrollments and financial matters becomes available.

- Approved a 3.00 percent salary increase for VICC staff for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of April, 2015, 28,954,890.40 was invested as follows: 5.14 percent in FDIC insured CDs; and 94.86 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through April, 2015, revenues totaled \$42,224,116.65. Expenditures for that period were \$24,121,313.71. Although revenues are down, due to the formula proration percentage being below the originally budgeted amount, actual costs are anticipated to be less than budgeted now that most districts have completed their cost of education reports.
- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of June 3, 2015, VICC had received 3,266 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2015-2016 school year, which is similar to the 3,062 and 3,222 received

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at this point during the previous two years. With interest on the part of city families remaining high, the number of new openings -- 585-- is significantly higher than the number of new enrollments for the last three 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 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 2015-2016, total 140, compared to 162 and 144 in 2014-2015 and 2013-2014, respectively. Magnet participation is beginning to increase primarily due to interest in the new Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience (CSMB).

• Received a report on weighted voting percentages for the VICC Board to be effective in 2015-2016 which are based upon June 1, 2015, enrollments. They are as follows:

Affton	1.6%
Bayless	2.6%
Brentwood	2.6%
Clayton	6.9%
Hancock Place	4.4%
Kirkwood	4.2%
Lindbergh	0.8%
Mehlville	8.4%
Parkway	24.0%
Rockwood	33.8%
Valley Park	3.9%
Webster Groves	3.6%
Special School	0.3%
St. Louis	2.9%
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- Received an annual report summarizing transportation data and survey results regarding customer satisfaction with transportation services. Overall 89% of the principals responding to the survey indicated they were very satisfied or satisfied with on-time arrival of buses.
- Received a report which details the special education incidence rates as of January, 2015. The favorable trend that had developed during 2007 and 2008 (which was interrupted by an increase in 2009) continued as incidence rates decreased in seven of the twelve individual districts and the overall program average decreased from 20.67 percent in January, 2014, to 19.87 percent in January, 2015. The current rate remains significantly below the peak rate of 26.5 percent in January, 2006.
- Appreciation was extended to Kelvin Adams for serving as the VICC Chairperson for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - Future Meetings for 2014-2015 are as follows:

9:30 a.m. Friday, September 18, 2015 at Education Plus Offices 9:30 a.m. Friday, November 20, 2015 at Education Plus Offices 10 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Education Plus Offices 10 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2016 at the Education Plus Offices 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 9, 2016 at the Urban League

The meetings marked Education Plus will be held at 1460 Craig Road. 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.