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# VICC



## **Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • January 10, 2020**

In actions at their January 10 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved minutes of the October 11, 2019 regular Board meeting.
- Approved the proposal from Logicalis in the amount of \$9,610.20 for a one-year renewal of transportation management operating system software licenses and support for March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
- Approved renewal of VICC's insurance coverage through the MUSIC program effective January 1, 2020 for property, liability and workers' compensation during the 2020 calendar year at a premium of \$6,063.
- Approved the 2019/20 budget adjustments, resulting in revenues of \$44,210,800 (increase of \$29,000) and revised expenditures of \$44,873,500 (a decrease of \$750,000). 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 2019/20 school year:
  - Ron Tucker, VICC Board chair and Bayless 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
- Discussed Beloved Community's request for VICC to partner with them to complete an Equity Audit measuring inclusion and equity in diverse by design schools. The item was tabled until more information could be obtained by conference call. It was suggested that Beloved Community work with districts individually rather than through VICC.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of November, 2019, \$10,913,939.52 was invested as follows: 77.72 percent in US Government agencies—MOSIP Fund and 22.28 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through November, 2019, revenues totaled \$18,179,041.40. Expenditures for that period were \$10,409,001.76.
- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of December 18, 2019, VICC had received 212 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2020/21 school year, which is down from the 303 and 886 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. 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. Year-to-date magnet applications for 2020/21, total 13, compared to 25 and 94 in 2019/20 and 2018/19, respectively. Year-to-date magnet placements stand at 6 compared to 14 and 21, respectively, in the prior two years.
- Continued discussion of strategic planning for VICC. Topics discussed include the timing of inviting non-participating districts into the discussions, identifying existing relationships and initiatives already working to strengthen collaboration and the region and potential other partners such as SSD and St. Louis Community College.

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- Received an overview of the work done by the Mobility Connection and Ascend STL, Inc. They assist families with Section 8 vouchers with housing needs and the lease up process with an emphasis on moving families into “high opportunity” areas including St. Louis County districts.

- Future Meetings for 2018/19 are as follows:
  - 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2020 at Education Plus Offices
  - 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 11, 2020 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.