


VICC

Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

Board Meeting Highlights • April 20, 2012

In actions at their April 20 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Dr. Thomas Williams, superintendent of the Kirkwood School District; Dr. Sarah Riss, superintendent of the Webster Groves School District; Dr. Kelvin Adams, superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools; and David Glaser, VICC CEO; to develop a slate of candidates for 2012-2013 VICC officer positions for Board consideration/approval at the June 14 VICC Board meeting.
- Approved a resolution to allow VICC to be eligible to participate in the election of directors at MOSIP's Annual Meeting of Participants.
- Approved the VICC Board meeting schedule for 2012-2013, as follows:
 - 10 a.m. Friday, September 14, 2012 at the VICC offices
 - 10 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2012 at the VICC offices
 - 10 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 at Lindenwood University
 - 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2013 at Lindenwood University
 - 10 a.m. **Thursday**, June 13, 2013 at the Urban League

The meetings marked Lindenwood University will be held in the Spellman Center, Leadership Center Conference Room at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, **prior to** the CSD Superintendents' Roundtable meeting. Those marked VICC will be held in the Conference Room at the VICC Office, 7425 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 110. 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.

- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of March, 2012, \$34,951,280.96 was invested as follows: 0.00 percent in U.S. government agencies; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 37.25 percent in FDIC insured funds; 62.74 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements and 0.00 percent in prepaid interest.
- Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through March, 2012, revenues totaled \$45,308,748.59. Expenditures for that period were \$24,324,268.82. These figures were consistent with budget expectations to date.
- Reviewed and discussed the preliminary draft budget for the 2012-2013 year. The proposed budget projects revenues of \$56,066,400 and expenditures of \$59,401,100. These amounts assume total student enrollment in September, 2012, of 5,331 students (down from the current year's September enrollment of 5,450), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county districts will remain steady at \$7,000 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2012-2013 year. Transportation costs again are expected to decrease, reflecting lower enrollment and favorable new bus contracts. A final budget package will be presented for approval at the June 14 board meeting.
- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of April 11, 2012, VICC had received 2,966 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2012-2013 school year, which is similar to the 2,843 received last year and the 2,524 received at this point two years ago. Interest on the part of city families remains high and the number of openings for 2012-2013 is actually slightly higher than the last three years, at 677 spaces. Competition for these spaces continues to be intense as VICC already has more eligible applications than openings at every grade level in every attendance area. While county to city (magnet) applications remain at relatively low levels, they are in the same range as previous years. Year-to-date applications for 2012-2013 total 110, compared to 159 and 160 the previous two years. The loss of accreditation and negative publicity regarding SLPS continue to influence parent perceptions in this regard.

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- Received and discussed a report presented by Dr. Kelvin Adams, superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools, and Michael Haggen, associate superintendent, about their efforts focused on creating conditions for improvement in their schools through the use of School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds. Discussion included best practices shared at the School Turnaround Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of School Turnaround in February.

- Received and discussed the first MAP analysis report that is limited to VICC students only. This newly available data suggests significant academic benefits (as measured by standardized tests) resulting from students' participation in the transfer program. Average MAP scores for transfer students are higher than for black students remaining in the St. Louis Public Schools. And MAP scores of black students in each individual district are higher than for black students remaining in SLPS in most grade levels and most content areas tested.

- Future Meetings for 2011-2012 are as follows:

10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the Urban League, 3701 Grandel Square

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