



Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation Board Meeting Highlights • November 19, 2010

In actions at their November 19 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved a proposal from Oracle Corp. to provide database software license and support services for VICC's transportation software for a one year period beginning January 9, 2011, at a cost of \$6,698.62.
- Approved a sixty month contract with Copying Concepts for a Kyocera 620i copier and two Kyocera 1128 multifunction fax machines with lease and maintenance payments of \$357.76 per month.
- Approved the selection of Warehouse of Fixtures for the disassembly, storage for one week, and reassembly of all cubicles located within the VICC office as part of the re-carpeting and painting that Washington University, our landlord, will be providing over the December holiday break. The bid amount from Warehouse of Fixtures is \$6,400.00.
- Approved the change in fiscal agent to Cooperating School Districts (CSD) from Lindbergh School District, effective January 1, 2011.
- Approved the "Criminal History Record Check - Guidelines & Procedures" which was discussed at the previous board meeting.
- Approved a School Bus Digital Video Surveillance policy since all buses under contract to VICC now include three video cameras.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of October, 2010, \$14,221,921.22 was invested as follows: 27.47 percent in FDIC insured deposits, 0.03 percent in U.S. government agencies; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 38.90 percent in CDs; and 33.60 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements.
- Reviewed reports on VICC's financial position. Through October, 2010, \$21,838,214.07 in revenues were received. Expenditures for that period were \$12,395,710.16.
- Received a report on a successful Parental Involvement program held at Forder Elementary School in the Mehlville School District. The idea for the program came at the suggestion of a grandparent of a transfer student, who then worked with the building principal Scott Clark to insure a 95 percent participation rate.
- Received the final applications/enrollment report for the 2010-2011 school year. Placements increased by one since the last board meeting, from 613 to 614 while the number of available spaces remained unchanged. While the interest level of city families in transferring to county school districts remains high based upon the number of applications received to date, the number of openings available was limited. Based on district enrollment targets, only 527 new spaces were available for 2010-2011, similar to last year, but still considerably less than the new spaces available in earlier years. However, several districts accepted more students than were requested particularly in kindergarten and in grades 7, 8 and 9 resulting in 614 actual placements. The vast majority -- about 69 percent -- of new spaces were at the K-2 early primary grade levels. As a result, VICC's recruitment efforts were concentrated at the primary level while secondary (middle and high school) recruitment was curtailed. However, VICC had no trouble meeting each district's new enrollment goals for 2010-2011 as there were 614 actual placements and a lengthy waiting list for most grade levels and areas. Actual enrollment of city transfer students for 2010-2011 is 5,870 as of November 10, 2010. New applications for the county to city (magnet) program were up slightly this year at 173, compared to 142 and 116 the previous two years. New acceptances for 2010-2011 are down, totaling 60 compared to 100 last year. Apparently, the St. Louis Public Schools' has limited space available for county students for the programs in which they are interested. The gifted magnet sequence draws the most interest from county families.

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- Received a report on the 2010 MAP Test Index Analysis. As a general overall observation, transfer students appear to consistently out score black students remaining in the city at almost every grade level and content area tested. Although there are some inherent statistical limitations to this study, the size of the sample population is large enough, the time frame has been long enough and the overall trend has been consistent enough to at least suggest that significant academic benefits (as measured by state standardized tests) result from being in the transfer program. VICC hopes to conduct a more comprehensive student achievement study in the future to address some of the statistical limitations of the current study.

- Future Meetings for 2009-2010 are as follows:

- 1:30 p.m.** Friday, February 11, 2011 at CSD

- 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2011 at the VICC offices*

- 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2011 at the VICC offices

- * This meeting date is expected to be re-scheduled.

The meetings marked CSD will be held at the Cooperating School District offices, 1460 Craig Road, **immediately following** the Superintendents' Roundtable meetings. 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.