


VICC Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation
Board Meeting Highlights • April 23, 2010

In actions at their April 23 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

- Approved the bid from Decision One Corp. to provide hardware maintenance for the transportation computer hardware system components at a cost of \$6,240 through June 30, 2011.
 - Approved the bid from Sawyer Mailing Systems for a 48 month lease on an upgraded postage meter/ mailing system beginning June 2010, with an estimated total four-year base cost of \$8,600.
 - Appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Dr. Terry Noble, superintendent of the Mehlville School District; Dr. David Knes, superintendent of the Valley Park School District; Dr. Greg Clark, superintendent of the Hancock Place School District; and David Glaser, VICC CEO; to develop a slate of candidates for 2010-2011 VICC officer positions for Board consideration/approval at the June 18 VICC Board meeting.
 - Approved a change in allocation of foundation formula revenue in order to properly account for the ARRA Stabilization funds. The overall revenue budget is not affected nor will the total transportation reimbursement be affected.
 - Approved a resolution for MOSIP in order for VICC to participate in the election of directors at MOSIP's annual meeting of participants.
 - Approved authorizing the VICC CEO David Glaser to apply on behalf of VICC and a consortium of similar desegregation programs for an "Investing in Innovation" grant.
 - Approved the VICC Board meeting schedule for 2010-2011, as follows:
 - 1:30 p.m.** Friday, September 17, 2010 at CSD
 - 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 19, 2010 at the VICC offices
 - 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
- 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.
- Approved the adoption of the following statement as the mission for the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC): "VICC is committed to building relationships, promoting diversity and providing choice while enriching lives through quality educational experiences." Also approved using "Bridging cultures and communities" as VICC's slogan.
 - Approved the proposed change in VICC's telephone/internet provider from Birch Communications to Nuvox Communications at a savings of about \$3,000 annually.
 - Reviewed the summary of investments. As of March, 2010, \$27,606,189.35 was invested as follows: 1.48 percent in U.S. government agencies; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 55.06 percent in FDIC insured funds; 43.46 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements and 0.00 percent in prepaid interest.
 - Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through March, 2010, revenues totaled \$57,627,768.11. Expenditures for that period were \$32,681,497.56. These figures were consistent with budget expectations to date.

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- Reviewed reports and discussed effective practices, including award ceremonies to provide recognition for accomplishments of African-American students. Also participated in a discussion of the benefits of the Teacher Home visit program.

- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of April 12, 2010, VICC had received 2,605 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2010-2011 school year, which is similar to the 2,632 received last year but down somewhat from the 3,030 received at this point two years ago due to more targeted recruiting efforts in the current year as a result of more limited space availability. Although interest on the part of city families remains high, the number of openings for 2010-2011 continues to be lower than in earlier years, although 550 openings is comparable to the new spaces made available for the 2009-2010 school year. In fact, VICC already has more eligible applications than openings at every grade level in every area with the exception of kindergarten applicants in all areas. While county to city (magnet) applications remain at relatively low levels, they have increased slightly from last year, due to increased recruitment efforts such as targeted mailings. Year-to-date applications for 2010-2011 total 161, compared to 132 and 105 the previous two years. The loss of accreditation and negative publicity regarding SLPS are at least partly to blame for the decline.

- Reviewed and discussed the preliminary draft budget for the 2010-2011 year. The proposed budget projects revenues of \$66,392,300 and expenditures of \$66,532,400, with the difference to be absorbed by available fund balance reserves. These amounts assume student enrollment in September, 2010, of 5,887 students (down from the current year's enrollment of 6,147). While overall revenues are declining, the combination of SB 287 and the use of second preceding year counts has kept revenues steady at a relatively high level on a per pupil basis. At the same time, declining student enrollment, a new favorable bus contract, and the completion of Highway 40/I-64 construction during the 2009-2010 school year has reduced cost pressures in the transportation area, historically VICC's second largest expense. Cost of education payments to county school districts will decrease from the current cap of \$9,100 to \$7,500 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2010-2011 year. A final budget package will be presented for approval at the June 18 board meeting.

- Received a report on out-of-area placements and discussed the issue. VICC staff proposed returning to the "pool placement" process to minimize the number of out-of-area students at the start of the school year in order to minimize educational disruption to the student and to control transportation costs.

- Received a report on the 2009 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.

- Future Meetings for 2009-2010 are:

10:30 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2010 at the VICC offices

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