


VICC

Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation

Board Meeting Highlights • April 15, 2011

In actions at their April 15 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, 2012.
- 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 2011-2012 VICC officer positions for Board consideration/approval at the June 17 VICC Board meeting.
- Approved the VICC Board meeting schedule for 2011-2012, as follows:
 - 10 a.m.** Friday, September 9, 2011 at CSD
 - 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2011 at the VICC offices
 - 10 a.m.** Friday, February 10, 2012 at CSD
 - 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2012 at the VICC offices
 - 10:30 a.m. **Thursday**, June 14, 2012 at the VICC offices

The meetings marked CSD will be held at the Cooperating School District offices, 1460 Craig Road, **in the small main floor conference room, prior to** the 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.

- Approved an amendment of the VICC By-Laws replacing "\$2,500" with "\$7,500" in Section 3.10 relating to CEO approval of contracts. This change was made to recognize inflation, approval levels in other school districts, minimize Board attention to minor matters and improve administrative efficiency.
- Approved an adjustment to the 2010-2011 budget to increase the Magnet Pass through to St. Louis Public Schools from \$976,900 to \$1,096,600, an increase of \$119,700 which reflects revised revenue adjustments approved in February, 2011.
- Reviewed the summary of investments. As of February, 2010, \$25,556,038.93 was invested as follows: 0.02 percent in U.S. government agencies; 0.00 percent in U.S. treasuries and securities; 48.69 percent in FDIC insured funds; 51.29 percent in collateralized repurchase agreements and 0.00 percent in prepaid interest.
- Reviewed a report on VICC's financial position. Through February, 2011, revenues totaled \$44,026,368.58. Expenditures for that period were \$23,271,287.58. These figures were consistent with budget expectations to date.
- Reviewed and discussed the preliminary draft budget for the 2011-2012 year. The proposed budget projects revenues of \$61,358,100 and expenditures of \$60,943,400. These amounts assume total student enrollment in September, 2011, of 5,620 students (down from the current year's September enrollment of 6,024), and reflect the continued favorable impact of the new school funding formula under SB287. Cost of education payments to county districts will decrease from \$7,500 for 2010-2011 to \$7,000 (including Title I funds) per pupil, for the 2011-2012 year. Transportation costs are expected to again decrease, reflecting lower enrollment and favorable new bus contracts. A final budget package will be presented for approval at the June 17 board meeting.
- Reviewed reports and discussed effective practices, including new research and data produced by the National Assessment for Educational Progress and reported by the Council of Great City Schools, focusing on

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black males that shows the gap may be much bigger than originally thought. One study by Washington University in St. Louis suggests that having a good teacher results in better learning outcomes in science for traditionally underperforming groups.

- Received a report on the status of applications to date. As of April 6, 2011, VICC had received 2,848 applications for transfers to county schools for the 2011-2012 school year, which is similar to the 2,681 received last year and the 2,588 received at this point two years ago. Although interest on the part of city families remains high, the number of openings for 2011-2012 continues to be lower than in earlier years, although 485 openings is comparable to the new spaces made available in the last few years. In fact, VICC already has more eligible applications than openings at every grade level in almost every 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 2011-2012 total 154, compared to 160 and 132 the previous two years. The loss of accreditation and negative publicity regarding SLPS continue to influence parent perceptions in this regard.

- Received the 2009-2010 Student Attendance Analysis/Recommendations. For the seventh straight year, the overall average transfer student attendance rate continued a trend of annual increases and now stands at 93.23 percent overall, higher than that of the students' neighborhood schools in the city, and just a few percentage points lower than the overall state attendance average. Grade point average, school district of attendance and age of the student continue to be the three factors having the strongest correlation with attendance rates. The attendance data is highly consistent between years in almost every aspect.

- Future Meetings for 2010-2011 are as follows:

10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2011 at the Urban League, 3701 Grandel Square

This meeting 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.