

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

David Jones, President

Sean Patterson, Vice President

Tracy Kitchel, PhD (arrived at 7:04 AM), Treasurer

Lorraine Terry, Director

Board members Absent:

Dwight Anstaett, Secretary

Attendees:

John Jacobs, *Verano*

Sylvia Goodrich, *Valor Academy*

Chase Eskelsen, *Verano*

Howard Marzolf, *Verano*

Nikki Hofman, *Director of Academics and Compliance, Verano*

Tamara Becker, *Superintendent*

Tamika Galvin, *Principal*

Dan Mahlandt (arrived at 7:30 AM), *Strongmind*

Amy Goodson, Esq., *Board Legal Counsel*

Tony Cardinal, *OCCS*

Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*

III. Review of Agenda

Mr. Cardinal introduced himself as the new sponsor representative for the school.

IV. Public Comment

V. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of November 17, 2020 and revised October 13, 2020 minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes; no modifications were requested.

21-01 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the November 17, 2020 minutes and the revised October 13, 2020 minutes.

Motion: Ms. Terry Second: Mr. Patterson
Ayes: 3 Opposed: 0

B. IDEA and Testing Limitations Resolutions

The Board held hearings regarding IDEA funding and testing limitations just prior to the November board meeting during which time opportunity for public input was provided.

*Mr. Kitchel arrived at this time.

21-02 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held a public hearing on November 17, 2020 during which local community members and parents/guardians were invited to attend and provide input regarding the use of IDEA funds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the planned use of IDEA funds.

21-03 WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729 limits the amount of time students may be required to spend on state required and other assessments;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729 also provides that the School's Board of Directors may adopt a resolution allowing the School to exceed the prescribed time limitations provided the Board of Directors conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds it educationally appropriate for the educational model it provides and the students the School serves to exceed the administration and preparation limitations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held a public hearing on the proposed resolution on November 17, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the School to exceed the administration and preparation limits as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Kitchel
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

C. Financial Report

Ms. Gillen presented the financial report. She addressed the questions regarding management fees explaining there was a timing issue that will be corrected in the future.

21-04 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the financial report as presented.

Motion: Mr. Kitchel Second: Mr. Patterson
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

D. Discussion on Finance and Audit Committee

The Board discussed the appointment of an audit and finance committee.

21-05 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints the following Members to the Finance and Audit Committee:

Tracy Kitchel

Lorraine Terry

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Kitchel
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

E. Performance, Innovation and Improvement Grant

The Board discussed the grant awarded to the school by the school’s sponsor.

21-06 WHEREAS, Valor Academy, Inc. (“the Corporation”) is an Ohio Non-Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the Corporation (“Governing Authority”), or its designee, has applied for funds available through the Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant offered by the Ohio Council of Community Schools (“OCCS”); and

WHEREAS, OCCS has reviewed the application and, in alignment with the “Budget” portion of the application, has offered the Governing Authority a grant to aid in funding the initiative as outlined; and

WHEREAS, the grant is contingent upon the Governing Authority accepting the grant award and agreeing to additional terms of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority hereby accepts the Performance, Innovation, and Improvement Grant from the Ohio Council of Community Schools in an amount not to exceed \$17,373.23.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the grant award shall be used to help fund the targeted support to special education students as well as the purchase of various manipulatives and other items as outlined in the application.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in addition to providing OCCS with information on the outcomes in the application, the Governing Authority will direct the school’s administration to:

- Schedule a monitoring site visit with your OCCS regional representative for a demonstration of the initiative; and,
- Provide the governing authority and OCCS with an update.

Motion: Ms. Terry Second: Mr. Patterson
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

F. State of the School Report

Ms. Becker presented information regarding staffing and compliance. There is a math position still open. There has been an FTE review and OCCS conducted a special education desk audit.

Ms. Hoffman presented information regarding academics. January 19, 2021 marked the first day of the second semester.

Ms. Galvin presented staff and student spotlights.

Ms. Goodrich discussed enrollment. There are currently 41 students enrolled with two in process. There have been no suspensions and expulsions.

Mr. Marzolf provided an update on the IDEA grant and school safety training grant. There is the possibility that a fence will be placed around the school.

21-07 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented, including the number of suspension and expulsions, staff changes, and the December and January residency verification.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Ms. Terry
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

G. Revised Code of Regulations

Ms. Goodson discussed the revisions to the Code of Regulations regarding changes related to virtual meetings.

21-08 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the Code of Regulations as presented.

Motion: Ms. Terry Second: Mr. Kitchel
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

H. Virtual Meetings Resolution

Ms. Goodson discussed the temporary laws allowing for virtual meetings.

21-09 WHEREAS, HB 197 and HB 404 temporarily permit Ohio public bodies to hold meetings via teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to conduct meetings via teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology while the law allows;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors will comply with all other aspects of Ohio's Open Meetings Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the temporary practice of holding its meetings via teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology from March 2020 through July 1, 2021 or such later date as allowed by subsequent law.

Motion: Mr. Kitchel Second: Ms. Terry
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

I. Review of Policies

Ms. Goodson discussed the annual review of the Parent Involvement Policy and the Homeless Student Policy.

21-10 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has reviewed and hereby approves and adopts the following policies as presented:

- Parent Involvement Policy
- Homeless Student Policy

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Ms. Terry
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

J. Transportation Policy

Ms. Becker discussed the need for bus passes for students. As such, the operations team requested a policy regarding distribution of bus passes.

20-11 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the transportation policy as discussed and pending review and revision by Board legal counsel.

Motion: Ms. Terry Second: Mr. Kitchel
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

VI. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

Ms. Goodson provided the legal update.

B. Sponsor Update

Mr. Cardinal discussed his role and philosophy.

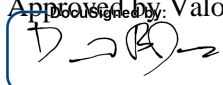
VII. Hybrid Learning Training

Pursuant to compliance requirements, Mr. Mahlandt provided training to the board regarding the instructional model.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting: February 16, 2021 at 7:00 AM
Zoom conference

IX. Adjournment 7:47 AM

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Ms. Terry

Approved by: Valor Academy, Inc., Board of Directors on February 16, 2021.


 Board President/Secretary

2/26/2021

 Date