

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Agenda

Date: November 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 AM

1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

(optional for non-board members)

Zoom Link:

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Members:

- David Jones, President
- Sean Patterson, Vice President
- Dwight Anstaett, Secretary
- Jevon Collins, Director
- Andrew Fox, Director

Other Attendees:

- Howard Marzolf, *Verano*
- Nikki Hofman, *Verano*
- Dan Mahlandt, *Superintendent*
- Gina Little, *Senior Director of Special Services, Superintendent*
- Marvis McGowan, *Executive Director*
- Kelly Brewington, *Valor*
- Stephanie Trawick, *OCCS*
- Tara Jones, *OCCS*
- Becky Enz, Esq., *Amy Goodson Co., Board Legal Counsel*
- Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*

III. Review of Agenda

IV. Public Comment

V. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of October 17, 2023 minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the October 17, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

B. Financial Report

• **Federal Subgrant Expenditures**

RESOVLED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts financial report, including the federal subgrant expenditures, as presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

C. State of the School Report

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Staff Changes**
- **Residency Verification (November)**
- **Update on PII grant**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions, staff changes, and the November residency verification.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

D. School Calendar Modification

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the modified 2023-2024 school year calendar as presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Opposed: _____

E. 2022-2023 Annual Report

VI. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

B. Sponsor Update

VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting: Date: January 16, 2024
Time: 7:00 AM
Location: Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Valor Academy, Inc.
Public Hearing
Exceeding Limitations on Testing
October 17, 2023

Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43203

Hearing start time: 7:03 AM

Public Comment / Board Discussion

The Board of Directors held a public hearing regarding the school's request to exceed the amount of time students may spend on state required and other testing as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729.

Hearing end time: 7:05 AM

Valor Academy, Inc.
Public Hearing
IDEA Funds
October 17, 2023

Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43203

Hearing start time: 7:05 AM

IDEA FUNDS Presentation and Opportunity for Public Input

Mr. Marzolf discussed using the school's IDEA funds for the salary and benefits for the special education teacher. An opportunity for public input was provided.

Hearing end time: 7:06 AM

Valor Academy, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

Videoconference, Zoom Link (optional for non-board members)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81887226398?pwd=a3pRTm12TmZrd0lwbWJGMtReVpmQT09>

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 AM

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Sean Patterson, Vice President
Dwight Anstaett, Secretary
Jevon Collins, Director
Andrew Fox, Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

David Jones, President

Attendees:

Howard Marzolf, *Verano*
Dan Mahlandt, *Superintendent*
Marvis McGowan, *Executive Director*
Stephanie Trawick, *OCCS*
Tara Jones, *OCCS*
Becky Enz, Esq., *Amy Goodson Co., Board Legal Counsel*
Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of Agenda

4. Action and Discussion Items

A. Exceeding Limits on Testing

The board held a public hearing on exceeding limitations on testing just prior to the board meeting.

23-50 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 October 17, 2023;

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. Anstaett Second: Mr. Fox
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

B. IDEA Funds

A public hearing with an opportunity for public input on the school's use of IDEA funds was held just prior to the board meeting. The funds are used for the salary and benefits for the special education teacher.

23-51 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held a public hearing 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.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Collins
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

C. Approval of September 19, 2023 minutes

The board reviewed the minutes; no modifications were requested.

23-52 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the September 19, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Anstaett Second: Mr. Fox
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

D. Financial Report

- **Federal Subgrant Expenditures**

Ms. Gillen gave the financial report as of September 30, 2023 and reviewed ESSER funds. ESSER 1 and 2 have been spent, and ESSER ARP will expire in September 2024. FTE is 89; true-up occurs in October. The 2022-2023 audit is currently underway.

23-53 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts financial report, including the federal subgrant expenditures, as presented.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Collins
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

E. Revised Budget and Five-Year Forecast

Ms. Gillen discussed the revised budget and forecast. The budget is based on 95 FTE, which increases each year. There is no projected debt. Ms. Gillen also discussed management and sponsor forms.

23-54 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the ODE Community School Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 as presented;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the five-year forecast, October 2023 Submission, and authorizes the fiscal officer to submit the five-year forecast in the proper format, to the Ohio Department of Education by the designated deadline.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Anstaett
Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

F. State of the School Report

- Number of Suspensions and Expulsions
- Staff Changes
- Residency Verification (October)

Mr. McGowan gave the school report and provided the academic update. Ninety eight students are currently enrolled, and attendance is at seventy eight percent.. Mr. McGowan discussed upcoming events, OCCS CPI training, staffing, and the resignation of the office manager.

23-55 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions, staff changes, and the October residency verification.

Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Fox
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

G. Discussion on Local Report Card

The board discussed the school's local report card, which can be found at the following location:
<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/019212>

H. 2022-2023 Annual Report

The school's 2022-2023 Annual Report will be sent to the board when the report is complete. The board approved and authorized the management team to prepare and submit.

23-56 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the management company to complete preparation of the school's 2022-2023 Annual Report and submit the report to the proper authority.

Motion: Mr. Anstaett Second: Mr. Collins
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

I. Online Day Plan Policy

The board discussed the Online Day Plan Policy.

23-56 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Online Day Plan and Policy as presented.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors rescinds any previously adopted Blizzard Bag Policy.

Motion: Mr. Fox Second: Mr. Collins
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

5. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

- **Sponsor Performance and Accountability Plan**

Ms. Enz provided the legal update and discussed the Sponsor Performance and Accountability Plan and goals.

B. Sponsor Update

- **Annual Progress Report**

Mr. Trawick gave the sponsor update and discussed the sponsor annual progress report. The school is up to date with compliance.

6. **Confirmation of Next Meetings:** November 14, 2023, at 7:00 AM
Valor Academy
1330 Atcheson St.
Columbus, Ohio 43203

7. Adjournment 7:29 AM

Motion: Mr. Collins Second: Mr. Fox

Approved by Valor Academy, Inc., Board of Directors on _____, 2023.

Board President/Secretary

Date

Valor Academy
Statement of Net Position
October 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	48,421	
		<u>48,421</u>	
Total Current Assets			48,421
			<u>48,421</u>
Total Assets		\$	<u><u>48,421</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	4,534	
Accrued Expenses		28,645	
Due to Strongmind		27,272	
		<u>60,451</u>	
Total Current Liabilities			60,451

Net Position

Net Position - Operating		<u>(12,030)</u>	
Total Net Position			<u>(12,030)</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Position		\$	<u><u>48,421</u></u>

Valor Academy
Summary Budget vs. Actual
For the Four Months Ending October 31, 2023

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Revenues		
State Revenues	\$ 152,233	\$ 401,384
Federal Revenues	0	11,269
Local Revenues	66	425
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Total Revenues	152,299	413,078
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Expenses		
Purchased Services:		
Salaries	43,654	184,971
Benefits	8,779	45,253
Facility Costs - Security	86	966
Facility Costs - Rep & Maint.	2,833	16,601
Facility Costs - Utilities	976	4,965
Professional Fees	11,542	47,160
Marketing	829	87,644
Office Expense	46	6,217
Supplies	918	14,687
Field Trips & Transportation	375	13,367
Miscellaneous Expense	499	2,252
Working Capital Contributions	70,020	(41,728)
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Total Purchased Services	140,557	382,355
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Board Expenses:		
Professional Fees - Legal	2,820	2,820
Professional Fees-Sponsor Fees	4,534	11,879
Prof Fees - Audit and Acctng	4,238	11,538
Insurance	0	3,917
Bank Charges	150	569
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Total Board Expenses	11,742	30,723
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Net Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Valor Academy
Statement of Cash Flow
For the four Months Ended October 31, 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net Income	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.83
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Accts Receivable - Grants	0.00	30,591.40
Accounts Payable	2,204.81	2,028.68
Accrued Expenses	(8,670.60)	(32,461.20)
Due to Strongmind	2,906.00	99.00
	<u>(3,559.79)</u>	<u>257.88</u>
Total Adjustments	(3,559.79)	257.88
Net Cash provided by Operations	<u>(3,559.87)</u>	<u>258.71</u>
Cash Flows from investing activities		
Used For		
Net cash used in investing	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Cash Flows from financing activities		
Proceeds From		
Used For		
Net cash used in financing	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net increase <decrease> in cash	<u>\$ (3,559.87)</u>	<u>\$ 258.71</u>
Summary		
Cash Balance at End of Period	\$ 48,420.34	\$ 48,420.34
Cash Balance at Beg of Period	<u>(51,980.21)</u>	<u>(48,161.63)</u>
Net Increase <Decrease> in Cash	<u>\$ (3,559.87)</u>	<u>\$ 258.71</u>

Valor Academy
Account Reconciliation
As of Oct 31, 2023
10-000-0001-002 - Cash - Operating HUNT 2597
Bank Statement Date: October 31, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report is printed in Detail Format.

Beginning GL Balance	26,130.39
Add: Cash Receipts	
Less: Cash Disbursements	(147,038.32)
Add (Less) Other	143,412.59
Ending GL Balance	<u>22,504.66</u>
Ending Bank Balance	22,504.66
Add back deposits in transit	_____
Total deposits in transit	
(Less) outstanding checks	_____
Total outstanding checks	
Add (Less) Other	_____
Total other	
Unreconciled difference	<u>0.00</u>
Ending GL Balance	<u><u>22,504.66</u></u>

Valor Academy
Account Reconciliation
As of Oct 31, 2023
10-000-0001-004 - Cash - Sweep HUNT 4989
Bank Statement Date: October 31, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report is printed in Detail Format.

Beginning GL Balance	25,849.82
Add: Cash Receipts	
Less: Cash Disbursements	
Add (Less) Other	65.86
Ending GL Balance	<u>25,915.68</u>
Ending Bank Balance	25,915.68
Add back deposits in transit	_____
Total deposits in transit	
(Less) outstanding checks	_____
Total outstanding checks	
Add (Less) Other	_____
Total other	
Unreconciled difference	<u>0.00</u>
Ending GL Balance	<u><u>25,915.68</u></u>

Valor Academy
Check Register
For the Period From Oct 1, 2023 to Oct 31, 2023

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Date.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1108	10/5/23	Ohio Council of Community Schools	2,328.87
ACHVA220	10/16/23	Strongmind	137,151.12
ACHVA216	10/18/23	Dwight Anstaett	125.00
ACHVA217	10/18/23	Jevon Collins	125.00
ACHVA218	10/18/23	Sean Patterson	125.00
ACHVA219	10/18/23	Andrew Fox	125.00
1109	10/19/23	Amy Goodson Co. LLC	2,820.00
1110	10/19/23	Massa Financial Solutions LLC	3,008.33
1111	10/19/23	Rea & Associates, Inc.	1,230.00
Total			<u>147,038.32</u>

**Valor Academy
Aged Payables
As of Oct 31, 2023**

Filter Criteria includes: 1) Includes Drop Shipments. Report order is by ID. Report is printed in Summary Format.

Vendor	0 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	Over 90 days	Amount Due
Ohio Council of Community Schools	4,533.68				4,533.68
	4,533.68				4,533.68

Fiscal Year: 2024

Ohio Department of Education
Office of Budget and School Funding
Payment Comparison - Community/STEM School
October Payment, Data as of 09/29/2023

Name: Valor Academy, Inc.

County: Franklin

IRN: 019212

Sponsor Name: Ohio Council of Community Schools

E-School: No

	September	October	Difference	Percentage
State Support				
A Base Cost	\$405,982.80	\$628,566.32	\$222,583.52	54.83%
Base Cost – Student Wellness and Success	\$22,748.92	\$34,830.18	\$12,081.26	53.11%
B Special Education	\$105,159.45	\$76,828.82	\$-28,330.63	-26.94%
C Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA)	\$44,914.93	\$16,049.69	\$-28,865.24	-64.27%
D English Learners	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E Career Technical Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
F Core Foundation Funding [A+B+C+D+E]	\$578,806.10	\$756,275.01	\$177,468.91	30.66%
G Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
H Equity Supplement	\$0.00	\$61,557.95	\$61,557.95	100.00%
I Formula Transition Supplement	\$297,048.78	\$111,745.68	\$-185,303.10	-62.38%
J Facilities	\$89,231.17	\$93,395.70	\$4,164.53	4.67%
K Total State Support [F+G+H+I+J]	\$965,086.05	\$1,022,974.34	\$57,888.29	6.00%
Transfers				
L Educational Service Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
M Other Adjustments	\$-10,515.94	\$-7,682.88	\$2,833.06	26.94%
N Total Transfers [L+M]	\$-10,515.94	\$-7,682.88	\$2,833.06	26.94%
O Net State Funding [K+N]	\$954,570.11	\$1,015,291.46	\$60,721.35	6.36%
ADM Data				
Enrolled ADM	89.23	94.70	5.47	6.13%
Special Education ADM	22.52	14.06	-8.46	-37.57%
Category 1	0.99	1.00	0.01	1.12%
Category 2	19.18	12.05	-7.14	-37.21%
Category 3	0.94	0.00	-0.94	-100.00%
Category 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 5	0.00	0.98	0.98	100.00%
Category 6	1.40	0.03	-1.37	-97.97%
Economically Disadvantaged ADM	65.53	29.00	-36.53	-55.74%
English Learners ADM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Career Technical Education FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Category 5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Career-Tech Students Educated in JVS or CTPD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Community/STEM School Transportation FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%



Valor Academy, Inc. 10 2023

School Leader: Marvis McGowan

Month Year: 10,2023

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Budgeted Enrollment: 125

Current Head Count: 98

STUDENT INFORMATION

Attendance Rate:78

No. of New Enrollees:4

No. of Truant Students:5

No. of Students with Attendance Improvement Plans: 1

No. of Total Withdrawals: 2

No. of Forced Withdrawals: 0

STUDENT DISCIPLINE GEN ED

No. of Suspensions:7

K-3 Suspensions:0

No. of Expulsions:0

No. of In School Suspensions: 0

SPECIAL STUDENT POPULATIONS

Total number of SWD (do not include 504 or speech only):22

No. of SWD K-8:22

No. of SWD 9-12:0

No. of SWD:0

Total Number of Students on 504 Plan: 2

No. of 504s K-8: 2

No. of 504s 9-12: 0

Total No. of Intervention Specialists: 1

IS Serving K-8: 1

IS Serving 9-12: 0

Total Number of ESL Students: 0

Total ESL Qualified Staff: 0

DISCIPLINE OF SWD

No. of In School Suspensions SWD:0

In School Suspensions SWD K-3:0

In School Suspensions SWD 4-8:0

In School Suspensions SWD 9-12: 0

No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD: 1

No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD K-3: 0

No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD 4-8: 1

No. of Out of School Suspensions SWD 9-12: 0

No. of Expulsions SWD: 0

No. of Expulsions SWD K-3: 0

No. of Expulsions SWD 4-8: 0

No. of Expulsions SWD 9-12: 0

No. of Manifestation Determination Meetings(MDM): 0

MDM Due to Discipline: 0

MDM Due to Truancy: 0

MDM Due to Other: 0

DETAILED INFORMATION

Academic Update (Including SIP): We have been working diligently to monitor our academic progress using the newer Eduprotocols program. Every teacher is reporting multi point gains ongoingly with the various educational games and programs. Our school-wide scoreboard reflects some of these records.

Events: 1. School-wide door to door candy distribution. Students are permitted to wear fun costumes. 2, Valor staff will be doing a "Trunk o Treat" event, more candy, decorated car trunks, etc. 3. School-wide holiday door decorating contest. 4. CPI training done by OCCS

Additional Info:

Safety Drill Information

Type of Drill	Date
Emergency Evacuation	10/18/2023

Staff	Name	Date	Role	OH Licence No.
Resigned	Mckenzie Whitmer	10/09/2023	Staff	
Resigned	Stacey Mulinex	10/26/2023	Staff	

Monthly Board Proof of Residency Verification

Month of Review: Nov 2023

Name of Reviewer: Karla Mattox

Date of Review: 11/10/23

Choose five student files at random each month. Check to ensure that the Proof of Residency (POR) documentation is valid. The POR must be dated within 12 months of the review date and must match the address section in PowerSchool as well as the Ohio Contacts Page. If the POR is not in the primary parent/guardian's name, an Affidavit of Residency must also be on file along with the POR.

Random Student #1 SID: [REDACTED]

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

Random Student #2 SID: [REDACTED]

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

Random Student #3 SID: [REDACTED]

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.



ACADEMY OF OHIO

1330 Atcheson Street
Columbus, OH 43203

Random Student #4 SID: _____

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.

Random Student #5 SID: _____

As of the date above, this student's Proof of Residency documentation is:

Valid.

Not valid. A new POR document (and/or Affidavit of Residency) has been requested.



2021-2022 Annual Report for Valor of Ohio
Serving 4th-8th grade 9:00-3:30 Monday-Friday
1330 Atchenson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43203

Mission Statement
Our mission is to ensure students are making progress towards college, career, and life readiness while demonstrating competency of the Ohio Learning Standards.
Vision Statement
Our vision is to empower and ensure students are equipped with the skills needed to be contributing members of the community, one in which excels in collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving.
Core Values
Our core values are built upon our mission and vision and guides how we interact, and the behaviors expected as active members of our learning community. Preparing and educating our students to become responsible college/career-ready citizens in a safe and nurturing learning environment is our utmost priority.

2021-2022 Student Demographics

Identifier	Number	Percentage
All School	87	100%
4 th grade	15	16.6%
5 th grade	12	13.8%
6 th grade	24	27.2%
7 th grade	18	21%
8 th grade	19	21.5%
Female	45	52.1%
Male	42	47.9%
Black, Non-Hispanic	68	78.1%
Hispanic	1	1.5%
Multiracial	13	14.4%
White, Non-Hispanic	5	5.7%
American Indian	0	.2%

Governing Board Members:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorraine Terry (21-22) • Tracy Kitchel (21-22) • Sean Patterson • Andrew Fox | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwight Anstaett • David Jones • Jevon Collins • Chuck Hoffner |
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ACADEMY OF OHIO

**Annual Report Summary
for the Year Ending June 30, 2022**

REVENUES

State Sources	886,477
Federal Sources	214,986
Other Sources	600

TOTAL REVENUES 1,102,063

EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	334,786
Employee Benefits	95,324
Purchased Services	403,767
Supplies & Materials	84,946
Capital Outlay	0
Other Expenses	13,360

TOTAL EXPENSES 932,183

Valor Performance Goal:

Valor Academy's goal is a pass rate of 70% for grade levels 6-8 in Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies.

Course/Grade	Pass Rates
English 6 A	33%
English 6 B	59%
English 7 A	50%
English 7 B	73%
English 8 A	81%
English 8 B	84%
Math 6 A	40%
Math 6 B	91%
Math 7 A	48%
Math 7 B	52%
Math 8 A	46%
Math 8 B	92%

Course/Grade	Pass Rates
Science 6 A	35%
Science 6 B	50%
Science 7 A	0%
Science 7 B	82%
Science 8 A	8%
Science 8 B	88%
Social Studies 6 A	19%
Social Studies 6 B	59%
Social Studies 7 A	50%
Social Studies 7 B	86%
Social Studies 8 A	6%
Social Studies 8 B	92%
Grand Total	44%



2021-2022 Activities to Achieve Goal:

In the 2021-2022 school year, Valor Academy of Ohio prioritized hiring certified teachers and paraprofessionals, conducting ongoing monthly professional development throughout the year, consulting with curriculum specialists, incentivizing students to do their best, and meeting with parents regularly to garner parental support.

While Valor did not meet the goal of a 70% passing rate for 6-8 grades in every course, each course showed significant improvement from Semester A to Semester B.

2022-2023 Activities to Achieve Goal:

Based on 2021-2022 passing-rate data, Valor will continue to prioritize the same elements as the previous school year. Additionally, Valor will add training and implementation of *EduProtocols* by Jon Corippo and Marlena Hebern, instructional coaching, more regular distribution of progress reports, more paraprofessionals for a smaller student-to-teacher ratio, analyzing and applying NWEA MAP testing data, and one-on-one academic conferences with students.

Current Status of School

- Valor Academy of Ohio's current enrollment is 91 and Valor's enrollment cap is 125.
- Valor is in the process of hiring 2-3 paraprofessionals and a special education teacher.
- Valor is also implementing a PBIS program using an app to track points and behavior patterns to better address student needs and reward positive behavior patterns.

Sponsor Statement: Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) uses various methods to evaluate the school's performance including published tests and other academic scores such as the Ohio Department of Education Local Report Card and supporting data. OCCS regional representatives visit our partner schools regularly ensuring compliance with federal, state, and contractual requirements. The results of this monitoring for the 2021-2022 school year are published in the 2022 Ohio Council of Community Schools Annual Report, available after November 30 at www.ohioschools.org

Legal Update

November 2023

Testing Limitations

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729, schools must ensure that students are not spending more than 2% of the school year taking school-wide or state assessments and not more than 1% of the school year preparing for the same, which includes taking practice or diagnostic tests.

The law does allow the board of directors to consider exceeding these limitations by holding a public hearing and allowing for public input on exceeding the limitations. After holding the hearing, the board may pass a resolution allowing the school to exceed the limitations.

This public hearing and resolution must occur each school year for which the school desires to exceed the limitations.

So if your school administration would like to exceed the limits for 2023-2024, your board should include the hearing and resolution on an upcoming meeting agenda.



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Local Report Cards

In mid-September ODE released the 2022-2023 school report cards. This is the first year since implementation of the star rating system (which replaced letter grades several years ago) that schools will receive an overall rating of 1-5 stars, including half-star increments. An overall rating of 2 stars means the school needs support to meet state standards, at least 3 stars means a school met state standards, 4 exceeds expectations.

Five individually rated components comprise the overall rating. Achievement and Progress each are weighted at 28.601%, while Graduation Rate, Gap Closing, and Early Literacy each comprise 14.266% of a school's overall rating. When one or more components are not rated (for example, an elementary school that does not have a graduation area) the remaining components contribute proportionally.

Achievement: represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds.

Progress: tracks how students are doing year over year. This component demonstrates that even if a student is below grade-level expectations, growth during the year could exceed a year's worth of learning.

Early Literacy: measures reading improvement and proficiency for K – 3 students.

Gap Closing: measures the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups such as Black, Hispanic, economically disadvantaged, English language learner, and students with disabilities.

Graduation: looks at the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and 5-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. 1 star means a grad rate of less than 84%, 2 stars 84% - 89%, 3 stars 90% - 93.4%, 4 stars 93.5 - 96.4%, and 5 stars 96.5% and higher.

Information on College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness is reported on this year's report cards, but is not rated.

Dropout recovery schools' report cards still use the "expectations" system instead of stars.

Local report cards can be accessed at:
<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/>



Suspension & Expulsion

Questions related to suspension and expulsion are among the most commonly asked. That is for good reason as suspending or expelling a student is a complicated matter which involves distinct legal procedures.

Schools must issue students an initial notice of intent to suspend, then also issue parents written notice of an out-of-school suspension, including the reason for the suspension, the right to have an informal hearing, and the length of the suspension, which cannot be longer than 10 days.

A disciplinary removal for more than 10 days becomes an expulsion which requires additional written notice, opportunity to be heard, and right to appeal.

Expulsions can be for up to 80 days for serious behavior or up to one year if the student brings a gun or knife to school, makes a bomb threat or commits a crime that results in serious physical harm to another person or property.

Students ages 16 years or older can be permanently excluded if they are convicted in court of a serious criminal offense.

On the other end, students in 3rd grade or below can only be suspended or expelled if they make a bomb threat, bring a knife or firearm to school, or do something that would be a crime if an adult did it and they cause serious physical injury to someone.

If a student has a disability or is suspected of having one, additional steps are required in the discipline process. Failure to do so can have serious legal consequences.

School leaders should seek legal counsel.

Q & A

Q: I heard a public records request was recently made of our school regarding insurance coverage. Was our school required to respond?

A: In October many schools statewide received a public records request regarding general liability coverage and costs and employee benefits. This request is an important reminder of schools' obligations under Ohio's Public Records Act, including responding within a reasonable period of time.

In addition to promptly providing responsive records (subject to any legally permissible redactions), schools should be documenting their responses. In the past several years, auditors have been requesting information about public records requests. Auditors look for request forms, logs of requests, the response, and the legal basis for any redactions.

Schools should consult the school's public records policy which include sample forms and logs. Legal counsel is also available to assist in responses.

DEW Update

The temporary restraining order that was halting the implementation of the new Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) has ended. The lawsuit filed by seven State Board of Education members against the state of Ohio and Governor DeWine alleging the unconstitutional "takeover of the state's public education" continues. However, in the meantime DEW's replacement of the Ohio Department of Education is underway.

Governor DeWine recently appointed Jessica Voltolini to serve as the interim director of DEW. Voltolini will lead the department during the search for the director and deputy director positions.

Voltolini previously served in various roles at ODE including director of policy and legislative affairs and assistant legal counsel and most recently as chief of staff.

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COMPLIANCE & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- In October, the 1st Trimester Worksheets were completed, and a building walk-through was conducted by Tara Jones and Stephanie Trawick on October 10, 2023.
- Over the upcoming months, we will begin to work on the 2nd Trimester Worksheets. This includes a review of various student files such as proof of residency (POR), birth certificates, and emergency medical contact information.
- As of Monday, November 6, 2023, compliance is nearly up to date, and we are confident that all tasks will be completed.
- The OCCS Progress Report was shared on October 17, 2023.

Expansion of Free Breakfast and Lunch Eligibility

Under a rule change announced in September by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, access to school meals through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) has been expanded.

- Schools where 25% of families participate in income-based public benefits, such as the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program will now qualify for CEP. If the school meets the 25% threshold, they can serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. For more information, click [here](#).

EMIS Reporting for Data Submission

- Schools are REQUIRED by State Law to submit complete and accurate data to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) through the Education Management Information System (EMIS) and its subsystems.

Have you asked the management company if the school is current on EMIS reporting dates?

Grade Band Flexibility

- A school district or community school may employ or assign an educator to teach up to two grade levels outside of their current licensure grade band. The individual still must be certified in Ohio to teach the subject area to which they are assigned.
- Eligible educators must hold a professional or standard resident educator teaching license. Note that those teaching outside of their grade band would not meet the definition of [properly certified](#) as shown on the Ohio School Report Cards. Email the [Office of Educator Effectiveness](#) or [Office of Educator Licensure](#) with any questions.

LEGISLATION

Pending Legislation

Senate Bill 162- Academic Intervention Services:

- Requires school districts, community schools, and STEM schools to provide evidence-based academic intervention services, free of cost, to students who

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demonstrate a limited level of skill in state assessments in math or English language arts.

- Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, and each school year thereafter, requires the Department of Education and Workforce to randomly select 5% of districts and schools for a review of their academic intervention services.

House Bill 266- School Safety:

- Requires districts and schools to update emergency management plans to include evacuation procedures for individuals with disabilities.

House Bill 33/Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) Update:

- Restraining order removed October 20, 2023, to allow for transition to the Department of Education and Workforce.
- Lawsuit will continue – Trial assignment in September 2024.
- Gov. DeWine named Jessica Voltolini as the Interim Director of DEW.

FISCAL

Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Funds Guidance

Schools receive [Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid](#) and [Student Wellness and Success Funds](#) to fund initiatives providing wraparound services for Ohio's students. Spending and reporting requirements include:

- At least 50% must be used for mental health services or physical health care services or a combination of both.
- Must develop a plan for using the funds, share the plan with the school's governing board in a public meeting, and post the plan to the school's website.
- Required to annually report how the funds are spent to the Department.
- Eschools will not receive Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid funds.
- All funds must be spent by June 30, 2025

Specific initiative and examples are outlined in this [table](#).

ASSESSMENT

Fall Vendor Assessment (Math and English Language Arts)

The vendor report was due in Epicenter on October 7. Thank you for submitting your report. This information, along with the Local Report Card, will be reviewed by the OCCS Academic Team to focus our support to drive academic success.

Has your school presented Fall Diagnostic data?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date: Wednesday, November 15 is the Central Ohio Regional Board Training

OCCS will be hosting a Central Ohio Regional Board Training at Pinnacle Golf Club on Wednesday November 15, 2023, from 4:30PM-8:30PM. This free training will provide board members the opportunity to ask questions, participate in discussion, and network with other board members and OCCS staff. Please note that dinner will be provided and that this training is for OCCS boards only. Email invitations have been sent. Please RSVP [here](#) by Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

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