



**IDEA Public Schools**  
**2115 W. Pike Blvd.**  
**Weslaco, Texas 78596**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

May 20, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Collin Sewell, Ed Rivera, Anthony Ryan Vaughan, Reba C. McNair, Xenia Garza, Erich Holmsten, Saam Zarrabi, Michael Adams, Gary Lindgren, Ovidio Vitas

**Board Members Not Present:** David Earl

**Staff and Consultants Present:** Joseph Hoffer, Dolores Gonzalez, Martin Winchester, Phillip Garza, Samuel Goessling, Leanne Hernandez, Jessica Hess, Candice Burns, Layne Fisher, Cody Grindle, Jennifer Meer, Emily, Tucker, Jazmin Leon-Wing, Javier Campos, Monique Morgan, Osvaldo Ramos, Fidel Ozuna, III, Tita Teran, Pablo Mejia, Kerry Villarreal, Sandro Aguilar, Edwardo Menchaca,

**Audience Present:** None

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Collin Sewell, at 9:35 AM CST

### **Welcome and Call to Order**

Collin Sewell, Board Chair, welcomed the Board Members to the May 20, 2022 Board of Directors' meeting and confirmed quorum was present for the meeting in addition to members of the management team. Mr. Sewell, as presiding officer, conducted the meeting in Odessa, Texas, as duly posted. He further indicated some members joined via videoconference and a phone line was available for members of the public to join in the meeting if they wish to do so.

### **Public Comment**

Collin Sewell, Board Chair, indicated there were no request for public comment and Jessica Hess, Chief Compliance and Administrative Officer, confirmed that no prior requests for public comment were received.

### **Employee and Staff Comment**

Jessica Hess, Chief Compliance and Administrative Officer, confirmed there were no requests for employee and staff comments.

### **Organizational Update**

Collin Sewell, Acting CEO/Superintendent presented the organizational update assisted by Cody Grindle, Chief Information Officer; Layne Fisher, Chief Operations Officer; Dolores Gonzalez, Chief Program Officer; and Pablo Mejia, Sr. VP of Program Innovation, Kerry Villarreal, Reginal Athletics Manager; and Sandro Aguilar, Regional Athletics Manager, regarding attendance, enrollment and

athletics more specifically chronic absenteeism, student recruitment, and national strategy regarding athletics. Coach Eduardo Menchaca presented Jose, a student athlete who is participates in the running team and shared his story about his journey.

**Committee Updates**

Ed Rivera, Committee Chair, presented the Audit Committee update.  
Erich Holmsten, Committee Chair, presented the Finance Committee update.  
Reba C. McNair, Committee Member, presented the Real Estate update.  
Collin Sewell, Committee Chair, presented the Executive Committee update.

**Contract for Training and Support**

Emily Tucker, Chief of Staff for the Academic Services team, presented on the requested remedy to procure services for academic summer training. The Board passed a motion to approve the contract for training and support for advanced placement.

Motion by: Erich Holmsten  
Second by: Xenia Garza  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Solicitations – Academic Services**

Emily Tucker, Chief of Staff for the Academic Services team, presented on the request for proposal for academic services such as professional development and coaching, reading academics, data analysis, DI services for pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and CSI program for upper grade levels. Joe Hoffer, Legal Counsel, recommended that this item be approved. The Board passed a motion to approve the contained as it pertains to academic services discussed today.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
Second by: Erich Holmsten  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

**2022-23 Expenditures**

Leanne Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer, presented the request for advanced procurement for campus inspections and student supplies. She further indicated they would not pay out but would be incurring against the 2022-23 budget. The Board passed a motion to approve the campus inspections and student’s supplies expenses.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
Second by: Ovidio Vitas  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Contract: IDEA San Juan Phase III**

Leanne Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer, request to allow to execute the contract related to the IDEA San Juan Phase III. The Board asked about the price escalation and the projected construction cost impact. The Board passed a motion to approve the Chief Financial Officer to execute the contract for IDEA San Juan Phase III.

Motion by: Ed Rivera  
Second by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

**School of Hope Agent**

Jazmine Leon-Wing, VP of Treasury, presented the proposal to designate IPS Florida, LLC as School of Hope Agent. The Board decided to table this item and discuss it in closed session.

**Amendment: 2019 Regions Working Capital Improvement Line of Credit**

Jazmine Leon-Wing Seeking to increase the working capital line of credit by 30 million dollars to use for the timing of the set up for the operational minutes' adjustment.

Motion by: Erich Holmsten  
Second by: Reba C. McNair  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Amendment: 2017 Regions Capital Improvement Line of Credit**

Jazmine Leon-Wing, VP of Treasury, presented the request to decrease the 2017 capital improvement line of credit to 115 million.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
Second by: Erich Holmsten  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolution: Bank Account Authority**

Jazmine Leon-Wing, VP of Treasure, presented the recommendation to add Collin Sewell as in his capacity of Board Chair. The Board passed a motion to approve the resolution for bank account signature authority.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
Second by: Xenia Garza  
All in favor: Ed Rivera, Reba C. McNair, Erich Holmsten, Saam Zarrabi, Michael Adams, Gary Lindgren, Ovidio Vitas  
All abstaining: Collin Sewell  
All not present: David Earl  
All opposed: None

**Principal In Residence Total Rewards Program**

Martin Winchester, Chief Human Assets, presented the recommendation of the PIR Total Rewards program regarding the program requirements and the proposed of the housing stipend. The Board passed a motion to approve the PIR Total Rewards Program.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
Second by: Ed Rivera  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Consent Agenda**

The board passed a motion to approve the consent agenda in one board action:

- a. Contracts
  - 1. Construction & Improvements
  - 2. Non-Construction
    - (a) Contracted Services
    - (b) Cooperative Agreements
    - (c) Copier Agreements
    - (d) Networks Services
    - (e) Interlocal Agreements
  - 3. Contract Ratifications
  - 4. Grant Agreements – *contingent upon legal review*
  - 5. Trademark Agreements
- b. Travel Policy Exceptions

- c. Purchasing Policy Exceptions
- d. Public Funds Investment Act – Quarter 3
- e. Residency Policy Exceptions
- f. Nepotism Policy Exceptions
- g. IB Leader Employee Stipend
- h. ADA/Attendance Escalation Matrix Letters
- i. IDEA Attendance Accounting and Procedures Manual
- j. ADA Waivers
- k. March 25, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- l. April 22, 2022 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- m. April 29, 2022 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- n. May 6, 2022 Board Workshop Minutes
- o. May 10, 2022 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- p. February Committee Meeting Minutes
- q. March Committee Meeting Minutes
- r. April Committee Meeting Minutes
- s. March Financial Statements
- t. Budget Amendments April 2022
- u. Budget Amendments Proposed May 2022

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan

Second by: Xenia Garza

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

*Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Executive Session**

The Board passed a motion to approve the transition into Executive Session to discuss matters pursuant to Govt. Code 551.071 (consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending legal issues and matters), and 551.074 (personnel) at 11:22 AM CST.

Motion by: Reba C. McNair

Second by: Xenia Garza

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

*Motion passed unanimously.*

The Board passed a motion to reconvene in Open Session at 12:48 PM CST.

Motion by: Ed Rivera

Second by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan

All in favor: All

All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

The Board Chair announced that no action occurred in Executive Session.

**School of Hope Agent**

The Board passed a motion to approve to designate IPS Florida, LLC as the School of Agent.

Motion by: Reba C. McNair  
Second by: Saam Zarrabi  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjourn**

The Board passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 PM CST.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan  
Second by: Reba C. McNair  
All in favor: All  
All opposed: None  
*Motion passed unanimously.*

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board Meeting of IDEA Public Schools held on May 20, 2022.

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Anthony Ryan Vaughan, Board Secretary

8/26/2022

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Date