

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
5:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at IDEA University Prep (UP) located at 7701 Plank Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux, President
Jill Kennedy, Secretary
Nicole Reynolds, Treasurer
Kimberly Tang

Board members absent:

Michael Tipton, Vice President
Theo Richards
Tre Nelson

1. Opening

Call to Order – Lakeisha Robichaux called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call – A roll call was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to amend the agenda to move “Item 4.3 – Executive Session: Discussion on updates regarding security plans and assessment and implementation of such plans and procedures” to the end of the agenda as “Item 7 – Executive Session: Discussion on updates regarding security plans and assessment and implementation of such plans and procedures”, and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jill Kennedy to approve the agenda, and seconded by Nicole Reynolds. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 30, 2022 meeting

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022 board meeting and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4.1 Regional Data Review

Disha Jain, Interim Executive Director, presented the Regional Data Review to the Board.

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4.2 Updates regarding staffing and staff culture

Disha Jain presented updates regarding staffing and staff culture. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment. Members of the public made public comment regarding staffing and staff culture at the IDEA school campuses in Louisiana.

4.4 Discussion regarding board recruitment efforts

Lakeisha Robichaux led a discussion of the Board members regarding Board recruitment efforts.

4.5 Update on Executive Director Search

Rolando Posado with IDEA Public Schools presented an update on the Executive Director search.

5. New Business

5.1 Proposed Budget Amendment (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to approve the budget amendment, as presented, and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Resolution of IDEA Louisiana, as Lessee, Approving the First Supplement to Master Lease with IPS Innovation for Portable Buildings (ACTION ITEM)

Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment. Members of the public made public comment regarding the portable buildings. A motion to defer this item was made by Nicole Reynolds, and seconded by Kimberly Tang. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Executive Session: Resolution of IDEA Louisiana, as Sole Member of IPS Innovation LLC, Approving a Taxable Loan for Portable Buildings (ACTION ITEM)

A motion to defer this item was made by Nicole Reynolds, and seconded by Kimberly Tang. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Consider and Approve Resolution of IDE Louisiana Authorizing Subleases of Equipment form IPS Enterprises, Inc. for its Baton Rouge, Louisiana Campuses (ACTION ITEM)

A motion to defer this item was made by Nicole Reynolds, and seconded by Kimberly Tang. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment – Employee Matters

Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment regarding employee matters. Members of the public made public comment regarding employee matters at the IDEA school campuses in Louisiana.

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7. Executive Session: Discussion on updates regarding security plans and assessment and implementation of such plans and procedures

A motion to move into executive session to discuss updates regarding security plans and assessment and implementation of such plans and procedures was made by Nicole Reynolds, and seconded by Kimberly Tang. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed through a voice vote with Lakeisha Robichaux, Jill Kennedy, Nicole Reynolds, and Kimberly Tang voting in favor.

No action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made to return from executive session by Nicole Reynolds, and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.