



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

Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2022

Board Members Present: Collin Sewell, Ed Rivera, David Earl, Xenia Garza, Erich Holmsten, Gary Lindgren, Ovidio Vitas, Michael Adams, Anthony Ryan Vaughan

Board Members Not Present: Reba C. McNair, Saam Zarrabi

Staff, Counsel, and Consultants Present: Joseph Hoffer, Jeffrey Cottrill, Dr. David Lee, Dolores Gonzalez, Leanne Hernandez, Cody Grindle, Jessica Hess, Javier Campos, Alejandra Loya, Kathey Mitchell, Linda Parga, Macy Torres, Fidel Ozuna, III, Erika Matamoros, Ernie Cantu, Jazmine Leon-Wing, Karla Casas, Marco Cazares, Monique Morgan, Rolando Posada, Tanya Torres, Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Daniel Garza, Tita Teran

Audience Present: Christina Gonzalez, parent in South Texas, Guest

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Collin Sewell, at 9:45 AM CST

Welcome and Call to Order

Collin Sewell, Board Chair, welcomed the Board Members to the October 21, 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 the headquarters offices 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

Christina Gonzalez, Parent in South Texas

Employee and Staff Comment

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

Committee Updates

This item was not presented.

Highlights from the Field

Marco Cazares, Alumni and current IDEA Weslaco math teacher.

Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

Jorge Chipres Castaneda presented the findings and was later discussed in closed session.

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), 551.072 (Real Estate Matters), 551.074 (personnel) and Govt. Code 551.082 (School Children, School District Employees, Disciplinary matter, or complaint) at 10:04 AM CST.

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

The Board passed a motion to reconvene in Open Session at 1:06 PM CST and announced no action occurred in Executive Session.

Motion by: Michael Adams
Second by: Erich Holmsten
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Votes on Closed Session Items

The Board passed a motion to approve the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report findings.

Motion by: David Earl
Second by: Erich Holmsten
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board passed a motion to approve the 2021-22 Goal attainment as discussed in closed session.

Motion by: Ed Rivera
Second by: Ovidio Vitas
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board passed a motion to approve the 2022-23 student goal targets as discussed in closed session.

Motion by: Erich Holmsten
Second by: Michael Adams
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board passed a motion to approve the personnel agreement, J.D., as discussed in closed session.

Motion by: David Earl
Second by: Michael Adams
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board passed a motion to approve the next steps related to the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation Grant and associated vendor contracts with Hope Squad for final execution to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) after review of legal counsel.

Motion by: Ed Rivera
Second by: Erich Holmsten
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

The Board took no action on the grievance appeal of M.P.

Organizational Update

Dolores Gonzalez, Chief Program Officer, presented an update on the academic data on

2022-23 District Improvement Plan

Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill presented the 2022-23 District Improvement fund regarding the development of goals and to set priorities.

Motion by: Anthony Ryan Vaughan
Second by: David Earl
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Payment During Closure – Lake Houston

Dr. Jeff Cottrill presented the resolution related to the closure in Lake Houston due to water utility issues. The Board passed a motion to approve the resolution related to the payment during closure of IDEA Lake Houston.

Motion by: David Earl
Second by: Erich Holmsten
All in favor: All
All opposed None
Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The Board Chair announced that one contract had been added in the morning under the construction and improvements category. The contract is for the design for the safety and security project for 20 campuses in Texas. The Board Chair also announced that they would be pulling the August 2022 Committee meeting minutes as they have been previously approved. The Board passed a motion to approve the consent agenda in one board action:

- a. Contracts
 - 1. Construction, Facilities, & Improvements
 - 2. Non-Construction
 - a) Software Services
 - b) Professional Development
 - c) Contracted Services
 - d) Copier Agreements
 - e) Coop Agreement
 - f) Interlocal Agreement
 - g) Data Sharing Agreement
 - h) Testing Materials
 - i) Marketing
 - 3. Contract Ratification
 - 4. Grant Agreement
- b. Travel Policy Exceptions
- c. Purchasing Policy Exceptions
- d. Sponsorship Requests
- e. September 16, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- f. August 19, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- g. August 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes
- h. September 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes
- i. October 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes
- j. Budget Amendment Adjustment – June 2022
- k. Budget Amendments – September 2022
- l. Proposed Budget Amendments – October 2022
- m. Staff Stipends related to CTE program
- n. Updates to Staff Compensation Program

Motion by: Ed Rivera
Second by: David Earl
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Governance Form Training

Jessica Hess, Sr. Chief of Staff and Administrative Officer, advised this training would not be happening due to time constraints, but gave a brief presentation about the need for governance forms from every board member.

legal counsel announced will be staying after the meeting for the training to occur.

Adjourn

The Board passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 PM CST.

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

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of IDEA Public Schools held on October 21, 2022.

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Anthony Ryan Vaughan, Board Secretary

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Date