

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at IDEA Bridge located at 1500 N. Airway Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux, President
Michael Tipton, Vice President
Jill Kennedy, Secretary
Nicole Reynolds, Treasurer

Board members absent:

Kimberly Tang
Tre Nelson
Theo Richards

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Lakeisha Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 September 12, 2022

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 board meeting, and seconded by Michael Tipton. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 September 16, 2022

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2022 board meeting, and seconded by Michael Tipton. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

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4.1 Regional Updates from Executive Director

Disha Jain presented the regional updates.

4.2 Executive Director Search Update

Jeff Cottrell presented an updated on the new executive director for IPSL, Dr. Clifford Wallace.

4.3 Review of Preliminary Financial Statements

Carlo Herschberger presented the preliminary financial statements.

4.4 Grant Activity & Contributions Updates

Andrew Clarence presented an update on grant activity and pending grant applications.

4.5 2022-23 Budget Update

Andrew Clarence presented an update on a budget amendment.

4.6 Facilities & Construction Update

Lane Fischer presented an update on the portables project at Innovation.

4.7 Charter Renewal Update

Attorney Dana Henry and Attorney Melissa Grand presented an update on the charter renewal process.

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of Revisions to Banking Signature Resolution (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Nicole Reynolds to approve a revision to the Banking Signature Resolution to remove Vanessa Garza, Director of Accounting of IPS Enterprises, Inc., as an authorized signatory and add Guadeloupe Hinojosa, Director of Accounting of IDEA Public Schools, Inc./IPS Enterprises, Inc., as an authorized signatory, and seconded by Michael Tipton. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of Budget Amendment for Portables Project (ACTION ITEM)

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

5.3 Executive Session: Appeal hearing on student expulsion in the matter of minor student T.C.

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A motion was made by Michael Tipton to enter into executive session for the Board to conduct a hearing on an appeal of a student expulsion in the matter of minor student T.C., and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. A voice vote was conducted, with Lakeisha Robichaux, Michael Tipton, Nicole Reynolds, and Jill Kennedy voting in favor. No one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

No votes or action were taken by the Board in executive session.

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

A motion was made by Michael Tipton to uphold and affirm the expulsion decision in the matter of minor student T.C., and seconded by Nicole Reynolds. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 August 2, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Michael Tipton stated that the August 2, 2022 finance committee meeting minutes should be revised to list Nicole Reynolds and Jill Kennedy as the only finance committee members. A motion was made by Michael Tipton to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 finance committee meeting with his stated revision, and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 September 13, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Michael Tipton stated that the September 13, 2022 finance committee meeting minutes should be revised to list Nicole Reynolds and Jill Kennedy as the only finance committee members. A motion was made by Michael Tipton to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 finance committee meeting with his stated revision, and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment

Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment on non-agenda items, but none was made.

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8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Tipton to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and seconded by Jill Kennedy. Lakeisha Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

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