

IDEA Public Schools
Florida Board of Directors Meeting
July 31, 2023
10:30 AM EST

Board Members present: Nick Rhodes, Christina Barker, Renee Baker

Board Members not present: Gary Chartrand

Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants present: Daniel Woodring, Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, Jessica Hess, Eric Haugh, Cametra Edwards, Alex McCaulay, Jennifer White, Leanne Hernandez, Stephen Parmer, Ben Bracher, Dr. Monique Morgan, Dr. Ernesto Cantu, Dr. Dionel Waters, Cody Grindle, Daniel Garza, James Hartman, Simaran Bakshi, Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Layne Fisher

Audience present: None

The meeting is called to order by Nick Rhodes, Board Secretary, at 10:31 AM EST

Amending of Agenda

The Board passed a motion to amend the board agenda to add “approval of revisions to 2023-24 Academic Calendar” to the action items portion of the Agenda for today’s meeting.

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

Approval of Agenda

The Board passed a motion to approve the board agenda for today’s meeting.

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

The Board passed a motion to approve the June 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and May 8, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting minutes.

Motion made by: Renee Baker

Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

Updates

A. National Update

None

B. Regional Update

i. CSO Introduction & Area Superintendent Introduction

Presenters:

Dr. Ernesto Cantu, Chief Schools Officer

Dr. Dionel Waters, Area Superintendent

ii. Executive Director Reports

Presenters:

James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay

Simaran Bakshi, Executive Director – Jacksonville

iii. Renewal of Principal Contracts

Presenters:

James Hartman, Executive Director – Tampa Bay,

Simaran Bakshi, Executive Director – Jacksonville

iv. Bloomberg / USF Partnership Update

Presenter: Cody Grindle, President

C. Facilities Update

i. General Update

Presenter: Daniel Garza, VP of Facilities and Construction

ii. School Safety Officers for Jacksonville

Presenter: Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Director of Safety and Security

D. Financial Update

- i. Financial Statements & Corrective Action Plans

Presenter: Leanne Hernandez, CFO

- ii. FY 2024 Budget Amendments

Presenter: Stephen Parmer, VP of Financial Planning and Treasury

E. Treasury Updates

Presenter: Stephen Parmer, VP of Financial Planning and Treasury

F. Vinik Agreement

Presenter: Cody Grindle, President

G. 23-24 Employee Handbook

Presenter: Ben Bracher, Director of Governance Training and Board Services

H. Mental Health Plans

Presenter: Dr. Cametra Edwards, VP of Compliance- Florida

I. Policy Updates

- i. 23-24 Grading Policy
- ii. 23-24 Wellness Policy
- iii. 23-24 Meal Charge Policy

Presenter: Ben Bracher, Director of Governance Training and Board Services

J. Election of Officers

Presenter: Jessica Hess, Chief Governance Officer

Action Items

- A. The Board passed a motion to approve the renewal of the contracts of principals of schools associated with IDEA Florida, Inc.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- B. The Board passed a motion to approve the continued use Jacksonville Sherriff's Office (JSO) as the provider of School Safety Officers (SSOs) which are required by 2018 The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, Chapter 2018-3 as amended by Florida Laws Chapter 2019-22 ("MSDHS Act") for IDEA River Bluff and IDEA Bassett for the 23-24 school year not to exceed \$175,000 total.

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- C. The Board passed a motion to approve revisions to the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar as presented.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- D. The Board passed a motion to approve Board Secretary signature on a Letter of Intent pending legal approval and submitted by August 18th so that USF and IDEA Florida, Inc. may negotiate an agreement to enter a partnership.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- E. The Board passed a motion to approve the IDEA Victory and IDEA Hope Monthly June Financial Statements.

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- F. The Board passed a motion to approve the IDEA Bassett and IDEA River Bluff Monthly June Financial Statements.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- G. The Board passed a motion to approve the FY 2024 budget amendments as presented.

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- H. The Board passed a motion to approve the Vinik Agreement as presented.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Nick Rhodes
Recused: Christina Barker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- I. Board passed a motion to approve the 23-24 Employee Handbook as presented.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All Present

Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- J. The Board passed a motion to approve the required Mental Health Plans as presented.

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- K. The Board passed a motion to approve all policy updates as presented for the 23-24 Grading Policy, 23-24 Wellness Policy, and 23-24 Meal Charge Policy.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

- L. The Board passed a motion to approve the Election of Officers as considered and discussed by members:

Nomination of Board Chair: Nick Rhodes nominated Christina Barker

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Nick Rhodes
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

Nomination of Board Secretary: Christina Barker nominated Nick Rhodes

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand

All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

Nomination of Board Treasurer: Christina Barker nominated Renee Baker

Motion made by: Nick Rhodes
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Renaissance
- B. The Stepping Stones
- C. Favorite Healthcare Staffing
- D. G3 Agreement Addendum (Tampa)
- E. Boys & Girls Club (Jacksonville)
- F. Northeast Florida Sports League (Jacksonville)
- G. DynaFire Alarm Monitoring System (Tampa)

Motion made by: Christina Barker
Second to motion: Renee Baker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

Public Comment: None

Member Comment: None

Adjourn

The Board passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 AM EST.

Motion made by: Renee Baker
Second to motion: Christina Barker
All in favor: All Present
Not in Attendance: Gary Chartrand
All Opposed: None that were present
Motion carries.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Board of Directors of IDEA Florida, Inc. held on July 31, 2023.

Nick Rhodes, Board Secretary

Date

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