

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Nick Rhodes, Board Secretary

9/7/2023

Date

BOARD APPROVED