

IDEA Public Schools
IDEA Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors Meeting
July 27, 2023
2:00 PM EST

Board Members present: Dwight Young, Cynthia Geer, Deon Mack

Board Members not present: Jorge Perez, Marquicia Jones-Woods

Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants present: Adam Schira, Stephanie Ataya, Dr. Ernesto Cantu, Jennifer White, Dr. Jeffery Cottrill, Jessica Hess, Leanne Hernandez, Ben Bracher, Stephen Parmer, Theda Sampson, Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Layne Fisher, Megan Arenas-Goossen, Colleen Stearns, Megan Heron, Felida Villarreal, Andrea Fernandez, Roberto Delgado, Cristina Gomez, Denise Jasso, Geena Huerta,

Audience present: None

The meeting is called to order by Dr. Dwight Young, Board President, at 2:04 PM EST

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Deon Mack
All in favor: All present
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

The Board passed a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Deon Mack
All in favor: All present
All Opposed: None present
Motion carries.

Updates

A. Financial Updates

i. Presenter: Stephanie Ataya, Treasurer, provided an overview and update on the financial status for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School), presenting the May and June Financial Reports.

ii. Presenter: Leanne Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer, presented the overall financial status for IPS Enterprises, Inc. (Charter Management Organization) as it relates to work with IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School).

B. Regional Updates

i. Dr. Ernesto Cantu was introduced as the new Chief Schools Officer

ii. Andrea Fernandez was introduced as the new Area Superintendent.

iii. Dr. Ernesto Cantu provided an update regarding Executive Director & Staffing update.

iv. Layne Fisher, COO provided an update regarding student enrollment.

v. Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Director of Safety and Security provided an update regarding the Student, Employee, Visitor Health & Safety Review

vi. Robert Delgado, Director of Transportation Technology, Safety, and Compliance, provided an update regarding the Transportation routes.

vii. Megan Arenas-Goossen, Managing Director of Authorizer Strategy, provided an update on the Panorama Survey Results

C. Policy Updates & Recommendations

i. Jennifer White, Managing Director of Governance and Policy, provided an overview of recommended policy updates, including updates of the Anti-Hazing Policy, College Credit Plus Policy, Graduation Requirements, Board Member Orientation and Training, Missions Statement, Student Assessment, Grading Policy, Head Lice, and the rescission of the Face Mask policy.

- ii. Megan Heron, VP of Student Health and Wellness, provided an overview of recommended policy updates on the Wellness Policy, and the new proposed Naloxone Policy.
- iii. Adam Schira, counsel with DickinsonWright, provided an overview of recommended policy changes to the Attendance/Truancy/Withdrawal, Calamity Day Make-up, Promotion and Retention, and R.C. 3314.041 Notice policies.

D. 23-24 Student Handbooks

Megan Arenas-Goossen presented the Student Handbook updates proposed for 2023-2024.

E. 23-24 Employee Handbooks Update from CMO

Felida Villarreal, Managing Director of HR Compliance and Risk Management, presented the informational update of changes made to the CMO Employee Handbook for 2023-2024.

F. Board Member Training & Requirements

Jennifer White presented the training requirements and board member assessment.

G. Board Annual Disclosure Form

Jennifer White presented the annual disclosure form.

H. Fordham Updates

I. National Updates

Dr. Jeff Cottrill, CEO/Superintendent presented an update on the 2022-23 Org-Wide Driving Goals

Action Items

A. The Board passed a motion to approve the May 2023 Treasurer's Financial Report for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School) as presented by Stephanie Ataya.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Deon Mack
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None
Motion carries.

- B. The Board passed a motion to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Financial Report for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School) as presented by Stephanie Ataya.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None
Motion carries.

- C. The Board passed a motion to approve the Transportation 23-24 Routes and Bus Stops as presented, and Delegation of Board Designee to Authorize Changes to Bus Stops as Necessary

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Deon Mack
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None
Motion carries.

- D. The Board passed a motion to approve the resolution completing annual policy review and approving updated policies as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None
Motion carries.

- E. The Board passed a motion to approve the 23-24 Student Handbook as presented.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Deon Mack
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None
Motion carries.

Approval of Consent Agenda Amendment

The Board passed a motion to approve an amendment to the consent agenda.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None

Motion carries.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Omnia Cooperative Agreement (Approval)
2. Purchasing Solutions Cooperative Agreement (Approval)
3. Schindler Elevator Corporation (Approval)
4. Specialized Assessment and Consulting, LLC (Approval)
5. Choice Partners Agreement (Ratification)
6. Brilar Award Agreement (Ratification)
7. NECCO Agreement- pending final legal approval (Ratification)

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer
Second to motion: Deon Mack
All in favor: All
All Opposed: None
Motion carries.

Public Comment

None

Member Comment


None

Adjourn

The Board adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM EST.

Motion made by: Deon Mack
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer
All in favor: All present
All Opposed: None 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 Greater Cincinnati held on July 27, 2023.

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Marquicia Jones-Woods, Board Secretary

9/14/2023

Date

BOARD APPROVED