IDEA Public Schools

**IDEA Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors Meeting**

September 28, 2023

2:00 PM EST

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

**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, Ben Bracher, Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Layne Fisher, Andrea Fernandez, Cody Grindle, James Dworkin, Rickey Younger II, Miles Caunin

**Audience present**: None

The meeting is called to order by Dr. Dwight Young, Board President, at 2:01 PM EST

1. **Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion made by: Deon Mack

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer

All in favor: All present

All Opposed: None present

*Motion carries.*

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The Board passed a motion to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer

Second to motion: Deon Mack

All in favor: All present

All Opposed: None present

*Motion carries.*

1. **Public Comment**

None

1. **Updates**

1. **National Update**

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

1. **Regional Updates**
   * 1. Andrea Fernandez, Area Superintendent, provided an update regarding Accountability, Academics, and Persistence.
     2. Layne Fisher, COO, provided an update regarding student enrollment.
     3. Andrea Fernandez provided an update on Instructional and Operations Staff Vacancies.
     4. Layne Fisher provided an overview of the update to the 23-24 Academic Calendar.
     5. Jennifer White presented the August Residency Reports.
2. **Financial Updates** 
   * 1. Stephanie Ataya, Treasurer, provided an overview and update on the financial status for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School), presenting the August Financial Reports.
     2. James Dworkin, Interim Chief Financial Officer, and Stephen Parmer, VP of Financial Planning & Treasury, presented the overall financial status for IPS Enterprises, Inc. (Charter Management Organization) as it relates to work with IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School)**.**
     3. Stephen Parmer presented the Bank Signature Authority resolution.
3. **Fordham Updates**

Miles Caunin provided updates from Fordham.

1. **Non-Voting Board Member**

Jessica Hess, Chief Governance Officer, presented Deborah Howard for consideration as a Non-Voting Board Member.

1. **Security & Personnel Discussion [Executive Session]**

The Board passed a motion to enter executive session via roll call vote.

Motion made by: Dwight Young

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer

All in favor: All

All Opposed: None

*Motion carries.*

* + 1. The board entered executive session at 2:46pm EST to discuss security & personnel items. No action was taken during executive session.
    2. The board returned to open session at 3:05pm EST

1. Action Items
   1. The Board passed a motion to update the 23-24 Academic Calendar as presented.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer

Second to motion: Deon Mack

All in favor: All

All Opposed: None

Motion carries.

* 1. The Board passed a motion to approve the September Residency Reports as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer

All in favor: All

All Opposed: None

Motion carries.

* 1. The Board passed a motion to approve the August 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.

* 1. The Board passed a motion to approve the Bank Signature Authority resolution as presented.

Motion made by: Deon Mack

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer

All in favor: All

All Opposed: None

Motion carries.

* 1. The Board passed a motion to approve Deborah Howard as a Non-Voting Board Member.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer

Second to motion: Deon Mack

All in favor: All

All Opposed: None

Motion carries.

1. **Consent Agenda**

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

* State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
* ProCare Therapy
* Customized Staffing Solutions LLC
* Triton Services
* Comprehensive Concepts

Motion made by: Deon Mack

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer

All in favor: All

All Opposed: None

*Motion carries.*

**Member Comment**

None

**Adjourn**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:09 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 September 28, 2023.

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Marquicia Jones-Woods, Board Secretary

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