

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday June 13, 2023, at 6 pm CST located at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC 450 Laurel Street, 21st Floor Baton Rouge, Louisiana 7080.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux

Nicole Reynolds

Theo Richards

Michael Tipton

Tonnisha Ellis

Darrel Lewis

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment. Ms. Cathy Carmichael, a member of the public, shared comments about budget items on the agenda. No other public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment. Ms. Carmichael shared comments about posting of approved minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023, finance committee meeting, and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4.1 National Updates: Organizational Vision

This item was deferred.

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4.2 Executive Director Report

Dr. Clifford Wallace gave the report on this item.

4.3 Charter Renewal Corrective Action Update

The board received an update from Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill. Board Counsel and counsel for the Charter Management Organization discussed contract process with East Baton Rouge Parish Schools with board members.

4.4 Financial Updates

Brittany Perkins gave the report on the financial statements. Matthew Sawyer provided an update on the financial corrective action plan corresponding to the audit.

4.5 Budget Updates

Steven Parmer provided a variance analysis as of April 30, 2023. Mr. Parmer continued by reviewing the 2023-24 Budget that was previously presented at the May 9, 2023, board meeting.

4.6 Grant & Contributions Updates

Cody Grindle provided the report on this item.

4.7 Treasury Updates

The board received an update provided by Luis Hinojosa which included an equipment sublease.

4.8 Facilities and Construction Updates

Layne Fisher provided an update for this item.

4.9 Contracts

Stephen Parmer provided an overview of each contract requested for board approval.

4.10 Insurance Policy Renewal

Joffrey Clark with EPIC provided the board with a presentation regarding updates to the insurance policy and program for school year 2023-24.

4.11 Board Recruitment Update

Jennifer White provided the presentation for this item. The IDEA Public Schools Louisiana Board is actively recruiting new Board members.

4.12 2023-24 Student Handbook

Michael Higgins gave the update to the board, including the proposed revisions and edits made to the Student Handbook for 2023-24.

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5. Action Items

5.1 Adoption of 23-24 Budget (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to defer action on the FY 23 April Budget Amendments and seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, and Ms. Carmichael provided comment. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion to defer action on the budget passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of acceptance of The Charles Lamar Foundation Grant award & approval of agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the acceptance of The Charles Lamar Foundation Grant award and approval of the corresponding grant agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richards. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of Bus Sub Lease Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to defer the approval of the bus sub lease agreement. Mr. Richards seconded the motion to defer. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion to defer action passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of Allied States (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the Allied States contract as presented and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of OMNIA (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the OMNIA agreement as presented and seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion was passed unanimously.

5.6 Approval of Smart Buy (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Smart Buy agreement as presented and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5.7 Approval of Insurance Policy & Program Renewal (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment. Ms. Carmichael shared comments including that the insurance policy should be adjusted as the student enrollment decreased. Ms. Reynolds amended her motion to approve the renewal of the insurance policy and program subject to the enrollment number adjustments and implementation of board feedback; Ms. Ellis seconded this motion. The motion to approve dependent upon adjustments passed unanimously.

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5.8 Approval of 2023-24 Student Handbook (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the 2023-24 Student Handbook as presented and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment and Ms. Carmichael shared comments. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.