

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
12:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. IDEA Bridge located at 1500 N Airway Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70815. Items will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux
Michael Tipton
Nicole Reynolds
Theo Richards
Tonnisha Ellis
Darrel Lewis

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 12:10 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. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Board Retreat & Board Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023, board retreat and meeting, and seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment; none was made. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Finance Committee Minutes: August 22, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Robichaux to defer the minutes of the August 22, 2023, finance committee meeting and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment; none was made. The motion to defer passed unanimously.

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4. Information Items

4.1 National Updates: Organizational Vision

This item was deferred.

4.2 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.

4.3 Financial Updates

Stephen Parmer gave the report on the financial statements and the update regarding federal programs. Matthew Sawyer provided an update on the financial corrective action plan corresponding to the audit. Mr. Sawyer explained that this was the last update as the corrective action plan for 21-22 has been closed out.

4.4 State of the Region

The board received an update regarding enrollment, the potential impact of enrollment, and current academic progress provided by Executive Director, Dr. Clifford Wallace.

4.5 Budget Updates

Steven Parmer provided a current variance analysis. Mr. Parmer continued by providing a budget update given the enrollment presentation previously provided by Dr. Wallace.

4.6 Grant & Contributions Updates

Cody Grindle provided the report on this item.

4.7 Contracts

The board received an overview of the contracts requested for approval; this overview was provided by Stephen Parmer.

4.8 Signature Authority Update

Jennifer White provided an update for this item.

4.9 23-24 Grading Policy

Jennifer White provided an update for this item.

4.10 23-24 Student Handbook Updates (Homework Assistive Services) & Pupil Progression Plan Amendment

Jennifer White provided the update on these items.

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4.11 Student Enrollment Requirements Update
Jennifer White provided the update for this item.

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

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of NSBR Data Sharing Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the NSBR Data Sharing Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of Schindler Elevator Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Schindler Elevator Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of Renaissance Learning Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Renaissance Learning Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tipton. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of E-Rate, Inc. Services Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the E-Rate, Inc. Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of Our Lady of the Lake Agreement- Fourth Amendment (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Our Lady of the Lake Agreement-Fourth Amendment. 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.

5.6 Approval of Adelphi Medical Staffing Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Adelphi Medical Staffing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

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5.7 Approval of Gifted Healthcare Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Gifted Healthcare Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.8 Approval of Healthcare PRO Pediatrics Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the PRO Pediatrics Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.9 Approval of Maxim Healthcare Staffing Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Maxim Healthcare Staffing Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.10 Approval of Novo Staffing Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Novo Staffing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.11 Approval of The Stepping Stones Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the agreement with The Stepping Stones. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.12 Approval of Rotolo Consultants Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Rotolo Consultants Agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.13 Approval of NIFDI Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the NIFDI Agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.14 Approval of Louisiana Controls Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Louisiana Controls Agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

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5.15 Approval of Albemarle Foundation Award Agreement (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Albemarle Foundation Award grant agreement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.16 Approval of resolution to update Signature Authority (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve a resolution to update the Signature Authority. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.17 Approval of 23-24 Grading Policy (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the updated 23-24 Grading Policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.18 Approval of Pupil Progress Plan Amendment (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Pupil Progress Plan Amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.19 Approval of Homework Assistive Services Amendment to the 23-24 Student Handbook (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Homework Assistive Services Amendment to the 23-24 Student Handbook. The motion was seconded by Ms. Robichaux. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.20 Approval of Enrollment Procedures (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Enrollment Procedures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, none was made. Ms. Robichaux then called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment