

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 3, 2023
12:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 12:00 pm CST located at IDEA Bridge, 1500 N. Airway Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815.

Board members present:

Theo Richards
Michael Tipton
Tonnisha Ellis
Darrel Lewis

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Tipton called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: June 21, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: September 7, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3.4 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: August 22, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. Information Items

4.1 Charter Renewal Corrective Action Update

The board received an update from Meagan Arenas-Goosen on the submissions sent to the East Baton Rouge Parish School board regarding attestation, financial quarterly report and Cognia Accreditation. Also discussed were the upcoming submissions for the out of district response and the enrollment & lottery procedures.

4.2 State of Region

The board received an update from Dr. Clifford Wallace on student persistence, staff retention, and average daily attendance (ADA).

4.3 Financial Updates

James Dworkin provided a report on the financial statements for July, August, and September 2023. Additionally, presented was a report on the federal program revenue analysis.

4.4 Budget Updates

Steven Parmer provided a variance analysis as of September 30, 2023. Mr. Parmer continued by reviewing the Budget Summary and the October 2023 Budget Amendments.

4.5 LDOE Certificated and Support Staff Stipend Distribution Plan

Jennifer Meer provided the report on this item.

4.6 Treasury Updates

The board received an update provided by Stephen Parmer which included Resolution-Amendments for Baton Rouge II (Innovation) Loan and a Bank Signature Authority Resolution.

4.7 Contracts

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

4.8 Audit Update

Jennifer White provided the details for the Audit Questionnaire and board signatures needed on the item.

4.9 Board Recruitment Update

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

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5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of FY 23-24 Quarter 1 Financial Statements (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the FY 23-24 Quarter 1 Financial Statements and seconded by Mr. Richards. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of FY 23-24 September 2023 Budget Amendments (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the FY 23-24 September 2023 Budget Amendments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of LDOE Teacher Stipend Distribution Plan (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the LDOE Teacher Stipend Distribution Plan as presented and seconded by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of Resolution related to amendments for Baton Rouge II (Innovation) Loan with Equitable Facilities Fund, Inc. (EFF) (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Resolution related to amendments for the Baton Rouge II (Innovation) Loan with Equitable Facilities Fund, Inc. (EFF). The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of Bank Signature Authority Resolution (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Bank Signature Authority Resolution as presented and seconded by Mr. Richards. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.6 Approval of ESC 20 (PACE) Cooperative (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the ESC 20 (PACE) Cooperative as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

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5.7 Approval of GoodBuy Cooperative (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the GoodBuy Cooperative as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richards. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.8 Approval of IDEA Nola Lease Transfer to IPSL for Insight Investments (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the IDEA Nola Lease Transfer to IPSL for Insight Investments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.9 Approval of Board Officer Signatures on Audit Questionnaire (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the Board Officer Signatures on Audit Questionnaire as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.