

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 28, 2023
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Friday, November 28, 2023, at 6:00 pm CST located at IDEA Bridge, 1500 N. Airway Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux
Michael Tipton
Tonnisha Ellis
Darrel Lewis

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:01 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. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: November 3, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2023, board meeting, and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4.1 National Update

The board received an update from Dr. Jeff Cottrill on the IPS Organization Structure and Hiring.

4.2 Charter Renewal Corrective Action Update

The board received an update from Dr. Jeff Cottrill on the submissions sent to the East Baton Rouge Parish School board regarding the out of district response and the enrollment & lottery procedures. Also discussed were the upcoming submissions for website compliance, midyear literacy screener and the fiscal year audit.

4.3 State of Region

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

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4.4 FY 2022-23 Annual Audit Update

James Dworkin provided an update on the FY 2022-23 Annual Audit. It was noted that

Submission required by 12/30 with Board approval. CRI will continue to work on the audit report.

4.5 Financial Updates

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

4.6 Budget Updates

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

4.7 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 FY 23-24 October Budget Amendments (**ACTION ITEM**)

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

5.2 Approval of FY 23-24 November Budget Amendments (**ACTION ITEM**)

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

5.3 Executive Session:

Appeal hearing on student expulsion in the matter of minor student T.P. (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to overturn the student expulsion in the matter of minor student T.P. as presented and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, and none was made. Ms. Robichaux called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Ms. Robichaux called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously.