

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, **April 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm CST** located at IDEA Bridge, 1500 N Airway Drive Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815.

Board members present:

Lakeisha Robichaux, President
Michael Tipton, Vice President
Nicole Reynolds, Treasurer
Tonnisha Ellis
Darrel Lewis

Public members present:

Dr. Michelle Clayton, New Schools for Louisiana

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Mr. Lewis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 A motion was made to approve the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes and the April 18, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4.1 Charter Renewal Corrective Action Update

The board received a presentation from Dr. Cottrill on completed submissions on surveys, schedules, and schoolwide plans.

4.2 State of Region

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

4.3 Financial Updates

James Dworkin, interim Chief Financial Officer, provided a report on the financial statements for February and March 2024. Also, presented was a report on federal program updates and an update on grants draw down.

4.4 Budget Updates

Steven Parmer, Vice-President of Treasury and Financial Planning, provided a variance analysis as of March 2024. Mr. Parmer continued by reviewing proposed Budget Amendments for April 2024. Mr. Parmer also presented the 24-25 Budget Pre-Approval Requests and the 24-25 Budget Planning Update.

4.5 Audit Update

Mr. Dworkin provided an update on the FY 2023 Audit Corrective Action Plan. A summary of the audit findings and an update on the corrective action planned to resolve findings was provided. Mr. Dworkin also reviewed Form 990 and a presentation on the external auditor selection and approval.

4.6 Treasury Update

Mr. Parmer provided the board with an update on the Bank Signature Authority Resolution where Kathleen Zimmerman has now been added.

4.7 Contracts

Mr. Parmer, provided an overview of the E-Rate Services, LLC Agreement for the upcoming GY 2024-25.

4.8 Board Recruitment Update

Jennifer White, Managing Director of Governance and Policy 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 April 2024 Budget Amendments as presented (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Ms. Robichaux to approve the April 2024 Budget Amendments as presented and seconded by Mr. Michael Tipton. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of 24-25 Budget Pre-Approval Requests as presented (**ACTION ITEM**)

Ms. Robichaux made a motion to approve the 24-25 Budget Pre-Approval Requests. This motion was seconded by Nicole Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, none was made. The amended motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of External Auditor as presented (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Ms. Robichaux to approve the External Auditor selection of

Ericksen Krentel CPAS Consultants. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tipton. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of Bank Signature Authority Resolution as presented (**ACTION ITEM**)

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

5.5 Approval of E-Rate Services, LLC Agreement (**ACTION ITEM**)

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve the approval of E-Rate Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.6 Charter Contract Amendment Concerning University Prep – **CLOSED SESSION**

The board moved into closed session to discuss Charter Contract Amendment concerning University Prep with legal counsel, pursuant to La. RS 42:17 (A) (10)

5.7 Consideration and Potential Action on Charter Contract Amendment Concerning University Prep (**ACTION ITEM**)

The board made a unanimous decision on consideration and potential action on charter contract amendment concerning University Prep.

5.8 Approval to seek Type 2 Charter

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve the approval to seek Typer 2 Charter; the board reached a unanimous decision. 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 to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.