

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2024
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm CST located at IDEA Bridge, 1500 N Airway Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

Board members present:

Michael Tipton, Vice President
Nicole Reynolds, Treasurer
Darrel Lewis
Tonnisha Ellis
Misty Albrecht

Public members present:

Kara Maggiore

1. Opening

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

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held. Mr. Tipton and Ms. Robichaux was not present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

2.1 A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Lewis then made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reynolds. 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 by Ms. Ellis to approve minutes for the May 21, 2024, regular board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to approve minutes for the June 18, 2024, Finance Committee meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. Information Items

4.1 Audit Update

The board received an update from Martin Winchester, Chief Human Assets Officer, and Felida Villarreal, VP of Human Resources, regarding the Audit Corrective Action Update on Human Resources. Marlon Shears, Chief Information Officer, then shared regarding the Audit Corrective Action Update on Information Technology. Lasty, Jennifer White, Managing Director of Board Services and Policy, presented the Purchasing Policy.

4.2 State of Region

The board received an update from Dr. Clifford Wallace about the region's overall status. In his report, he provided information about the 24-25 Strategic Plan. Dr. Wallace ended with an update on IDEA University Prep (UP).

4.3 Financial Updates

Acting VP of Accounting, James Dworkin, provided a report on the financial statements for May 2024. Armando Perez, Director of Federal Grants, provided a detailed overview on drawdowns of current grants.

4.4 Budget Updates

Ismael Santamaria, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, provided a report to the board on the May 2024 variance analysis. Dr. Wallace shared a presentation on the Enrollment Process. Lastly, Erika Hernandez, Managing Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, presented the 24-25 Budget Adoption.

4.5 Insurance Program Renewal for 24-25

The Insurance Program Renewal for the 24-25 year was presented by Felida Villarreal, VP of Human Resources, and Joffrey Clark from EPIC Partners.

4.6 Contracts

Mr. Dworkin presented the contracts for the 2024-2025 year that included contracts for Special Programs, C&I, and Risk Management.

4.7 Policy Updates

Ms. White, shared the Policy Updates which included the Grading Policy Update, Civics Policy, Health Policy, Medical Treatment Policy, and the Student Acceptable Use Policy.

4.8 24-25 Student Handbook

Denise Jasso, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed the 24-25 Student Handbook and sections that were added and updated.

4.9 24-25 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Ms. White presented the Board of Directors Meeting Calendar for the 24-25 year.

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4.10 Board Recruitment

Ms. Hess shared a presentation to the Board about a new potential member, John Murray.

4.11 Board Giving Update

Dr. Clifford Wallace shared a presentation on Board Giving through the Area of Greatest Need and the Lopez Endowment.

4.12 Charter Contract Updates

Melissa Grand, Board Counsel, provided the board with an update regarding the charter contract.

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of revised Purchasing Policy as presented

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the revised Purchasing Policy as presented and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of 24-25 Budget

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the 24-25 Budget 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.

5.3 Approval of Insurance Program Renewal for 24-25 as presented

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the Insurance Program Renewal for the year 24-25 as presented and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of Gifted Healthcare Agreements

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Gifted Healthcare Agreements and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of HealthPRO Pediatrics, LLC Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the HealthPRO Pediatrics, LLC Agreement and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.6 Approval of Adelphi Medical Staffing Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Adelphi Medical Staffing Agreement as presented and 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 Novo Staffing Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the Novo Staffing Agreement 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.

5.8 Deferral of The Stepping Stones Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to defer The Stepping Stones Agreement and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.9 Deferral of Labster, Inc. Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to defer the Labster, Inc. Agreement and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.10 Approval of ProUnitas Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve ProUnitas Agreement and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.11 Approval of NIFDI Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the NIFDI Agreement 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.

5.12 Approval of Grading Policy Updates as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve Grading Policy Updates as presented and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.13 Approval in one board action the following new or revised policies associated with the 24-25 Student Handbook updates as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Civics Policy, Health Policy, Medical Treatment Policy, and the Student Acceptable Use Policy from the 24-25 Student Handbook and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.14 Approval of 24-25 Student Handbook as presented

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the 24-25 Student Handbook with one final legal review 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.

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5.15 Approval of 24-25 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar as presented

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the 24-25 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar as presented and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Tipton called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.16 Approval of new board member- J.M

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds to approve the new board member J.M and seconded by Ms. 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. Tipton to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.