

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 23, 2024
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 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

Tonnisha Ellis

Misty Albrecht

John Murray

Theo Richards (Joins at 6:17pm CST)

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Tipton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. CST

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held. Mr. Lewis, Mr. Richards, and Ms. Robichaux were not present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

2.1 A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Ms. Ellis then made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Albrecht. 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. Albrecht to approve minutes for the June 25, 2024, regular board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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Audit Corrective Action Update on Information Technology.

4.2 State of Region

Dr. Cottrill introduced Jamaal Henry, Vice President of Schools, to the board. The board received an update from Colleen Stearns, Chief Academic Officer, about the region's overall status. Dr. Ernesto Cantu, Chief Schools Officer, shared an update on staff and student persistence. In his report, he provided information about the 24-25 Strategic Plan. Katrice Terrance, Regional Director of Operations, presented an update on the enrollment progress.

4.3 Financial Updates

VP of Accounting, James Dworkin, provided a report on the Preliminary June 2024 Financial Statements. 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, presented a report to the board on the June 2024 variance analysis. Lastly, Erika Hernandez, Managing Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, presented the July 2024 Budget Amendments.

4.5 Monthly Corporate Card Update

Paige McGinty, Sr. Corporate Card Procurement Manager shared an update on the monthly corporate card report.

4.6 Executive Director Monthly Expenses

Paige McGinty continued by sharing with the board a presentation of the monthly executive director expenses.

4.7 Contracts

James Dworkin presented an agreement between IPS Enterprises and IPSL regarding the University Prep (UP) lease, the Stepping Stones Group Agreement, the Labster, Inc Agreement, and the FinQuery, LLC Agreement.

4.8 Board Recruitment

Jessica Hess, Chief Governance Officer, shared on the IPSL Board recruitment.

4.9 Charter Contract Updates

Melissa Grand, Board Counsel, shared an update to the board on the Charter Contract.

5. Action Items

5.1 Approval of Budget Amendments as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Murray to approve the revised budget amendments 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.

5.2 Approval of Agreement between IPS Enterprises, Inc. and IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc. Regarding University Prep (UP) Lease.

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A motion was made by Mr. Richards to approve the Agreement between IPS Enterprises, Inc. and IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc. Regarding University Prep (UP) Lease 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.

5.3 Approval of The Stepping Stones Group Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Albrecht to approve The Stepping Stones Group 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.

5.4 Approval of Labster, Inc. Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Albrecht to approve the Labster, Inc. 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.

5.5 Approval of FinQuery, LLC Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Murray to approve the FinQuery, 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 Deferral of new board member- J.H

A motion was made by Mr. Richards to defer new board member- J.H 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. Richards to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Tipton called for public comment, but none was made. The motion passed unanimously. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. CST