

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOUISIANA, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2024
6:00 PM

The Board of Directors of IDEA Public Schools Louisiana, Inc., met in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm CST located at IDEA Bridge, 1500 N Airway Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815.

Board members present:

Theo Richards

Tonnisha Ellis

Darrell Lewis

Misty Albrecht

Miles Baquet

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order – Ms. Robichaux called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. CST

1.2 Roll Call – A roll call was held, Lakeisha Robichaux, John Murray, and Laura Wilkinson were not present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

2.1 A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Richards called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2 A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Richards 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 September 24, 2024, regular board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Richards called for public comment. No public comment was shared. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 A motion was made by Ms. Ellis to approve minutes for the September 18, 2024, finance committee meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Richards 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 the External Auditors on the FY 24 Audit and the FY 23 Audit Correction Action Plan update.

4.2 State of Region.

Jamaal Harris, Regional Vice President of Schools, and Katrice Terrance, Vice President of Organizational Management, shared the state of the region update. This update included the enrollment process, hiring, and state of the school for the Louisiana region.

4.3 Financial Updates

James Dworkin provided a report on the August 2024 Financial Statements that included Days Cash on Hand, Revenue and Expenses, and Variance Analysis. Armando Perez, Director of Federal Grants, provided an update on the federal programs.

4.4 Budget Updates

Ismael Santamaria, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, presented to the board the August 2024 Variance Report.

4.5 Contracts

Lawrence Galloway, Vice President of Finance, continued by presenting the PowerSchool contract, Amergis Healthcare Staffing contract, and the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana contract.

4.6 Treasury Updates

Adam Miller, Executive Director of IPS, presented the Bank Signature Authority Resolution and the 2024-2025 Louisiana Authorized Signatories Update. These items were deferred until the next board meeting in November.

4.7 Compliance Updates

Adam Miller, National Executive Director of IPS, presented the Pupil Progression Plan that had been deferred at the previous meeting.

4.8 Safety Updates

Adam Miller continued by sharing a safety update with the board.

4.9 Charter Contract Updates

Melissa Grand, Board Council, shared an update on the charter contract.

5. Action Items

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5.1 Approval of FY 24 External Audit Report as presented

A motion was made by Ms. Albrecht to approve the FY 24 External Audit Report as presented and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Richards called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Richards called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of PowerSchool agreement as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Baquet to approve the PowerSchool agreement and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Richards called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Richards called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of Amergis Healthcare Staffing agreement as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Amergis Healthcare Staffing agreement and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Mr. Richards called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Richards called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Approval of Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana agreement as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Baquet to approve the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana agreement and seconded by Ms. Ellis. Mr. Richards called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Richards called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Approval of Banking Signature Authority Resolution updates as presented

The Banking Signature Authority Resolution updates have been deferred until the next Board Meeting on November 19, 2024.

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5.7 Approval of Pupil Progression Plan as presented

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Pupil Progression Plan and seconded by Ms. Albrecht. Mr. Richards called for public comment, and none was made. Mr. Richards called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. CST