

International School of Louisiana
APPROVED MINUTES, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:19pm in a meeting room at the Hilton Garden Inn, 821 Gravier Street (in advance of ISL fundraising event at that location)

Present: Matt Amoss (President)
Duane Drucker (Treasurer)
Andrew Yon
Chantell Reed
Dominique Wilson
David Bordson-Bozzo
John Wettermark

Absent: Mike Lappa (Vice President)
Barbara Griffin (Secretary)
Brenda Richard Montgomery

I. WELCOME

- **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting of March 26, 2014 were approved.
- **Acceptance of Committee Reports** – The Board voted to approve committee reports.
 - Boardmember Dominique Wilson, chair of the Governance Committee, invited Vanessa Diaz to introduce herself to the Board and other meeting attendees. Ms. Diaz has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Board.
- **Board President's comments** – Mr. Amoss congratulated Sean Wilson on his selection as head of school for the International High School of New Orleans, thanked him for his service to ISL, and recounted ISL's successes during Mr. Wilson's tenure. Upon invitation from Mr. Amoss, Mr. Wilson made a few comments about his departure to IHSNO.

II. Q AND A WITH HEAD OF SCHOOL

Mr. Wilson described pending state legislation affecting charter schools.

III. AUTHORIZATION OF LINE OF CREDIT

Mr. Wilson requested a vote of the Board to re-authorize one of ISL's lines of credit for \$350,000 and, in response to board member questions, confirmed that ISL currently has a total of \$450,000 drawn against two separate lines of credit. The smaller line of credit is due for re-authorization in September.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Former ISL senior accountant Anne Marie Hesson read a brief statement outlining her grievance against Head of School Sean Wilson.

- Mr. Amoss announced that a Grievance Committee will be formed in the near future to address Ms. Hesson's concerns.

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V. HEAD OF SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Since Mr. Wilson had already accepted a job at IHSNO, Mr. Amoss introduced a motion to formally not extend Mr. Wilson's contract at ISL.

VI. HEAD OF SCHOOL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mr. Amoss announced that a "committee of the whole" Board will meet within the next two weeks to discuss the search for, and selection of, a new Head of School. Several dates were discussed for an initial meeting, but no decision was made. Mr. Amoss clarified that while the committee could include non-Board members, only Board members would be voting members of the Search Committee. Mr. Amoss further stated his desire that a decision be finalized by the regular May board meeting to appoint either an interim or permanent Head of School.

VOTING AGENDA

- Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Drucker, made a motion to approve the March 26, 2014 minutes of the Board of Trustees. The Board voted unanimously for approval.
- Mr. Wettermark, seconded by Ms. Wilson, made a motion to approve committee reports. The Board voted unanimously for approval.
- Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wettermark, made a motion to authorize Capital One \$350,000 line of credit. There was no Board or public comment, and the board voted unanimously for approval.
- Mr. Wettermark, seconded by Ms. Reed, made a motion to not extend a contract offer to Head of School Sean Wilson. The Board voted unanimously for approval.
- Mr. Wettermark, seconded by Ms. Wilson, made a motion to convene a Head Search Committee. After brief Board and public comment, the Board voted unanimously for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm (motion by Mr. Wettermark, second by Ms. Reed, unanimously approved).

The next Board of Trustees regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

Other interested parties present:

Staff and Administration:

Sean Wilson
Susan Chapman
Emily Thomas
Aviva Le
Emily Thomas
Melissa Boudreaux
Rosa Alvarado
Yutaka Hitomi
Sal Lara-Rico

Guests:

Shannon Fazande, PTO VP-Camp St.
Vanessa Diaz
Anne Marie Hesson
Robert Morris, Uptown Messenger
Thomas Thoren, The Lens

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Respectfully submitted by Andrew Yon, acting as recording secretary in Barbara Griffin's absence.

May 28, 2014

Date Approved by Vote of the Board

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