

International School of Louisiana

MINUTES, Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:07 p.m. at the ISL West Bank Campus

Present: Andrew Yon (President)
Matt Amoss (Vice President)
Barbara Griffin (Secretary)
Charlie Hadley (Treasurer)
Stephanie Davis
Duane Drucker
David Napoleon
Mike Lappa
John Wettermark

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

- Mr. Yon announced the Head of School evaluation for the 2010-2011 school year. Those attending this evaluation on August 31st, at 8a.m. at the East Bank Campus, will be Mr. Yon, Mr. Lappa, Mr. Hadley, and Mr. Amoss.
- The Lens, an investigative news and journalism organization for New Orleans and the Gulf South, will host a summer “salon” on August 25th to announce its new Charter School Reporting Corp. Mr. Yon has requested that several ISL Board members attend.
- The funding for “startup” charter schools has run out. The amount previously allocated each new startup was \$600,000 spread out over three years. ISL will need to tap into other funding sources if it wishes to expand.

HEAD OF SCHOOL Q AND A

Mr. Wilson presented the Head Report as attached. Noteworthy discussion occurred on the following topic:

- Head of School Reports at the Board of Trustee meetings will be replaced by reports sent directly to the board members by e-mail by midnight every Friday night.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Hadley suggested that each Board Member be responsible for printing his/her own minutes and his/her own committee reports. The Board agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In the future, Board Members will receive Committee Reports, via e-mail, in time to review and prepare questions for the committee heads.

- **Governance Committee** - Mr. Amoss distributed binders to all Board members with the expectation that all subjects will be reviewed and questions prepared for the September Board of Trustee meeting so that the Governance Committee can proceed with a polished, clean, voteable “Board Binder.” The final section of the manual, the appendix, has completed subjects, as well as, to be completed subjects.

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School administration must also review the Governance Manual before the Board of Trustees can vote on it.

- **Nomination Committee** – (committee report attached)
- **Finance Committee** – (committee report attached) There is a correction of the date of the next Finance Committee meeting which will be the 20th of September, at 4p.m., on the East Bank Campus. Also, it was agreed that the Finance Committee will hold several meetings between the April and May 2012 Board meetings to review and discuss the 2012-2013 budget.
- **Strategic Planning Committee** – (committee report attached) Mr. Yon will create a calendar for the planning process.
- **Advocacy Committee** - Mr. Yon requested that an Advocacy Committee be added as a standing Committee in order to create a pool of people to have a presence at relevant events, like BESE Board meetings. This committee was voted on by the Board and was passed unanimously. Those agreeing to be in the pool are David Napoleon, Andrew Yon, Barbara Griffin, David Bordson-Bozzo, and Dominique Wilson with Mr. Wettermark serving as head of the committee. This group will be prepared to speak and listen on ISL's behalf. Mr. Yon recommends that this new committee create a calendar, projecting well into the future, to assure meeting attendance. It was agreed to not mingle the Advocacy Committee with the Ambassador Advisory Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Stewart invited Mr. Bordson-Bozzo, Mrs. Wilson as well as all Board Members to join the Ambassadors Advisory Council. The Council will be holding its first meeting of the new school year at the West Bank Campus on September 27th at 6p.m. Mrs. Stewart encourages everyone to bring a friend.
- In Mr. Yon's place, Mr. Amoss attended the Charter Board Council of New Orleans meeting for Charter and RSD schools. The focus of this meeting was to discuss the integration of Charter as well as RSD schools into the management of the Orleans Parish School Board and how this can be resolved.
- Mr. Wilson advised the Board and prospective board members that fingerprinting and background checks will take place at 5p.m., September 28th, just before the 6p.m. Board of Trustees meeting at the East Bank Campus.
- Mr. Yon commented on his recent Indian Springs High School reunion in Alabama. He spoke with the school's admissions/development director, Mr. Jack Sweeney and forwarded his idea of Indian Springs becoming a "sister school" to ISL that would help create a network for ISL that currently does not exist. The idea of having a blurb on their web site to increase ISL awareness was forwarded. This school has advanced language classes, which may open possibilities for mentoring ISL students during spring break visits. Mr. Yon invited Mr. Sweeney to the ISL September 28th Board Meeting and also to tour ISL and to consider the "sister school concept.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Stewart wishes to thank the Board for their support and belief in ISL. She emphasized the importance of the Board Disclosure statement that must be submitted with the charter applications.

VOTING AGENDA

- A motion was made by Mr. Hadley to accept the July 27, 2011 minutes, seconded by Mr. Lappa.
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Lappa to stagger nominations and starting dates of those new members of the Board of Trustees so as not to have too many members of the Board leaving at once, seconded by Mrs. Griffin
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Yon to suspend the agenda, seconded by Mr. Napoleon.
Ayes: Unanimous
 - A motion was made by Mr. Yon to elect Mr. Amoss to a second, three year term on the Board of Trustees, retroactively, for three months, seconded by Mr. Drucker.
Ayes: Unanimous Mr. Amoss abstained
 - A motion was made by Mr. Amoss to nominate Mr. Yon for a second three year term on the Board of Trustees, seconded by Mr. Lappa.
Ayes: Unanimous Mr. Yon abstained
 - A motion was made by Mr. Yon to return to the regular agenda, seconded by Mr. Lappa.
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Lappa to place an informal cap of eleven members on the Board of Trustees, seconded by Mrs. Griffin.
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Yon to form an Advocacy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Griffin.
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Yon to elect Mr. Wettermark as chair person for the Advocacy Committee, seconded by Mrs. Griffin.
Ayes : Unanimous

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- A motion was made by Mr. Hadley to accept all Committee reports, seconded by Mr. Wettermark
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Yon to authorize the submission of the application for a Type 5 charter to the Louisiana Department of Education, seconded by Mr. Wettermark
Ayes: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Mr. Yon to authorize the submission of the application for a Type 1 charter to the Orleans Parish School Board, seconded by Mr. Hadley.
Ayes: Unanimous

OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

None

AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Amoss to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Yon.
Ayes: Unanimous.

The International School of Louisiana adjourned its regular Board of Trustees meeting at 7:28p.m.

Next Board of Trustees regular meeting is scheduled for September 28th, 2011 at 6p.m. at the ISL East Bank campus

Other interested parties present:

Staff: Mr. Sean Wilson
Mrs. Pam Stewart
Ms. Allison Anderson (Head of School Liaison)
Mr. Nibert Estrella (Principal of the West Bank ISL campus)

Guests: Mr. Robert Morris (Reporter for the Uptown Messenger)
Mr. David Bordson-Bozzo (board candidate)
Mrs. Dominique Wilson (board candidate)

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Griffin

