

International School of Louisiana
DRAFT MINUTES, Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:09 p.m. at the ISL West Bank Campus.

Present: Andrew Yon (President)
Barbara Griffin (Secretary)
Charles Hadley (Treasurer)
David Napoleon
Duane Drucker
Mike Lappa
John Wettermark

Absent: Matt Amoss (Vice President)
Stephanie Davis

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Yon discussed the recent October 6th Capacity Interviews for the Type V RSD takeover. Taking part were Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Estrella and Mr. Yon. The interview, conducted over a speakerphone from three different states, lasted about one hour.
- Mr. Yon clarified, in the Oct. 6th Capacity Interview, that it was not our intention to takeover a K-8 school with a full emersion program, also, that the ISL team was prepared to discuss only the RSD application and not the OPSB application.
- Mr. Wilson has since been advised that the RSD and the OPSB Capacity Interviews have been separated into two tracks, first the RSD, Type V interview on Nov. 4th followed by the OPSB, Type I interview on Nov. 7th.
- In early Oct., Mr. Yon and Mrs. Stewart attended a meeting of Charter Organizations where there were explanations of current policy changes resulting from the recent legislative session as well as issues pertaining to Charter School governance. The new review process will be weighted towards important issues such as, financial health and academic performance. The group also showed the Charter Organizations a thirty page list of extremely detailed questions referring to site visits.
- Mr. Yon referenced still another meeting with Mr. John White where Mr. White commented that normally there is a School System, however, New Orleans has a System of Schools. Mr. Yon admires the commitment of those involved in the Charter School Movement.

HEAD OF SCHOOL Q AND A

- Mr. Wilson presented the Head Report as of 10/21/2011 as attached. Noteworthy discussion occurred on the following topics:
 - In the future, Mr. Wettermark will arrange for ISL Board representation at the Eastbank Collaborative of Charter Schools Mixer.
 - Specifically Type V and Type II Charter Schools will be changing their recruitment enrollment cycles according to the Department of Education. While ISL's recruitment
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dates have not changed, there may well be a parish wide mandate concerning recruitment dates.

- Site visits for ISL Charter Applications are scheduled for October 31st and November 1st.
- Mr. Hadley inquired about ISL nametags for Board Members. Mrs. Stewart said that the name tags are at the printer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Strategic Planning Committee** – Mr. Yon reminded the Board that all Board members are requested to attend Strategic Planning Committee meetings scheduled for the Monday before each Board Meeting.
- **Nomination Committee** – Mr. Lappa announced that night that there would be a vote to elect Mrs. Dominique Wilson to the Board, and that the nomination of Mr. Bordson-Bozzo will be at the November meeting. While the committee will continue to develop new Board members, it will not be actively recruiting for some time.
- **Advocacy Committee** – Mr. Wettermark and Mrs. Griffin attended the BESE Board Forum to be informed for the important upcoming Oct. 22 election of members to the BESE Board, as well as for our district 2.
- **Ad Hoc Committee** – a Head of School Procedure Development Committee, headed by Mr. Lappa, began with the goal to present a draft at the November Board Meeting.
- **CMO Formation Committee** – will discuss the naming of the CMO.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

STATUS OF CHARTER APPLICATIONS

- The RSD Type V Charter interview has been completed. By the November Board meeting, all ISL capacity interviews will have been conducted and, by December, we will learn if these applications have resulted in the awards of new Charter Schools for ISL.

ELECTION OF DOMINIQUE WILSON TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Mr. Lappa took note of Mrs. Wilson's dedication to ISL in having attended ISL Board meetings for the past several months, as well as having taken part in committee meetings. Mr. Yon noted that 10 members is the largest number of members the Board of Trustees has ever had.

RESCHEDULING OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

- Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 22nd.
- Mr. Yon suggested that the November Board meeting be November 30th.
- Each Committee Chair will schedule their meetings around the Board Meeting.
- The December Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012 at the East Bank Campus.

OTHER TOPICS
