



KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1307 Oretha Castle Haley, New Orleans, LA 70113.

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 p.m.

The following members were present: Donnell Bailey, Sherice Clark, Stanwood Duval, Roddrick Jones, Larry Washington, and Danielle Willis.

The following members were absent: Lauren Hitt, Bruce Hurley, Drew Marsh, Cianjanae Purvis, and Steve Usdin.

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Todd Purvis, CAO; Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement and Events; Shawanda Raphael, Executive Assistant; and Jamiela Sekou, Director of Finance.

The following guest was present: John Alford, KIPP Foundation.

Welcome

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked board members for their participation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Washington introduced a vote to approve the minutes from the April board meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Duval. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee Report

Due to Mr. Marsh's absence, Ms. Willis opened the Finance Committee report. The Finance Committee met on June 13th and reviewed the current FY22 financial position, including a review of the FY23 budget. Ms. Walmsley then presented the financial summary that showed a projected net variance due the final school year counts not being released. There is currently surplus spending for scheduled maintenance work and school spending for programing.

FY 23 Budget Presentation

Ms. Walmsley presented an overview of the budget for Fiscal Year 23 detailing revenue, expenses, and enrollment. Local revenue is recovering, and the organization is taking advantage of some positive deferred revenue. Federal recurring revenues are strong and there is a large infusion from public grants. KNOS is taking advantage of several competitive grant opportunities.

Hancock Whitney Resolution Authorizing Bank Signatories

Mr. Washington introduced the resolutions to authorize bank signatories on three Hancock Whitney accounts held by KIPP New Orleans, Inc. The resolutions were needed to update the signatories to list the new school leaders at three KNOS schools. A motion to approve all three resolutions was made by Mr. Duval and seconded by Ms. Willis. The motions passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CEO Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise shared with the board updates on summer school programming and planning for School Year 22-23. Summer school is at the mid-point. Approximately 1500 signed up for PK-8th grade summer school. Daily attendance has been significantly less than those enrolled, but more than in previous years. Enrichment activities have been added. Current primary goals are an operational reset including busing and custodial maintenance to have schools ready for the start of the new school year. Additional goals include improving school culture, connection and addressing chronic attendance issues. The academic school leader retreat is scheduled for the upcoming week, followed by administrative team and operational team retreats. Safety and security audits are taking place to improve campuses. KNOS is collaborating with Joffe Emergency Services to provide a multi-year plan to implement safety and security priorities, with some plans in place at the start of the new school year. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise advised that KNOS received two grant awards from LDOE Reimagine Grant applications. The awards are for postsecondary preparedness and English Language Learner programming. Lastly, Ms. Kalifey-Aluise shared with the board that KNOS seniors participated in graduation ceremonies, and two student groups experienced international travel. Students from Booker T. Washington traveled to Costa Rica and Frederick A. Douglass students traveled to Paris.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Bailey said that the Governance and Nominating Committee met on June 15th. He provided an update on current officers and terms, including that Mr. Duval's term will expire at the end of the year. Mr. Bailey also advised that the KNOS Bylaws are being reviewed including a proposal to dissolve the Academics Committee but include two deeper academic updates throughout the year intended to engage the full board on school performance. KNOS will apply to the KIPP Foundation to establish an alumni council. The Foundation will accept three new regions and if awarded a council, Ms. Purvis has agreed to serve as chair. Mr. Bailey will begin scheduling board member check-in meetings in July and will contact members individually to schedule time to meet. Lastly, Mr. Bailey advised that the annual KIPP Out of State Alumni Dinner will take place on June 30th at 6pm and will be hosted by Dr. Hurley. He shared the invitation and asked members to attend.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Duval. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shawanda Raphael

Approved by:


Larry Washington, Board President