

International School of Louisiana  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2009

Call to order: 6:15 p.m.

Present:

Board members:

Karen Mayer Dwyer (board president)

Andrew Yon

Grant Ligon

Dottie Nelson

Matt Amoss

Scott Aiges

Staff:

Sean Wilson (board member)

Melanie Tennyson

Pam Stewart

### **I. Call to Order**

1. The board meeting begins with the reading of the ISL mission statement

### **II. Approval of January Minutes**

1. **Motion by Scott:** To approve the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 board meeting minutes with no new changes.
  - a. Second by Andrew.
  - b. Motion passes with no opposition.

### **III. Executive Reports**

1. **Board President**
  - a. Karen presents her report to the board (see attached report).

### **IV. Presentation on changes to the IRS 990 form by Jim White**

1. Jim presents the new changes to the board. Pertinent information can be found in the handouts and PowerPoint presentation distributed to the board (copies are attached).
2. Sample policies and procedures were distributed to the board during the presentation. Electronic copies will be sent to the governance committee chair and board secretary.

### **V. Review and discussion of the charter amendment request application for grade configuration changes.**

1. The board discussed the application and the possibility of adding a 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the next school year.
2. **Motion by Scott:** To decline to submit the charter amendment application.
  - a. Second by Grant.
  - b. No public comments.
  - c. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **VI. RSD High School / ISL High School**

1. The RSD plans to open an international high school in the next school year. The school will have a language immersion component.
2. Karen recaps her prior involvement with the RSD High School effort, presents new developments since her last report, and opens the floor for discussion on the possibility for ISL to apply to operate the RSD High School.
3. The board discusses ISL's role in the high school and the ISL strategic plan.
4. **Motion by Scott:** To state ISL's intention to apply to be the operator of the RSD high school for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - a. Second by Grant.
  - b. No public comments.
  - c. The motion does not pass with five votes opposing.

#### **VII. Strategic Plan**

1. **Motion by Matt:** To create an ad-hoc strategic-plan committee.
  - a. Second by Scott.
  - b. No public comments.
  - c. The motion passes unanimously.
2. Andrew, Dottie, Karen, Matt, Scott, and Sean volunteer to sit on the newly formed committee.
3. The first meeting is scheduled for 9:00am on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Dottie's house.
4. Andrew requests the agenda for the first meeting to focus on ISL's plans for growth.

The board breaks for executive session.

9:05pm motion to adjourn.

Minutes prepared by Matthew Amoss.