

# Idaho Digital Learning Alliance

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
3324 S. Milwaukee Lane, Suite 120, Boise ID 83709  
September 12, 2023

*Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 10:00 AM*

## Board Members Present

- Anthony Butler
- Jeff Schutte
- Randy Jensen
- John Stiffler
- Brian Lee
- Ryan Cantrell
- Lance Hansen
- Norm Stewart

## Board Members Absent

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## Staff Members Present

- Brian Smith
- Jeff Simmons
- Kim Caldrony
- Ryan Gravette
- Jeff Farden
- Jolene Montoya

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## Others Present

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Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome @ 10:00 AM

## *I. Agenda*

The meeting began at 10:02 a.m. MST. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lance Hansen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Butler. The motion is unanimous.

## *II. Consent Agenda*

1. Approval of the Minutes
2. Expenditures
3. Personnel

A request by a board member was made to remove the approval of the August meeting minutes from the consent agenda and place as an action item. A motion to move the minutes under action items and approve the consent agenda of expenditures and personnel was made by Mr. Anthony Butler and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee. The motion is unanimous.

### *III. Action Items*

1. Fund Balance Policy - 2nd Reading  
A motion to accept the second reading of the fund balance policy was made by Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mr. John Stiffler. The motion is unanimous.
2. Library Materials Policy - 2nd Reading  
A conversation surrounding adding a parent or patron to the second paragraph of the review committee for complaints was had. A motion to accept the 2nd reading was made by Mr. Anthony Butler, and seconded by Mr. John Stiffler. The motion is unanimous.
3. August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes - A discussion around increased, more in depth financial transparency was had during the August 1st meeting. A motion to revise the minutes from the August 1st, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Ryan Cantrell and seconded by Mr. Anthony Butler . The motion is unanimous.

### *IV. Updates*

1. Board Member Round Robin  
School district updates and happenings around the state were given. Citizens at Large members provided their industry updates.
2. Student Enrollment - Mr. Jeff Simmons  
Mr. Jeff Simmons provided the enrollment update. Enrollment is up 13% from last fall at 15,644
3. IDLA Rule Update - Mr. Jeff Simmons  
The rule governing IDLA is up this year. Most of the red lettering is clean-up language where it is redundant. This gives power back to the board. The accountability piece, brings IDLA into compliance with our current practice. This was approved by the OSBE at their August board meeting. Out for public comment and then to legislators for approval.
4. Transparency Update - Mr. Jeff Simmons  
Mr. Jeff Simmons provided this update. This topic came up during the last meeting. It prompted a deeper look at what is posted online and at what level. A link has been added to transparent Idaho and the board meeting minutes appear front and center on the new website.  
Mr. Brian Smith spoke to the controllers office as to why our info is not showing up on Transparent Idaho. He was told they have switched over to a new system and this has caused some lags and snafus (not our doing).
5. Principal Rubric - Mr. Jeff Farden  
Mr. Jeff Farden provided an update to the Principal Rubric and the changes. Ultimately this means there is more accountability for our Principals.
6. Over Market Employee Compensation - Mr. Brian Smith  
Mr. Brian Smith provided the overview of the proposal of what IDLA plans to do for those employees over market compensation. It is recommended to the board that any employee who is over the 5% IDLA market analysis, will receive half the board approved raise until they are at the recommended salary level. The idea is to slow them down, not to cap salaries.
7. SDE Funding Committee - Mr. Jeff Simmons  
Mr. Jeff Simmons gave the update. The committee met 3 times, and the budget was submitted for 2025. IDLA was in the children's program. Part of the new budget IDLA will be pulled out and on its own. We will have an annual JFAC hearing, we are a statutory item, a separate process for IDLA. We had some concerns and conversations. This is seen as the appropriate place moving forward. Could be adjustments made through appropriations by legislators. IDLA will be putting out our own proposed funding formula to the committee to be proactive. We flatten the base, the base stays the same every year. As the career ladder adjusts, our amount goes up. This still gives the ability for growth.

The next step is to find a legislator to sponsor and open up legislative rule. Mr. Simmons will keep the board up to date on the next steps.

8. Student Achievement - Mr. Jeff Simmons

Students that took IDLA classes achieved an 86% pass rate last year. The goal was a 90% pass rate. Cohort is at 89%, credit recovery is at 83% Continuing to push the 90% goal.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lance Hansen, and seconded by Mr. John Stiffler at 11:03 a.m.

### ***2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates***

- Monday, October 9, 2023 - Virtual 10:00 a.m. MST
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Face to Face, Boise, 3:00 p.m. MST
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Virtual 11:00 a.m. MST
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 – Face to Face, Boise, 3:00 p.m. MST
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Virtual, 11:00 a.m. MST
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – Virtual 10:00 a.m. MST
- Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Face to Face, Boise, Noon