

Idaho Digital Learning Alliance

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3324 S. Milwaukee Lane, Ste #120, Boise, ID 83709

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January 14, 2025

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Board Members Present

- Mrs. Karla LaOrange, Mr. Norm Stewart, Mr. Jeff Schutte, Mr. John Stiffler, Mrs. Michelle Clement Taylor, Mr. Lance Hansen, Mr. Brian Lee, Mr. Anthony Butler

Board Members Absent

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Staff Members Present

- Mr. Jeff Simmons, Ms. Jolene Del Re, Mr. Jeff Farden, Mr. Ryan Gravette, Mr. Brian Smith, Ms. Kim Caldrony, Mrs. Valerie Doherty

Others Present

- Ms. Jennifer Malone (Public Comment)

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

I. Agenda

The meeting began at 10:02 a.m. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. John Stiffler, and seconded by Mr. Norm Stewart. The motion is unanimous.

II. Public Comment

Ms. Jennifer Malone, resides in Southern Idaho and home schools her children offered public comment. Ms. Malone expressed interest in hearing about the process and any updates to be able to enroll students directly into IDLA courses rather than having to utilize the school district of residence. Currently the process dictates there is no direct enrollment outside of a district. Sited Statute 33-507 where a student may register directly if no current public school affiliation.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Mrs. Karla LaOrange made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Norm Stewart. The motion is unanimous.

IV. Action Items

1. Policies, 1st Reading

- a. #1500 - Board Meetings
- b. #1500-P(1) - Board Meetings
- c. #1510 - Open Meeting Law Compliance and Cure
- d. #1600 - Code of Ethics for IDLA Board Members
- e. #1610 - Board Member Conflict of Interest
- f. #1615 - Director Spouse Employment

A motion was made to move the above policies to the second reading with modifications being made to policy #1500-P(1) after discussion. The motion was made by Mr. Brian Lee, and seconded by Mr. John Stiffler. The motion is unanimous.

2. Policies, 2nd Reading

- a. #1400 - Board Staff Communications
- b. #1405 - Board Use of Email and Social Media
- c. #1410 - Board/Superintendent Relationship
- d. #1420 - Director Expenses
- e. #1430- Director Insurance

A motion was made to move the second reading policies to the final reading with revisions to be made to policy #1405 after discussion. The motion was made by Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mr. Norm Stewart. The motion is unanimous.

3. Policies, Final Reading

- a. #1300 - Governance Policy
- b. #1310 - Administrative Procedures
- c. #1313 - Conflicting Policies and Procedures
- d. #1320- Governance Right

A motion to approve and adopt policies #1300, #1310, #1313, and #1320 was made by Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mrs. Karla LaOrange. The motion is unanimous.

V. Updates

1. Board Member Updates- All

The Board members overseeing school districts provided updates on district priorities, challenges and opportunities. The Citizens at Large provided updates on the business sectors they are affiliated with. As well as current contracts, projects and individual responsibilities with respect to the positions they sit in.

2. Superintendent Update - Mr. Jeff Simmons

a. Legislature Update

Mr. Jeff Simmons is in conversation with SDE regarding Drivers Education as well as a legislator that ran the legislation last year. and he was following up with a legislator that ran that legislation last year. There will be further updates and discussion after more information is shared by JFAC regarding staff raises for state employees.

b. Strategic Plan Progress

- 1.4 Communication Strategy / Parent Engagement

Mrs. Valerie Doherty, the IIDLA communication and brand manager

Updated the board on 3 items that are currently being worked on - Availability of the parent app, portal announcement, and newly created handouts that are postcard size. They have also been translated into Spanish. A QR code takes them to a parent perspective video on the app and how to get started. Also,, starting this month, an IDLA monthly newsletter. Also, will add an opt-in widget on the website that can parents can sign up with as well.

- 4.4 AI Work

Mr. Jeff Simmons - IDLA intentionally includes AI into our learning. The Supervision and instruction team has been working on using this.

Mr. Jeff Farden expanded to say the teachers need help here as well, and the focus is on increasing our teachers' understanding and use of it. This is being done with monthly training - Just in Time.

Mr. Ryan Gravette also spoke about a registration process using AI. Leadership will determine the roadmap on how to move forward. The student adoption of AI will be more challenging. Another area of advancement is agentic AI - performing tasks instead of just replying and giving answers.

3. Google Under 18 Requirements for YouTube in Schools - Mr. Ryan Gravette

Mr. Ryan Gravette informed the Board about Googles new requirements. As a school district you must revalidate that you are getting parental permissions within Google workspace as well as YouTube. This will be required annually. Access to YouTube will be removed if this agreement is not signed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Stiffler, and seconded by Mrs Michell Clement Taylor at 11:06 a.m. The motion is unanimous.

<i>2025 Board Meeting Dates</i>
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- Tuesday, February 4, 2025 – Face to Face, Meridian, Noon MST
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - Virtual 11:00 a.m. MST
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - Virtual 10:00 a.m. MST
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - Face to Face, Meridian, Noon MST