

June 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Title

38. SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE BASED AGREEMENT WITH IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC., IDEA JACKSONVILLE #1

Recommendation

- 1. That the Duval County School Board approve the School of Hope Performance Based Agreement for an initial 5-year term with IDEA Florida, Inc.; and,**
- 2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the Superintendent to execute the contract upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel.**

Description

Schools of Hope and the Schools of Hope Program are authorized by Section 1002.333, F.S. This law, enacted in 2017, provides the authority for the State Board of Education to designate a non-profit organization with tax exempt status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that operates three (3) or more public charter schools serving students in grades K-12 in Florida or other states with a proven record of serving students from low-income families as a *Hope Operator*.

A Hope Operator may establish a School of Hope (with multiple campuses) in the attendance zone or within a five (5) mile radius of a school identified as a persistently low-performing public school, pursuant to Section 1002.333, F.S. A *persistently low-performing* school is defined as a school that has earned three (3) grades lower than a "C," pursuant to s. 1008.34 F.S., in at least 3 of the previous 5 years and has not earned a grade of "B" or higher in the most recent 2 school years.

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.0998271, F.A.C., the Florida Department of Education has developed a standard School of Hope Notice of Intent form and School of Hope Performance-based Agreement for Schools of Hope. A Hope Operator seeking to open a School of Hope must submit the completed Notice of Intent (Notice) and School of Hope Performance-based Agreement (PBA) forms to the Superintendent of the school district in which the persistently low-performing school has been identified by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Upon receipt of a complete Notice and draft standard form PBA from the Hope Operator, the District must enter into a PBA with the entity within sixty (60) days to open one or more public Schools of Hope to serve students from persistently low-performing schools.

While the School Board and Hope Operator may negotiate the terms of the standard form PBA adopted by the State Board of Education, the Hope Operator or School Board may petition the State Board of Education to appoint a General Magistrate for dispute resolution if the parties fail to enter into a PBA at least sixty (60) days after submission of the Notice. However, Section 1002.333(11)(c), F.S., mandates that the General Magistrate cannot make any recommendations that alter in any way the provisions of the standard PBA. Additionally, under Section 1002.333(11)(d), F.S., failure to enter into an agreement will result in the State

Board of Education entering into the PBA with the Hope Operator. Finally, a school district that does not enter into a PBA within the 60-day timeframe, shall reduce the administrative fees withheld for charter school oversight and compliance pursuant to Section 1002.33(2), F.S., to one (1) percent for all charter schools currently in operation in the District. Upon execution of the PBA, the District may results withholding the full amount of administrative fees; but may not recover any fees that would have otherwise accrued during the period of noncompliance.

IDEA Public Schools, Inc., was approved by the State Board of Education as a Hope Operator on March 27, 2018. The District received a Notice (Attachment A) and draft PBA on April 23, 2020, from IDEA Public Schools, Inc. IDEA Public Schools, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that currently operates schools in Texas, Louisiana and Hillsborough County Florida. IDEA Florida will operate four schools on two sites opening in August 2022 with two additional schools on one additional site in August 2023 or later. The four persistently low-performing schools identified are Annie R. Morgan Elementary, Ramona Boulevard Elementary, Hyde Park (3-5) Elementary and Gregory Drive Elementary, each who were identified in 2019 by the FDOE as a persistently low-performing public school. IDEA Florida has not determined its physical location at this time, but must be located within a five (5) mile radius of the persistently low-performing schools listed in its Notice.

The mission of IDEA Public Schools is to prepare students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship.

IDEA Jacksonville #1 plans to begin classes on August 8, 2022.

The projected enrollment is as follows:

Year 1	Grades K-2, up to 348 Grade 6, up to 120
Year 2	Grades K-3, up to 464 Grades 6-7, up to 240
Year 3	Grades K-4, up to 580 Grades 6-8, up to 360
Year 4	Grades K-5, up to 696 Grades 6-9, up to 480
Year 5	Grades K-5, up to 696 Grades 6-10, up to 600

The National Board of Directors for IDEA Public Schools, Inc., is as follows:

- David Guerra, Chair, Realtor, Coldwell Banker
- Xenia Garza, Chair-Elect
- Al Lopez, Treasurer, Economic Growth Business Incubator
- Ryan Vaughan, Secretary, Anderson Bean, Olathe, and Rios of Mercedes Boot Companies
- Michael Burke, Member

- Preston Castille, Member
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- Bill Martin, Member, Raymond James
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- Ed Rivera, Member
- Eric Ziehe, Member, NAI RGV
- Collin Sewell, Member, Sewell Family Companies

Gap Analysis

Below is a list of schools in the surrounding areas of the Charter School, including school grades and building utilization:

SCHOOL	School Grade					Utilization				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
Annie R. Morgan ES	F	D	C	C	D	86%	78%	78%	73%	61%
Ramona Blvd. ES	C	C	F	D	D	83%	93%	79%	75%	72%
Hyde Park (3-5) ES	D	D	C	F	C	80%	58%	61%	50%	44%
Gregory Drive ES	D	D	D	D	C	87%	84%	75%	66%	68%

Previous Outcomes

IDEA Jacksonville #1 will be governed by IDEA Public Schools, Inc. This organization does not operate any other charter schools in Duval County.

Expected Outcomes

Charter schools are expected to: improve student learning and academic achievement; increase learning opportunities for all students, with special emphasis on low-performing students and reading; and provide parents with sufficient information on whether the child gains at least a year's worth of learning for every year spent in the charter school. IDEA Jacksonville #1 will be evaluated annually based on the performance goals in the PBA. A

recommended time for a new PBA will be brought to the Board prior to the end of June 2027.

Strategic Plan Goal

Intentional Focus on Student Achievement and Well-Being

Financial Impact

The per student allocation, including The Full Time Equivalent of approximately \$6,000 per student, follows each student who enrolls in a charter school.

Florida Statutes are silent on a district's ability to collect an administrative fee.

Contact

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Attachments

1. Annie_R_Morgan_Elementary (1)
2. Ramona_Elementary
3. Hyde_Park_Elementary
4. Gregory_Drive_Elementary
5. JaxPBA_School #1 final
6. IDEA Jacksonville NOI_Final_Complete