



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Posted in compliance with California Assembly Bill 361

Location: Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

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Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Mary McCullough, Karina Fedasz, Matthew Swanlund, Victoria Graf, Raj Makwana, Julie Brensike Grimm, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Staff/Guests: Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Mike Johnston, Jessica Oney TK-5 Principal, Kimberly Johnson WISH Academy Principal, Chelsie Murphy 6-8 Principal

Absent: Fernando Guerra, Susan Kim

III. VIRTUAL MEETING BOARD RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO AB 361

Item:	Board Resolution regarding Virtual Board Meetings pursuant to AB 361
Description:	Resolution regarding necessity for continued virtual board meetings due to Emergency Declaration re COVID-19 Pandemic
Purpose:	Brown Act Compliance
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

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Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

IV PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Item #1:	Executive Director’s Special Report on COVID-19/Return to Campus, Independent Study, and Implementation
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Update on Distance Learning and Return to Campus (b) Food delivery/lunch program (c) Subgroup service delivery (d) Governance and board meetings (e) Employees and vendors (f) Graduation requirements (g) Attendance and Engagement Tracking (h) Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (i) COVID update (j) ESSER Funds plan (k) Independent Study (l) Mask Accomodation for SWD
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	15-20 min
Minutes:	<p>Principals report - Start of the year has been going very well. BTSN was a success. Spirit initiatives are in place like HS bubble parade to foster community and having fun. Conversations with SpEd director to help HS students with paraprofessional support to gain more independence. HS and MS have aligned schedules for the first year ever which has opened many doors for highly accelerated learners and cool opportunities. The National History Day MS team is flourishing as is MathCounts team and National Scripps Spelling Bee. MS Conferences are coming up. Partnerships with families, students and advisory teachers for comprehensive data chats are upcoming. More MS classes have opened in Music and Art which is spearheading growth with the VAPA pathway in HS. Compliance requirements are different this year for COVID testing at home. Finished extended opportunities contracts with West LA Extended Day and Evolution Sports.</p>

	Connecting with Darrin Early at LMU regarding Gates Grant 1, 3 and NASA. Continues to offer free breakfast and lunch with lunch vendor. Starting barcode scanning application system and wristbands along with a new ordering system soon.
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Item #2:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	(m) Academic Achievement Report (n) School Climate and Culture (o) Human Capital
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Internal data shows ES made enormous gains in reading 10-12 month growth, 100% graduation rate and 84% A-G graduates, 90% of pupils accepted to 4 year colleges. Launching the school year with AB1505 verified data requirements will ensure 95% completion and will ensure all students are increasing growth throughout the school year. Principals doing excellent job with school climate and culture along with institutionalized support. Transfer of data from Illuminate to Infinite Campus resulted students being misidentified as out of district, in overallocation fees. WISH is working with the district on reimbursement and onmaterial revisions daily. On target for enrollment - 6 spots for ES and 25 lower than projected at HS so plan to redo the budget in October. WASC has begun. All teaching and admin positions are filled. Mandatory PD has occurred. Committed to making sure everyone understands how to implement iReady and Renaissance verified data software.

Item #3:	Annual Fiscal Training
Description:	Board Fiscal Training
Purpose:	To continue to keep the Board of Directors current with fiscal oversight responsibilities
Presented By:	Mike Johnston
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time	10 min
Minutes:	Tabled training until October meeting.

Item #4:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of monthly financials and current/projected budget updates, includes discussion of unaudited June 2022 Financial Report
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min

Minutes:	Ended year with \$214k over budget. LCFF decreased revenues. State at last minute enacted hold harmless on ADA. Working with auditors to figure out where going to book LCFF revenue. These funds are not included in 21-22 but might get added. Block grants were received and WISH will create plans and do recordings on these funds..
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Item #5:	Legislative and General Updates/Brown Act Training and Compliance
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any). Annual discussion of Brown Act policies.
Purpose:	Board Informative, Understanding the Brown Act's Open Meeting Requirements.
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Powerpoint Presentation
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Tabled training until October meeting.

Item #6:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Board meeting set for September 18th, published first unaudited annual report, receiving a lot of emails with interest from families in how to help with Gala and Party Books. BTSN presentations by Miles Remer and Raj Makwana were extremely helpful.

Item #7:	Curriculum Update
Description:	Report from Curriculum Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Vicki Graf
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	5 min
Minutes:	Went over data and outcomes at last meeting. Board commends what teachers and staff have done with instruction especially with the challenges due to COVID and with re-entering on campus learning. The nation has regressed in literacy and math while WISH has gained especially at the Elementary School.

Item #8:	CA School Dashboard Indicators
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items in yellow or below
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy

Est. Time	5 min
Minutes:	The dashboard will be populated with the data soon. Data is currently embargoed. WISH is hitting targets in all other areas from attendance, outreach and support, parent partnerships and teacher support.

Item #9:	EL Outreach Update
Description:	Outcomes of past outreach/new strategies to be implemented
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	See Executive Director's monthly report
Est. Time	10 min
Minutes:	Hired two individuals to support with parent conferences and translation of documents for about 4-10 hours a month. Two new office support team members are spanish speaking which is helpful to spanish speaking families.

Item #10:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Mary McCullough
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	No updates at this time.

VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS: Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

Item #1:	Approval of Board Minutes from June 23, 2022, Special Board Minutes from July 11, 2022 and August 11, 2022 (both written and audio)
Description:	Review and approve June 23, 2022, July 11, 2022 and August 11, 2022 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	June, July and August Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #2:	Spring 2022 Consolidated Application Submission for WISH Community School
Description:	Review, discuss and vote on proposed ConApp for federal funding
Purpose:	Required submission annually for federal funding
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In board folder
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #3:	Spring 2022 Consolidated Application Submission for WISH Academy
Description:	Review, discuss and vote on proposed ConApp for federal funding
Purpose:	Required submission annually for federal funding
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In board folder
Est. Time:	2 min

Raj Makwana moved to approve items 1-3, Ben Tysch seconded. The roll call vote on the consent agenda was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	Y	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	-	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Nomination/Election of New Board Officers and Members		
Description:	Elect Treasurer position		
Purpose:	Board approval required		
Presented By:	Miles Remer		
Materials:	None		
Est. Time	10 min		

Ben Tysch was nominated and accepted the Treasurer position. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve; Mary McCullough seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	Y	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item #2:	New Board Policy on The College Level Examination Program (CLEP)		
Description:	Review proposed CLEP policy; discussion and vote to ensure policy is compliant		
Purpose:	Oversight		
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton		
Materials:	In board folder		

Est. Time:	5 min
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Tabled until October meeting. Waiting to hear back from Charter School Development Center.

Item #3:	FY21/22 Unaudited Actuals Report for WISH Community School
Description:	Review and vote on unaudited actuals for WISH Community School
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In board folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Ben Tysch moved to approve; Karina Fedasz seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	Y	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item #4:	FY21/22 Unaudited Actuals Report for WISH Academy
Description:	Review and vote on unaudited actuals for WISH Academy
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In board folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Karina Fedasz moved to approve; Matthew Swanlund seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	Y	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item #5:	Contract/Expense Approval
Description:	Approve 3rd & 4th Grade Retreat Expense
Purpose:	Amount of Expense Requires Board Approval
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In board folder
Est. Time:	2 min

Julie Grimm moved to approve; Ben Tysch seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
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Dr. Vicki Graf	Y	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item 6:	Board Policy to Approve CLEP Test
Description:	This test will allow students to receive credit for 2 or more years of language acquisition as part of their foreign language requirements for A-G for applying for out of State schools.
Purpose:	Allows students to receive credit for work done outside of WISH Academy
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In board folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Duplicate item so no vote required.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Purpose and Authority:</u> <u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action–</u> OAH Case No. 2021110011 -- In Re FEF Closed session subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) • California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) • California Government Code section 54956.9(e)(2) • California Government Code section 54956.9(e)(5)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

No closed session occurred.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.