



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021, 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 Dr. Danelle Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Danelle Fisher, Matthew Swanlund, Karina Fedasz, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Ben Tysch, Miles Remer

Staff/Guests: Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Janine Bielski, Mike Johnston

Absent: Mary McCullough, Vicki Graf

III. REVIEW OF CURRENT EMERGENCY STATUS, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361 :

Board reviewed the current emergency pandemic-related governmental orders and declarations, and make findings relevant thereto in compliance with AB 361, as set forth in Board Resolution. The vote on the Board Resolution was as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

IV. 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
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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) CoVerify COVID testing (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:	Dr. Draxton reported that robust testing protocols remain in place, and the prior week there were no positive cases. Ongoing community updates will continue bi-weekly, eventually moving to every third week and then monthly. All faculty and staff on campus have been vaccinated and all pupils on sports teams have been vaccinated. Dr. Fisher has been attending calls and is available for questions. Very few students have disenrolled due to vaccination issue.

Item #2:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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:	Parent/teachers conferences went very well. SBAC data should be available this or next week. WISH Academy homecoming is will occur this week with over 200 tickets sold. Spirit Week began this week. The traditional Elementary School Storybook Parade and Middle School Fall Celebration will go forward, with the priority of ensuring students safe, enriching experiences with parent participation. Prop 39 conversations are still ongoing for this school year and documents are being worked on for the November 1 deadline for next year. Enrollment is ES 491, MS 287, HS 254. All schools are WASC accredited. Compliance Binder is near complete, signed off on by principals in October and by Board in December for January deadline.

Item #3:	Finance Updates
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Description:	Review of monthly financials and current/projected budget updates
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Miles Remer/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	WISH budget reflects updates re PPP and other items. LCFE revenues show enrollment is currently under budget projections (21 ES/MS, 42 HS), mostly due to moves to other states or distant areas, not to local schools. LAUSD's enrollment is down 6% as are the majority of schools in the area. Received relief from state for state unemployment insurance. A revised budget will be brought forward in the next 1-2 months that incorporates these revisions.

Item #4:	Legislative and General Updates/Brown Act Training and Compliance
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	The provisions and requirements for newly passed AB361 were discussed at the outset of the meeting.

Item #5:	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:	WISHForward has identified a Gala chair, and the gala is slated for March 19, 2022. Discussing budget and theme. Sending touchpoints of what WISH is up to to potential sponsors.

Item #6:	Curriculum Update
Description:	Report from Curriculum Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Vicki Graf
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	5 min
Minutes:	Tabled until next month

Item #7:	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:	Reviewed 2019 data from WISH Community and WISH Academy. Data is not available for 2020.

Item #8:	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:	Spanish speaking outreach tour is coming up. Translations via interpreters on Zoom have made accessibility easier.

Item #9:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Danelle Fisher
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Board members have been reaching out to possible candidates.

V. 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 September 9, 2021 (written and audio)
Description:	Review and approve September 9, 2021 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	September Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #2:	Board Member -- Leave of Absence
Description:	Acknowledgment of leave of absence for Matthew Swanlund through December 2021
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Danelle Fisher
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	2 min

Item #2 withdrawn. For item #1, Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve the minutes; Karina Fedasz seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Proposed ESSER III Expenditure Plans for WCS and WAHS
Description:	Two proposed expenditure plans (one for WCS and one for WAHS) pursuant to Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provides funding to LEAs through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER I) Fund, to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.
Purpose:	Review, discussion and vote
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time	15 min

Board discussed the available ESSER III funding program. Money will be spent on COVID testing programs and addressing loss of learning. Ben Tysch moved to approve the item, Miles Remer seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

Item #2:	New or Revised/Amended Board Policies
Description:	Proposed new or revised/amended policies as follow: 1. Public Records Policy (updated from 2011)
Purpose:	Review, discussion and vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time	15 min

WISH has had a PRA policy in place for the last 10 plus years. This update will align with CCSA's templates to ensure best practices. Karina Fedasz moved to approve the item, Ben Tysch seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice</i>	Y
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		<i>President & Secretary</i>	
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

Item #3:	Vendor Contracts: Unity Meals
Description:	Proposed agreement with Unity Meals for school lunch program
Purpose:	Review, discussion, vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	in Board Folder
Est. Time	5 mins

Contract was reviewed by Ben Tysch and Suzanne Madison Goldstein and will roll out in the second semester. Miles Remer moved to approve the item, Karina Fedasz seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

Item #4:	(Revised) Board Resolution Regarding <i>WISH Academy High School Charter Material Revision to Add Independent Study Option, Add Enrollment Preference for Students Matriculating from WISH Community School's 8th Grade, and Clarify Lottery Preference for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities</i>
Description:	Board Resolution, adopted in May 2021, regarding submission of a material revision of the WAHS charter, has been revised and updated to include an admissions preference for matriculating WCS eighth grade students and to clarify language regarding students with moderate to severe disabilities (aka significant support needs)
Purpose:	Compliance with California state law and LAUSD rules regarding material revisions
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	in Board Folder
Est. Time	5 mins

WISH has submitted a material revision notification to the district. The board resolution requires tweaks based on district feedback which is why resolution has been revised and resubmitted for board vote. Enrollment preference for 8th to 9th grade matriculation is included. Ben Tysch moved to approve the item, Miles Remer seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

Item #5:	(Revised) Board Resolution Regarding <i>WISH Community School Charter Material Revision to Increase Enrollment, Add Independent Study Option, and Clarify Lottery Preference for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities</i>
Description:	Board resolution, adopted in May 2021, regarding WISH Community School Charter Material Revision to Increase Enrollment, Add Independent Study Option, and Clarify Lottery Preference for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities (aka Significant Support Needs) has been revised and updated to clarify language regarding students with significant support needs
Purpose:	Compliance with California state law and LAUSD rules regarding material revisions
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	in Board Folder
Est. Time	5 mins

Resolution to be submitted in the next two weeks. Miles Remer moved to approve the item, Matthew Swanlund seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

Item #6:	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease (ELC) Grant for WISH Academy
Description:	Board approval requested so that WISH Academy High School can contract with LACOE to be reimbursed for the COVID-19 testing program through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) grant
Purpose:	Review, discussion, vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	in Board Folder
Est. Time	5 mins

Finance team shared that the ELC Grant provides a stream of money via LACOE from the federal government for testing reimbursement. Allocation requires board approval. Miles Remer moved to approve the item, Karina Fedasz seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

Item #7:	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease (ELC) Grant for WISH Community
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Purpose:	Review, discussion, vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	in Board Folder
Est. Time	5 mins

Finance team shared that the ELC Grant provides a stream of money via LACOE from the federal government for testing reimbursement. Allocation requires board approval. Dr. Danelle Fisher moved to approve the item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel

This item was withdrawn as unnecessary and no closed session was conducted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.