



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Location: In Person at Address Below

WISH Community School (TK-5)
6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045

and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

[Zoom Link](#)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Raj Makwana, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Julie Grimm,
Dr. Fernando Guerra, Matthew Swanlund

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Jason Rudolph

Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Karina Fedasz, Ben Tysch, Mike Johnston

Zoom Participants

Mary McCullough	Dr. Shawna Draxton

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

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Item 1:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	Comprehensive monthly report to the board on all operational and organizational matters, including academic achievement, climate and culture, human capital, and health and safety (including COVID-related matters as required)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Dr. Draxton participated via Zoom from South Africa, where she is participating with Dr. Graf in an educator research trip. Continuing to follow latest guidance, sent out notification to families regarding COVID protocols. Receiving ELO-P funds, will continue to provide 9 hour school days which include morning and afternoon and additional 20 days when not in school session (West LA Extended Day at ES; Got Game is the new middle school program). Faculty and staff are using embargoed data and internal verified assessment data to plan beginning of the year instructional cycles. Faculty and Staff focused on school culture during PD weeks and various community events have taken place (. ES Playdates for every grade level, MS Ice Skating, Meet and Greet for TK-5 and Orientation for 6-12). Reviewed Oversight Visit Reports for Community School results. WISH is very pleased with the majority of ratings. A rating of 2 was received within the O11 category relating to teacher misassignments under the new statute.. WISH will work closely with LACOE to ensure every teacher assigned to correct coursework and credentials. Discussed teacher retention incentives. School Site Council Meetings dates are listed on the Report. Hiring is nearly complete. Mandated Trainings are in the process of being completed by all faculty and staff.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of financials and updated forecast.
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	End of year financials are not ready. April financials are similar to May's financials so bypassing this item for this month.

Item #3:	Legislative and General Updates
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min

Minutes:	Not aware of any at this time. Will report more next month.
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Item #4:	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:	Karina Fedasz is out of the country.

Item #5:	Curriculum Update
Description:	Report from Curriculum Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Vicki Graf
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Dr. Graf is out of the country.

Item #6:	CA School Dashboard Indicators
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes?	Data is the same as before and does not include the 22-23 data yet.

Item #7:	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:	The district mentioned in the oversight report that we doubled our numbers.

Item #8:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Miles Remer reported that Jason Rudolph, former board member, attorney, and WISH parent, has agreed to rejoin the board. He is currently the COO and General Counsel for a charter school in the Pico Union area. Rudolph shared his C.V. - Highlights are that he

	has been a practicing attorney since 2005, graduate of LMU and a student of Dr. Guerra's.
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Item #9:	Board Committee Charters
Description:	Continue to Discuss March Retreat's takeaways - any Charter update from the Facilities Committee?
Purpose:	Strategic planning
Presented By:	Miles Remer/Julie Grimm
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	15 min
Minutes:	Charters are being finalized. The Facilities Committee charter will be provided before the next meeting so approval will happen at the September meeting.

Item #10:	CalSAS Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Report that we need to submit to show that everyone is properly credentialled.

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 June 20, 2023 and Special Board Minutes from June 29, 2023
Description:	Review and approve June 20, 2023 and June 29, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	June 20 and 29 Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Raj Makwana moved to separate this item into A and B consent items.

- A) Raj Makwana moved to approve the June 20th meeting minutes on the consent agenda, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The item passed 5-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - Guerra, Zoom - McCullough).
- B) Julie Graff moved to approve the June 29th special meeting minutes on the consent agenda, Dr. Fernando Guerra seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Swanlund,

Guerra, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - McCullough).

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Review and approval of FY 23/24 Consolidated Application for Title Funding for WISH CS and WISH Academy
Description:	Review and approve
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The Consolidated App submission is routine. Amounts vary on student counts, approximately under \$100k. SSC advises on how to spend the funds.

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Guerra, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - McCullough).

Item #2:	Nomination/Election of New Board Officers
Description:	Acknowledge Matthew Swanlund’s departure, Elect new officers
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min

Acknowledgement and appreciation to Matthew Swanlund for all of his work on the board. He has been one of three long standing board members and the board looks forward to celebrating him upon Dr. Shawna Draxton’s return.

Matthew Swanlund moved to re-elect Jason Rudolph, Dr. Fernando Guerra seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Guerra, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - McCullough).

Item #3:	2023-24 Contracts
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KQ Management, Inc. ● Alder ● Planet Bravo ● Technology ● Teachers on Reserve ● Edwell ● Enterprise Van Sales (van purchase) ● Rogue Films (Gates Grant Filming) ● CIMI Toyon Bay - 5th Grade Catalina Retreat ● The Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America - 8th Grade Retreat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CCSA Membership Dues ● Care Solace Contract ● Misc. Curriculum (MS Science, HS PLTW CIM, ES/MS Ready Classroom/iReady ELA and Math)
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In folder
Est. Time:	5 min

KQ Management is for the consultant who is working on the charter revision documents. Alder is resident teacher contract, Planet Bravo is continuing tech education TK-6, No technology contracts at this time, TOR is sub teacher agency, EdWell is third year staff coaching that receive grant for it, Enterprise Van Sales is for specialized van for athletic program generously donated by the Goldstein Family, Rogue Films x, Retreats, Care Solace is help connect people with mental health challenges with providers, misc curriculum. All are budgeted items.

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Guerra, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - McCullough).

Item #4:	Homeless Policy
Description:	Review and Approve
Purpose:	Required 3-year review
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In folder
Est. Time:	5 min

WISH has had the same policy since 2015. It needs to be reviewed every 3 years. WISH's homeless liaison is Kimberlie Traceski. The board noted that typical requirements don't apply to charter schools. WISH has received tremendous support and response when reaching out to WISH community members for aid with families and students experiencing this hardship.

Matthew Swanlund moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Guerra, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - McCullough).

Item #5:	Alt Credentials for any staff members
Description:	Notify board of teacher positions with alternative credentials
Purpose:	Hard to hire positions notification
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 minutes

WISH presents this item to the board every year. This pertains to local assignment options for ACE and PACE classes, which are college prep.

Matthew Swanlund moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Guerra, Goldstein, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Fedasz, Tysch, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - McCullough).

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action</u> – OAH Case No. 2022110060 Closed session subject to: California Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4), 54956.9(e)(2), 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

Item #2:	Anticipated Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9(b)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Anticipated Litigation with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

Closed items are tabled until the next meeting.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.