



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 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](#)

Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Julie Grimm, Karina Fedasz, Jason Rudolph, Dr. Mary McCullough, Ben Tysch

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton

Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Dr. Fernando Guerra, Suzanne Madison Goldstein

Zoom Participants

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Mike Johnston	Raj Makwana, left at 6:07pm
Jenny Hontz	

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:	<p>Thank you to families and board members who came to last night's WISH Academy tour. Continuing with COVID protocols per Dept of Health. WISH continues to offer ELO-P 9 hour program on all school days and 20 additional days. Commitments have been made to WLAED to continue the program; MS ELOP for 23-24 for Camps during Winter, Spring, and Summer session. LMU partnership has many things happening with an additional grant on the LMU and WISH teams' plate, partnering with SWIFT and SIP, LMU student teachers in place for Fall. Lunch is going well and nothing has changed. Academic achievement shared since SBAC Comparison Data 22-23 is now available, was embargoed until yesterday. Grades 3-8, 11 show ELA and Math scores are higher than LAUSD and State. Pleased that there was growth but need to still work on gaps. Reason that 11th and 12th grade Science is low is because of timing with college applications and acceptances. WISH outperformed adjacent schools on every level. School culture is finishing Q1 events - HS had homecoming game, pep rally, homecoming party, tours, spirit week this week, upcoming events include ES Storybook Parade and MS Fall Festival. Had a co-located meeting with MS HS site to discuss some challenges. New petition is on hold for now. Enrollment is ongoing. WASC approval for both schools is 6 years. Oversight dates have been selected, Professional Development is currently focused on Math.</p>

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of financials, updated forecast and real estate analysis
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	<p>Enrollment is currently 53 students below budget, resulting in a \$669K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$602K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$822K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Forecast also includes \$1.8M of unrestricted revenue from the ERC tax credit. Real estate assessment of current climate shows that rent has dropped 28% or more, so plan to redo projections to present at the next board meeting.</p>

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/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Jason Rudolph mentioned that Newsom's veto of AB-1604 will be helpful to charter schools.

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:	WISHForward is currently reviewing what they may be able to offer in terms of financial support to WISH in the areas of communications and fundraising, including supporting a communications consultant for the next few months. Their annual report should come out next month.

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:	No update at this time.

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:	Was covered earlier in the meeting. No substantive changes at this time.

Item #7:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update and Discuss Board Profile Chart
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None

Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Still looking for one additional board member.

Item #8:	Board Committee Assignments and Charters
Description:	Discuss current assignments and Committee Charters
Purpose:	Strategic planning
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein is currently reviewing all charters.

Item #9:	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:	Following very closely. Have plans in place for any notification. Have made adjustments to syllabi and courses.

Item #10:	Compliance Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of Policy Bulletin-5532.1 (Policy on Co-Locations for District School Facilities' Use Pursuant to Education Code Section 47614 (Proposition 39)) ● Highlights of New Laws
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	The board plans to discuss Highlights of New Laws next month while the staff works internally on the action plan. Reviewed LAUSD Policy Bulletin-5532.1 in great detail. Conversations ensued regarding the bulletins and what service use agreements exist besides WISH's final offer of the Prop 39 signed document. Alt Agreements, SUA, FUA were also mentioned.

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 August 10, 2023
Description:	Review and approve August 10, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote

Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	August Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Item 2:	Approval of Board Minutes from September 14, 2023
Description:	Review and approve September 14, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	September Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Ben Tysch moved to approve both items on the consent agenda, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 6-0-2-1 (Y - Remer, Grimm, Fedasz, Rudolph, McCullough, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Makwana).

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	WISH Investment Policy
Description:	Proposed WISH Investment Policy previously reviewed by board and edited in alignment with board feedback presented in fina form for vote
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Ben Tysch
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

The board discussed this during the September meeting. This policy includes protections the finance committee wants to take. The intention to stick around for a while to grow the funds. Tried to ensure a balance of opportunity and safety. Karina Fedasz noted that the title should be consistent throughout the policy. Jason Rudolph would like guardrails added in policy for how much to invest and how much cash on hand or a summary to reference WISH fiscal policy and procedures and what need to abide by for an investment cap.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item as it stands, Jason Rudolph seconded. The item didn't pass 3-2-3-1 (Y - Remer, Grimm, Tysch, N - Fedasz, Rudolph, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - McCullough, Zoom - Makwana).

Item #2:	Updated Fiscal Policy
Description:	Revisions to Align with Current Budget Size and Best Practices
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Ben Tysch
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Goal is to change the financial authority level for the executive director. Fiscal policy changes need to be approved prior to investment policy getting approved. Item tabled.

Item #3:	Board Approval of CL 500 - Declaration of Need
Description:	Declaration of need for fully qualified educators
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

This is new for charter schools since AB-1505 was passed. Have a few emergency credentials needed for both schools. Form needs to be filed but needs approval first.

Jason Rudolph moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Grimm, Fedasz, Rudolph, McCullough, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Makwana).

Item #4:	Independent Study Policy Revision
Description:	AB 181
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Language was added to section 7g to reflect that the policy complies with the updates in the 2022 Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill (AB 181).

Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Grimm, Fedasz, Rudolph, McCullough, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Makwana).

Item #5:	WISH Academy Family Handbook Revision
Description:	Adding A-G language to reflect VAPA, Sports and other class selections that will be taken over multiple semesters and different years to count as 1 years worth of credit
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Handbook was revised to add new language from University of California admissions webpage for F) Visual and performing arts, UC-approved high school courses

“One yearlong course of visual and performing arts chosen from the following disciplines: dance, music, theater, visual arts or interdisciplinary arts — or two one-semester courses from the same discipline is also acceptable.”

Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Grimm, Fedasz, Rudolph, McCullough, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Goldstein, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Makwana).

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item 1:	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

No closed session occurred.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.