



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Posted in compliance with California Assembly Bill 361

Location: In Person at Address Below and 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, Raj Makwana, Julie Grimm, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Matthew Swanlund

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

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:	Consideration of 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

Virtual meetings will sunset at the end of February. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Dr Vicki Graf 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	Y	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:	(a) Update on Distance Learning and Return to Campus (b) Food delivery/lunch program (c) Safe Schools Plan (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/ELOP Funds plan (k) Independent Study
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	15-20 min
Minutes:	Masking and COVID tests not currently required. 8th graders were tested before this week’s retreat. Winter Break camp was wonderful, continuing with 9 hour program as plan indicates. Will have Spring Break plan. Lunch vendor remains the same, app working well, lines moving faster. Need to request 2 additional quotes for next year per standard protocol. WISH outperformed district and state with grade level standards 21-22. As always will provide targeting support to students so we can always improve. BOY data has been evaluated and MOY data is forthcoming.

Item #2:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	(l) Academic Achievement Report (m) School Climate and Culture (n) Human Capital
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton

Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	<p>Used COVID funds in a targeting way for new reading lab at elementary school. Students have been receiving instruction and have had huge gains in growth.</p> <p>High School girls basketball team is undefeated and boys soccer and basketball teams are doing very well. Grade level service projects have begun. Retreats are happening. High School bio medical pathway is managing upcoming blood drive. High School civics pathway is managing Rock The Vote. Beach clean up is on 2/11.</p> <p>In negotiations with the district for facilities. Have accepted the Community ADA projections but need to discuss Academy's projections further. District is asking for a Community Impact Study for the request for a consolidation of TK-12. Dr. Graf suggested that LMU faculty may be able to assist with this request.</p> <p>Pre-WASC meeting went great. Thanks to Raj Makwana and Suzanne Madison Goldstein for attending. Board retreat and WASC interviews will occur on March 5. Thanks to Mary McCullough for providing space at LMU for both meetings. Will need board support for upcoming Site Review Meetings.</p>

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of monthly financials and current/projected budget updates
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	<p>Meeting yesterday evening went well. Looking better than expected which is good news. ADA has picked up a little bit because revised first several months to include independent study students. LCFF revenue is a little higher than last few months. No new variances to talk about regarding the November forecast. Governor released January 2024 budget. LCFF COLA is over x% so it's a little bit better than what was expected.</p>

Item #4:	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:	5 min
Minutes:	No updates

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:	Gala tickets are available now for March 18th event, sponsorship deck will be sent out to the board members. Take a look at WISHForward.org for more party book events. Golf event is happening May 8th. Sushi making was a sold out event. Business networking event at Hotel June is at the end of February and will be announced soon.

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:	<p>WISH is doing extraordinarily well in academic achievement for its students. WISH has to outperform LAUSD <u>and</u> the state of California which has been accomplished. Dr. Draxton and the principals take data collection and analysis very seriously in terms of continuously improvement. WISH has incorporated new internal assessments processes so they can monitor growth over the year on top of what the district and state require.</p> <p>WISH applied and came close to receiving Distinguished School status which is very competitive.</p> <p>California is really struggling in the area of literacy. Thanks to Pilar Chavez, WISH is doing exceedingly well.</p> <p>Dr. McCullough echoed Dr. Graf's appreciation of WISH leadership and how they are helping students meet their markers.</p>

Item #7:	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:	Due to a discrepancy with data submission, items marked X Not Met are not accurate.

Item #8:	EL Outreach Update
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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:	Getting ready for Spanish tour in March! In both offices have full time staff who speak Spanish. Providing additional support for Amharic speaking families via Zoom.

Item #9:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Will cover this at the upcoming strategy meeting since the board has one open space currently.

Item #10:	Board Retreat
Description:	Discuss March Retreat
Purpose:	Planning
Presented By:	Miles Remer/Julie Grimm
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	March 5th at LMU. 8:30 arrival, 9am kick off until 3:15. Objective is to go through what the strategy is for the year and imperatives of the board and what they want to accomplish. Also will be looking at committees and how imperatives tactics which need to be executed tie into committees' objectives.

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 December 13 2022 (both written and audio)
Description:	Review and approve December 13, 2022 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	December Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve the item on the consent agenda, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Leased Equipment – Photocopiers for all sites
Description:	Replacement copier contract due to poor performance of current third party services
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board folder
Est. Time	5 min

Xerox’s service company was bought out and wasn’t fulfilling their service. Staff investigated several alternatives and presented their findings. The Circle offered the best contract option and will buy out the Xerox contract. Julie Grimm moved to ratify the contract with Circle/Toshiba, Karina Fedasz seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item 2:	Salary Table Ratified
Description:	Ratification of 22-23 salary table inadvertently omitted in approved budget packet
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Miles Remer/Ben Tysch/Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

When the budget was initially approved, the salary table was omitted by mistake. Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item 3:	Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
Description:	To review and, as appropriate, show the approval of the plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Every six months WISH is required to share that there are changes to on campus plans based upon the Department of Public Health’s recommended guidelines. WISH makes changes when changes come out and doesn’t wait for the sixth month mark. Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item #4:	School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - WISH Community School
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	SARC materials in board folder
Est. Time	10 min

Portal from the state hasn’t opened yet so the document has been created without the state’s pieces which will be included with the document publishing. Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

Item #5:	School Accountability Report Card (SARC) - WISH Academy High School
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	SARC materials in board folder
Est. Time	10 min

Portal from the state hasn't opened yet so the document has been created without the state's pieces which will be included with the document publishing. Matthew Swanlund moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<p><u>Purpose and Authority:</u></p> <p><u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated litigation–</u></p> <p>Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case</p> <p>Closed session subject to:</p> <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 Anticipated Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

The Board entered closed session at 6:15 pm.

The board came out of closed session at 6:28pm. Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows:

The following action was taken: The Board voted to authorize Dr. Draxton to resolve a settlement within certain parameters and gave Dr Draxton authority within certain thresholds to settle the case. Ben Tysch moved, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The roll call vote 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	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	-

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.