



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2023, 6:00 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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz, Raj Makwana, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Dr. Mary McCullough, Julie Grimm, Ben Tysch

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

Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Fernando Guerra, Matthew Swanlund

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston

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>Continue to follow guidance from LA Department of Health, if more directives given will follow them. ELOP program is 9 hour program and will continue throughout summer. Additional days were offered in between the end of school year and the beginning of summer school. Looking for a middle school provider for this program for the new school year. Anticipated filming for Gates Grant this summer. Contract is below for voting. Continuing with the current lunch vendor. Breakfast and lunch is offered during iur summer programs. Some Data is coming in from SBAC and CAA scores. Starting to use information as an administrative group. ELA results are fantastic across the board. Some sub groups show significant gains for Math. Some students made 24 months of growth with last year’s ELA growth. Looking at designing Math Lab for 23-24. Soft data regarding parent attendance is really strong. 66 graduates and so many parents attended the high school graduation which was held on the football field. Thanks to Miles Remer for attending and speaking. Many summer parties coming up for all grade levels. Middle schoolers are going through WEB training and high schoolers have Link Leader training. Summer beach BBQ is the theme of this year’s July 4th float. Prop 39 negotiations have finished as of today. Keeping same footprint at Orville Wright and similar footprint at the WESM campus. Outcomes are good for all stakeholder groups. Enrollment offers have been made and Jennie Brook is watching the list closely. WASC visits for both schools have been completed and are waiting on the WISH Academy letter. Still waiting for final reports for both schools LAUSD Site Review visits. SSC Council members are continuing to work together on the current action plans which are grounded in LCAP priorities. Hiring is top priority. Maya Lohith is our new Middle School Principal. Teacher credentialing has changed significantly over the last few years and will be addressed later in the meeting. Mandated training will occur over summer PD and materials are being prepped right now. Owl feedback from parents, students, staff is evaluated to support PD direction.</p>

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of April 2023 financials and updated forecast.
Purpose:	Board Informative

Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	ADA has been reported final P2 on last set of financials so no real changes here. Net income of \$42k which is below what was shown on last forecast due to Governor's May proposal included cuts to some programs to the Music and Learning Recovery block grants. Looking good on cash side. Working on an investment policy and facility acquisition and development fashion.

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:	None at this time.

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:	Started looking at goals for next year and calendar has been updated. The launch of the \$10m One WISH - One Campus campaign has been doing very well. With their funding, WISH Forward is currently reviewing what they may be able to offer to help provide some support to Dr. Draxton in the areas of fundraising and marketing. Finances are about \$66k for general fund with a capital campaign total of over \$200k.

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, so no updates 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:	Nothing new right now. Hopefully the dashboard will start to populate soon. All results privately released are embargoed.

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:	WISH makes sure there is always someone on campus who can interpret to families as well as provides interpreters for online functions.

Item #8:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Miles Remer reported that he has a potential candidate and anticipates meeting with that individual and expects to advise the board at the next meeting of the status.

Item #9:	Board Committee Charters
Description:	Continue to Discuss March Retreat's takeaways
Purpose:	Strategic planning
Presented By:	Miles Remer/Julie Grimm
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	15 min
Minutes:	Have received 3 out of 5 charter documents from committee leads. Working on getting the others in and using them to guide committee work.

Item #10:	CalSASS 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:	Notification received regarding mis-assignments. It was noted that the changes brought about by AB 1505, and subsequent adjustments to those changes, created some misunderstanding about the new requirements. LACOE has been fantastic with the process. For some staff, we were able to obtain updated credentials under 1505.

	Others needed reassignment and others are currently working on additional credentials. Creative solutions are being pursued while assuring that all rules are being followed.
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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 May 11, 2023 (both written and audio)
Description:	Review and approve May 11, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	May Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - Tysch).

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Guest Lectures and School Visits in South Africa
Description:	Work related duties/international travel
Purpose:	Board approval needed
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time	5 min

Dr. Draxton has been invited to attend with an educator collective to South Africa, with the goal of sharing best practices in inclusive education and conducting research and assessing the educational landscape in terms of its inclusivity. Excited to be invited to share what WSH offers globally. Class, ability, gender and race inclusivity are main topics. Dr. Draxton will be discussing WISH's six tenets and micro/macro structures. Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - N/A).

Item #2:	Gates Filming Contract
Description:	Filming for Gates Grant 1
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time	5 min

This agreement furthers the work of the prior Gates Grants received by WISH. Contract includes a description of what the film crew will be working on. Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - N/A).

Item #3:	Ratification of SELPA Notification of continuance of option to leave COP
Description:	Annual collective letter to LAUSD
Purpose:	Annual notification to LAUSD regarding SELPA option
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time	5 minutes

Dr. Draxton reviewed the annual notification letter, which WISH typically signs along with other charters. While no SELPA change is anticipated, this notification is simply a precaution as those other SELPA options are evaluated. Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - N/A).

Item #4:	PRA Request
Description:	Listing of Legal Fees Request from District
Purpose:	Review and vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time	10 min

Suzanne Goldstein clarified that this item is a discussion item, and was inadvertently mislabeled as an action item. She shared generally the Public Records Act requirements and scope. She indicated that WISH had received a PR from LAUSD concerning legal fees paid to claimants' counsel in IDEA matters, and that WISH had timely responded and stated that it would provide the requested records. The requested documents will be provided in the next few days.

Item #5:	Chromebook Order for 23-24 for Teachers
Description:	Total order for new Chromebooks for upcoming academic year is over ED approval range per WISH fiscal policies and procedures
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	None
Est. Time	5 min

Because the majority of the inventory is 2014-2017 and the district would like a year to determine a replacement plan, it is proposed to purchase new chromebooks for the teachers who are not DIS providers. Goal is to find the best option to make the teachers happy. Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - N/A).

Item #6:	Budget for 23-24
Description:	Presentation of the proposed combined operating budget for WISH Community and WISH Academy
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston
Materials:	None
Est. Time	5 min

A robust conversation occurred to discuss net assets, losses, cash and reserves. LAUSD wants to see positive net assets and net assets are not decreasing over time. The suggestion was to create a mitigation plan at the beginning of the school year once the governor's plan is finalized and ADA is set. Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed 6-0-3-1 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - Grimm).

Item #7:	WISH Community School & WISH Academy High School LCAP
Description:	Review and discussion of proposed revisions and updates to LCAP for coming year; vote re same
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston/Jennie Brook
Materials:	None
Est. Time	5 min

This item is tabled until an emergency board meeting occurs before July 1st. Proposed date is Thursday, July 29 at 5:45pm.

Item #8:	22-23 EPA Spending Plan Approval
Description:	Review and discussion of EPA Spending plan
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston/Jennie Brook
Materials:	In folder
Est. Time	5 min

A portion of the normal education budget needs to be voted by the board to go towards administrative salaries. Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - N/A).

Item #9:	2023-24 Contracts
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chartersafe Insurance Contract ● Alder GSE Education Services - Ratification of the 23-24 contract, plus Resident Commitment letters for Michelle Noble and Tori Ushirogata
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In folder
Est. Time	5 min

Chartersafe is the insurance contract and Alder is the resident teachers contract. Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Goldstein, McCullough, Makwana, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Swanlund, Guerra, Abstain - N/A).

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

The Board entered closed session at 7:55pm. The Board came out of closed session at 8:05pm.

Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows:

No action taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.