



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**WISH Community School (6-8) / WISH Academy High School**  
**7400 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz, Raj Makwana, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Matthew Swanlund, Dr. Mary McCullough, Julie Grimm, Fernando Guerra  
 Staff/Guests: Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Mike Johnston  
 Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Ben Tysch

Zoom Participants

	Mike Johnston, ExED

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Executive Director Monthly Report</b>
<b>Description:</b>	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)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

<b>Minutes:</b>	<p>Continuing to follow guidance from Dept of Health, continue to work with WLA for ES and . Continue Gates Grant - teachers videoed over summer, Summer lunch program is happening. Academic achievement - AP exams, state testing, science testing. Tons of school culture. Preparing for second musical, Link leaders connecting with 9th graders, HS Football team keeps winning. Excited for WISH-a-palooza, everyone getting ready for the 4th of July float. Prop 39 - accepted offer on May 1. Required to accept space allocated to us, however asked for alternative agreement from board district 4 leadership and representation. Proposed to forgo Paseo since there are many classrooms available on the WESM campus. WISH has been allocated approximately 2 more classrooms at Orville Wright and the same amount of space at WESM. WISH is asking in alt agreement exact same space at all of the campus as last year with an addition of 2 more classrooms at WESM, forgoing 9 classrooms at Paseo. Enrollment has ceased for this year. High ratings from the WASC accreditation team. WISH Community received a 6 year renewal which has gone to Carvalo, and WISH Academy's letter is forthcoming. Only WASC approved elementary and middle public school in Westchester! LAUSD Oversight follow up has been finalized. Final SSC of the year is coming up. Trainings and hirings have concluded for this year.</p>
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<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of March 2023 financials and updated forecast.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	<p>Filed P2 Attendance Report which counts for funding for the year. Reran every attendance report and doing this accounted for a lot more independent study. Attendance rate picked up in the last couple months. It is at 1067 which is up where we were on the last forecast which added more LCFF revenue. Big picture is much better because it freed up revenue for next year. New grants aren't in the budget yet. Looking at ending the year with about \$2m in bank which is 45 days cash on hand which is where we want to be. The only new variance was for non instructional software. The Governor's May revise will come out next week, so next year's budget will be ready for next month's board meeting.</p>

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Legislative and General Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).

	SB 224, AB 27, SB 400, AB 824, AB 101, SB 722, SB 97, AB 367, SB 14, AB 181, AB 182, Government Code Section 54957.95, Ed Code 49501.5, AB 740
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Overview of listed legislative updates. Curriculum for High School will need to include Ethics Studies in 2025. Brown Act changes include removing individuals due to disruption. Bunch of budgeting and trailer bills are included.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>Development/WISHForward Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Karina Fedasz
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Launched \$10m One WISH campaign. With the recent golf tournament, WISHForward had 133 golfers in attendance and net profit looks like it totaled \$35-40k. Next meeting is in June. Will highlight achievements. As of today, \$230k in total is in both accounts.

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Curriculum Update</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Report from Curriculum Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Vicki Graf
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	No update at this time.

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>CA School Dashboard Indicators</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discuss CA Dashboard items
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Went in depth on the dashboard and identified strengths and created a plan for weaknesses with recent Oversight and WASC visits. WISH exceeds state numbers in all but a few Math sub groups. Evaluating what we are doing with our sub groups every week with teachers.

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>EL Outreach Update</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Outcomes of past outreach/new strategies to be implemented

<b>Purpose:</b>	Oversight
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	See Executive Director's monthly report
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Numbers are rising in this area. Continue to be grateful for online access for translator services, parent meetings, etc.

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>Board Development and Recruitment</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Board chair indicated that WISH is currently vetting a proposed candidate.

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>Board Retreat Wrap Up/New Board Committee Role Assignments</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Continue to Discuss March Retreat's takeaways
<b>Purpose:</b>	Strategic planning
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer/Julie Grimm
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	15 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Target next month for each committee to create their charter. Committee folders will be included in the umbrella Board folder.

**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.

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Approval of Board Minutes from April 27, 2023 (both written and audio)</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve April 27, 2023 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	April Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

Matthew Swanlund moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed 7-0-1 (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Swanlund, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Tysch, Abstain - Guerra).

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>ExED Contract for 2023-24</b>
<b>Description:</b>	ExED's Notice of Terms Supplement for the 2023-24 fiscal year for

	WISH. This document outlines updates to ExED's contract terms and fees for the upcoming fiscal year.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval necessary per ExED
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min

This is notice of an update of rates since we have an evergreen contract. Increase of 8%. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously (Y - Remer, Fedasz, Swanlund, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Tysch)

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>WISH Wellness Policy</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review updated local School Wellness Policy as tied to the National School Lunch Program, discuss stakeholder input in the development of the policy and annual progress report per 42 U.S.C.A. § 1751, et seq.; 42 U.S.C.A. § 1771, et seq.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min

This item was moved Item #7. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously (Y - Remer, Swanlund, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Tysch, Fedasz)

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>ERC Funding</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Engagement letter from ERC Consultant & Tax Attorney Michael Williams
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote to approve the engagement of Michael Williams to apply for ERC funding
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 minutes

ERC is the employee retention credit through a government program similar to the PPP. WISH has been told by a consultant that WISH could potentially qualify. The consultant is a tax credit attorney who specializes in charter schools and works on contingency. Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The item passed 7-0-1 (Y - Fedasz, Swanlund, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Tysch, Abstain - Remer)

Karina Fedasz left the meeting at 6:25pm.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>23-24 WISH Community School Instructional Minutes</b>
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<b>Description:</b>	Review and approval of the WISH Community School instructional minutes for the next school year
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

WISH Community School’s instructional minutes will be the same as last year. Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously (Y - Swanlund, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Tysch)

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>23-24 WISH Academy High School Instructional Minutes</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approval of the WISH Academy High School instructional minutes for the next school year
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

WISH Academy High School’s instructional minutes will be the same as last year. Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously (Y - Swanlund, Goldstein, McCullough, Grimm, Makwana, Guerra, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Tysch)

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>Chromebook Order for 23-24 for Teachers</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Total order for new Chromebooks for upcoming academic year is over ED approval range per WISH fiscal policies and procedures
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min

This item has been tabled until more information comes from the district in terms of whether they will provide replacement devices.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Conference with legal counsel re pending action– 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)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC

<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

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

The Board entered closed session at 6:32pm. The Board came out of closed session at 7:35pm.

Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows:

No action taken.

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.