



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Location: In Person at Address Below

WISH Community School (6-8)/WISH Academy High School
7400 W. Manchester Avenue, 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 5:04pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton

Absent: Jason Rudolph

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston	Dr. Fernando Guerra
Ben Tysch	Rosario Ramos, LAUSD
Jessica	Nick

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

¹ Please see Notice No. 2 at the end of this agenda for complete public access information. Please note that in compliance with the Brown Act, as modified by AB 361, the physical locations of individual participants are omitted.

Item 1:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	Comprehensive monthly report to the board on all operational and organizational matters, including academic achievement, grants, 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:	No new COVID updates. ELO-P funds are being used at the ES and MS. LCAP/WASC goals (23-24 Schoolwide and Administrator Goals) are reviewed more deeply quarterly and weekly with principals where they show how they are moving the goals forward. LMU partnerships - meeting today for filming next week by SWIFT to be used by educators across the nation. Using footage as a source of material for some of the Gates programs. Other grants are also being worked on with LMU regarding replication and expansion for the high school. Administrative leadership expertise is being included in the partnership. Breakfast and lunch program is going well. Last month the board looked at data in comparison with adjacent and state schools. Schools doing deep dive in Math. Renewals are in 2027 and academic data is impactful. Our data was fantastic, very pleased with the faculty and staff. Financial literacy modules with Ernst and Young. Visitors from South Korea. Prop 39 application was submitted. Petition update is currently being worked on. Working on WASC and LCAP goals. LAUSD Oversight visits have been scheduled. School Site Council meetings dates are listed and all are welcome.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of September 2023 financials, updated forecast, real estate analysis, LCAP monitoring and progress towards goals
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Raj Makwana/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Review of September financials. Enrollment is currently 53 students below budget, resulting in a \$652K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$654K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$770K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Forecast also includes \$1.8M of unrestricted revenue from the ERC tax credit.

Item #3:	Legislative and General Updates/Annual Brown Act Training
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Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Brown Act Training
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	Tabled until December so that Jason Rudolph can provide the training which he has been doing at a number of other 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:	\$115k has been collected in pledges. Awarded \$50k from Ackerman Foundation. Should have their annual report out soon. Annual Golf Tournament 2024 to be held on April 15, 2024. Annual Gala 2024 to be held on March 9th 2024. The first Party Book event looks to be a Studio MDR on December 3, 2023 from 1:30-4:30pm and is being hosted by the Stybel family. Dr. Vicki Graf suggested a pickleball tournament as well.

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. Plan to report at the December meeting.

Item #6:	Facilities Update
Description:	Report from Facilities Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Fernando Guerra
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Tabled until next month's meeting.

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:	No new updates. We do have academic data but there is no public data on the dashboard that can be reviewed right now.

Item #8:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	WISH still has an open board spot. Please share any candidates with Miles Remer.

Item #9:	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:	All of the committees' charters have been completed and reviewed by Suzanne Madison Goldstein. She is reformatting the Facilities charter. Charters do not need to be approved by the board but will be tracked and reviewed.

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:	WISH is regularly having meetings to determine compliance.

Item #11:	Compliance Monitoring
Description:	<p>Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlights of New Laws ● Review Uniform Complaint Procedures and Updated State Requirements ● The end of the year is approaching and it is time for the Form 700 Annual Process of updating our agency's roster. To fulfill the annual requirement under the Political Reform Act, please verify our agency's and filers' information. ● UCP policy, procedures and forms ● LAUSD's Keeping Parents Informed: Charter Public School Transparency Resolution ● Ed Code 215 (adoption and compliance of pupil suicide prevention policy)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title IX policy and materials per AB181 • Ed Code 51224.7 (adoption of and compliance in board agendas and minutes for mathematics placement policy) • Ed Code 215 (adoption and compliance of pupil suicide prevention policy)
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Suzanne shared that the Executive Committee elected to include this new standing item in order to track against targets set for us by the district. In addition, highlights of new laws were reviewed. Finally, Janine has developed a tracking document for board policies so can stay on top on internal or legislative changes. We are currently on track and aligned with all policies.

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 October 19, 2023
Description:	Review and approve October 19, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	October Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

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

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Revised Board Approval of CL 500 for WISH Community School- 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 item was approved at the last board meeting, however the CTC requires that each school is voted upon separately.

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed 7-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Graf, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Tysch, Guerra).

Item #2:	Revised Board Approval of CL 500 for WISH Academy-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

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Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed 7-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Graf, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Tysch, Guerra).

Item #3:	Master Plan for EL Certification for WISH Community School
Description:	Required English language learner master plan
Purpose:	Annual Board approval needed per the CSD
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder

WISH adopts the same plan as the district's master plan since it is a very comprehensive and well done document.

Julie Grimm moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 7-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Graf, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Tysch, Guerra).

Item #4:	Master Plan for EL Certification for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Required English language learner master plan
Purpose:	Annual Board approval needed per the CSD
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder

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Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed 7-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Graf, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Tysch, Guerra).

Item #5:	Prior Year Annual Audit Review and Board Approval
Description:	Presentation of Annual Audit and Audit Committee Recommendation

Purpose:	Review, approve and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Jennie Brook
Materials:	In Board Folder

Audit committee met and reviewed the audit. It is the third year in a row with a clean audit. Minutes of the meeting and the report combined includes the audit committee's approval to approve the audit. Thank you to Mike Johnston, Jennie Brook and the audit company, CLA.

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 7-0-1-0 (Y - Remer, Goldstein, Grimm, Graf, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - Tysch, Guerra).

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

The board entered closed session at 5:42pm.

The board came out of closed session at 6:07pm. Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows: No action was taken. The board has authorized Dr. Draxton to continue negotiations.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:08pm.