



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2024, 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 5:06pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Karina Fedasz, Dr. Mary McCullough, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Miles Remer, Raj Makwana, Jason Rudolph

Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski

Absent: Ben Tysch, Dr. Victoria Graf, Julie Grimm, Fernando Guerra

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	Yolanda Jordan, LAUSD

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, 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>WISH continues to inform families of the latest guidance from the county – most recent was on 1/23/25. ELO-P continues to be offered including Spring Break, WLAED and Spring program. Schoolwide and Admin goals were reviewed in LCAP Plan, and LMU partnership team will visit this week to review educational practices. Academic achievement was looked at in depth: staff is using SBAC comparison data to look at progress in smaller teams, faculty and staff focused on math instruction and tiered supports including using CAST interim data for Science and CAASPP. WISH Academy did extremely well at Acadeca competition: students received 51 medals, came in 8th overall and 3rd in charter school category. Huge kudos to Ms. Doyle and her team! A prestigious national Naismith Award nomination was received by one of our basketball players, Aidan Goldstein. Our high school music teacher, Mr. Illko, recently won a Grammy for best instrumental arrangement. Prop 39 agreements have come in. All enrollment offers have gone out for 24-25. Oversight visits are coming up, board members are coming to preliminary synopsis. School site council meeting will happen February 21 and May 8. DEI trainer coming again for Full Group PD on February 24.</p>

Item #2:	Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)
Description:	Tools for local educational agencies to set goals, plan actions, and leverage resources to meet those goals to improve student outcomes
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Covered within Item #1. The board has reviewed these documents a few times over the school year. Teachers, WCA and SSC leadership teams are constantly looking at the documents and data.

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of December 2023 financials, updated forecast, real estate analysis
Purpose:	Board Informative

Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Enrollment is currently 57 students below budget, resulting in a \$634K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$776K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$956K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Forecast assumes \$1.8M of unrestricted revenue from the ERC tax credit is received in June 2024. If ERC tax credits are not recognized until next fiscal year, the net loss for FY23/24 would be -\$1.18M and ending cash would be \$828K. Successful in opening up brokerage account. Market analysis with SB740 overview was presented by Raj Makwana.

Item #4:	Committee Updates
Description:	Audit Committee Curriculum Committee Executive Committee Finance Committee Facilities Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Committee Chairs
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	15 min
Minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Committee <p>Auditor will need a new engagement agreement for this year's audit; the board will approve in March if this is necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee <p>Tracking committee activity against strategic goals set up at board retreat, succession planning</p>

Item #5:	Legislative and General Updates
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAUSD Bulletin BUL-5469.3 Lockdown and Rapid Relocation Procedures for All Schools
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	30 min
Minutes:	As a co-located school, WISH needs to update our policies when LAUSD updates their policies. WISH has asked the district to participate in their active shooter trainings. Evacuation for the earthquake last week was handled using these policies.

Item #6:	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 annual impact report was published and sent out. The board thanks Karina and her team for an outstanding report. Printing out 100 copies for meetings. Fundraising registration has started.

Item #7:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Any ideas or recommendations for the last spot are appreciated.

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:	It was decided at the last meeting that this item is no longer needed as a standing agenda item. It will be removed for the next board meeting.

Item #9:	CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	No new information posted since the last time the board met. Next charter renewal is 2027.

Item #10:	CalSAAS 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:	Every request that has been made has been responded to. Reviewing former years as well as going forward. Have been exploring CTE credentialing and pathways.

Item #11:	Compliance Monitoring/LAUSD Oversight
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Oversight Visit
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	No updates. The board appreciates all of the systems set up by the central team to support with our upcoming oversight visits..

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 January 11, 2024
Description:	Review and approve January 11, 2024 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	January Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Rudolph, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Graf, Grimm, Abstain - 0, Zoom - N/A).

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 final form for vote
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Raj Makwana
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Not many changes since the last time this policy was initially presented in October. The board should be a landing spot with thresholds placed within the policy for money market accounts. A resolution from the board is an absolute when money is moved between different financial institutions. The board can then delegate to the staff the ability for the guardrails within the thresholds since the brokerage account isn't a sweep account.

Jason Rudolph moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Rudolph, Makwana, Fedasz,

McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Graf, Grimm, Abstain - 0, Zoom - N/A).

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/Raj Makwana
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

The board discussed the proposed revisions to the fiscal policy, which the Finance Committee crafted to strike a balance between practical day to day operational needs and exercising maximal oversight to protect the school and its finances. Proposed adjustment to approval threshold for Dr. Draxton for contract, invoice and expenditures is more in line with best practices at similarly-sized organizations.

Jason Rudolph moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Rudolph, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Graf, Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - N/A, Zoom - N/A).

Item #3:	WISH Community School academic calendar for 24-25
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

Not many changes for next year. 183 days for LAUSD, 180 days for WISH. The calendars are tracking the same next year as they did for last year.

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Rudolph, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Graf, Grimm, Abstain - 0, Zoom - N/A).

Item #4:	WISH Academy High School academic calendar for 24-25
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

This calendar is the same except for exam weeks.

Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Rudolph, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Graf, Grimm, Abstain - 0, Zoom - N/A).

Item #5:	WISH Board meeting calendar for 24-25
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Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

The board discussed the need to adjust the June meeting date to the last Thursday of the month (June 26, 2025). If there are any deviations to this calendar once it is published, the new dates will be designated as special meetings.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Jason Rudolph seconded with the amendment of the adjustment of the June date. The item passed unanimously 7-0-3-0 (Y - Goldstein, Rudolph, Makwana, Fedasz, McCullough, Remer, Tysch, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Graf, Grimm, Abstain - 0, Zoom - N/A).

Item #6:	WISH Community School LCAP Mid-Year Update
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The item was withdrawn, as a vote is not necessary at this time and the item was agendized in error.

Item #7:	WISH Academy High School LCAP Mid-Year Update
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The item was withdrawn, as a vote is not necessary at this time and the item was agendized in error.

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 President announced that the board would go into closed session pursuant to the above-cited statute at 6:45 pm. The board came out of closed session at 6:51pm. The board president reported out as follows: No action taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.