

**Board of Directors of Wayside Schools
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2018**

John Troy called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Board members present: John Troy, Stacy Erb, David Shelly, Glenda Ballard, Suzanne Kho

Staff present: Meghan Jones, Crystal Goolsby, Matt Abbott, Mary Ann Spracher, Deroald Hopkins, Francisco Garcia, Marcia Molinar, Brian Clason, Lisa Drummond, Bardo Montelongo

Guests present: Kay Marley-Dilworth, EPA PTO representative and Wayside community member

Public Comments: Kay Marley-Dilworth, the parent of a fourth grade Wayside: Eden Park Academy scholar, shared her concerns regarding the new uniform policy for 2019-20. She shared with the board how significant the cost differences will be for one semester between the old uniforms and the new uniforms. She requested the board reconsider this uniform policy change, taking the increased costs into account. John Troy thanked Kay Marley-Dilworth for her comments, noting the board cannot take immediate action on public comments.

July 18, 2018 board meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Glenda Ballard made the motion to approve the minutes. Stacy Erb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:12 PM, David Shelly made the motion to recess to take a tour of the new school building. Suzanne Kho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:47 PM, Suzanne Kho made the motion to reconvene the meeting in open session. David Shelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Matt Abbott informed the board the Dashboard update is tabled until September for revisions to the Dashboard format for the 2018-19 school year.

Meghan Jones provided a fundraising update. Meghan Jones provided a list of Austin-based companies to see if the board members have connections to anyone on the list, as she is looking for Corporate sponsorships for fundraising events.

Meghan Jones then informed the board they are at 88% participation in their annual give/get requirements.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Bradshaw Campus is scheduled for September 13th. There have been 120 RSVPs so far. Tours of the campus will follow the ribbon cutting.

The Employee Giving Campaign has brought in \$8,000 so far. The highest participation is at Wayside: Altamira Academy.

Meghan Jones and Ashlei Brittany are organizing a pledge drive called Active for Athletics. The goal is to raise money to add more sports equipment at each campus.

Meghan Jones then informed the board Wayside: Altamira Academy will receive a grant from Kaboom for a playground. Dates for the playground build are still being negotiated, but it will most likely be in December.

Francisco Garcia provided an enrollment update. Network-wide attendance is at 96.29%. Enrollment is at 79.23%. The goal from now until the end of August is to follow up with applicants immediately. His team also made the question regarding how families heard about Wayside Schools mandatory on enrollment applications, to figure out how to best focus marketing efforts. In addition, the enrollment team is planning community events.

Matt Abbott presented the board with a foster care transportation policy for consideration. He explained Texas schools are required to have a policy regarding transporting foster care students to and from school. Stacy Erb made the motion to approve the policy. David Shelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt Abbott then presented the board with a policy to limit public access to staff, student, and family directory information when asked for via public information requests. The policy states the types of directory information Wayside can protect. Stacy Erb made the motion to approve the policy. David Shelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt Abbott provided a construction update. There are still many small issues to tackle at the Bradshaw campus, but the biggest issue is Internet access. The IT director has been trying to get Internet on site since February, and he finally had a breakthrough with fiber entering the building, but it still needs to be connected to the larger network. The campus is using Internet via cellular hotspots for now.

Matt Abbott also informed the board the Bradshaw site now has a full Certificate of Occupancy.

Deroald Hopkins added, with the completion of the Bradshaw campus, Wayside is eligible to apply for funds from the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA). Wayside will be competing with other schools in the state for these funds. If Wayside is awarded the funds, the school will receive them by the end of the 2018-19 school year.

The Superintendent's annual evaluation and possible action was tabled for Executive Session, as allowable by law.

Discussion and possible action on the Board Self-Evaluation was tabled for September. John Troy made the motion to table the evaluation. Glenda Ballard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Academic Officer Report

Marcia Molinar presented the August Academic report. Wayside Schools received a D preliminarily under the new state accountability rating system. Wayside: Sci-Tech Middle and High School, Wayside: Eden Park Academy, and Wayside: REAL Learning Academy all Met Standard. Wayside: Altamira Academy was rated Improvement Required.

Marcia Molinar then provided a staffing update. The academics team added a secondary Literacy Specialist for the middle and high schools, an elementary Literacy Specialist, a K-8 Math Specialist, and a Head of Schools. Mary Ann Spracher added that she held interview panels for three high school principal finalists this week, and they may have found a final candidate for the role.

Marcia Molinar informed the board the academics team is taking extra measures this year to ensure scholar success. Some beginning-of-the-year testing was removed to give instructional time back to teachers. New language arts materials were purchased for grades k-5, including multicultural books so the scholars can see themselves in the characters to foster greater interest in reading. Teacher and classroom progress will be discussed weekly, and additional help is being hired to accommodate the number of teachers who will soon be taking FMLA leave.

Discussion concerning specific students was tabled for Executive Session, as allowable by law.

Discussion and possible action on Special Education services concerning specific students was tabled for Executive Session, as allowable by law.

Chief Operations Officer

Deroald Hopkins presented the Statement of Activities as of July 31, 2018. Some items from July and August are still getting paid from the 2017-18 payment schedule. The 2018-19 payment schedule does not start until September.

Wayside is also beginning the process of applying for an accelerated pay schedule with TEA. From September through November, Wayside Schools will be paid 50% of its annual funding, if approved. Some Federal funding rolled over to 2018-19 as well, and Deroald Hopkins and his team are working on the Federal grant application for 2018-19. Wayside received a preliminary FIRST rating of Superior, based on 2016-17 financials. The rating will be made official later this year and the board will need to hold a public hearing at that time.

Deroald Hopkins shared that the contract with Austin Charter for shuttle and field trip bussing services was officially executed.

Discussion and updates concerning specific personnel issues were tabled for Executive Session, as allowable by law.

At 8:45 PM, Suzanne Kho moved that the board exit open session and enter into executive session to discuss all items allowable by law. Stacy Erb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:50 PM, Stacy Erb motioned that the board exit Executive Session and enter open session. Glenda Ballard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As a result of executive session and the completion of the annual Superintendent evaluation for 2017-18, David Shelley made the motion in open session to fulfill the performance bonus for all evaluation measures deemed as being met satisfactorily by the board's performance review, as listed in the 2017-18 Superintendent contract. Furthermore, David Shelly motioned that the board renew Matt Abbott's contract for the 2018-19 school year, pending final legal review with counsel, and John Troy's approval and execution on behalf of the board as Board President. Glenda Ballard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:55 PM, Suzanne Kho moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenda Ballard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.