Wayside Board Meeting
July 23, 2020
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Board Members Present: David Dunn, Stacey Erb, Glenda Ballard, Lillian Diaz-Gray, John Troy, Melinda Smith, Noah Wittman

Staff Present: Matthew Abbott, Francisco Garcia, Halley Cade, Jessica Santos, Lauren Whittfield, Hope Astor, Kierstin Howard, Lauren Besser, Susan Pommerening, Tammy Underwood, Vanessa Ruiz, Marcia Molinar

Guests: None

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:02, Roll call to establish quorum, all board members present and accounted for.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Minutes:
Review of June 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Lillian Diaz-Gray moved to approve meeting minutes from June 18, 2020, John Troy seconded the motion, roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.

Consent Agenda
The consent agenda was reviewed by board
  a. District Improvement Plan Draft Authorization for 20-21
  b. Asynchronous Attestation for TEA Waiver(s) for Remote Learning
  c. Onsite and Remote Learning attendance policy for SY 20-21
  d. Modifying school calendar for SY 20-21 if required to comply with Governmental Agencies for compliance for COVID-19 operations.

Board agrees to Item D being removed from consent agenda and postponed to another meeting.

Stacey Erb moved to accept the consent agenda items and authorize Wayside Staff to move forward with TEA submissions and policy ratification and for the board to approve the items presented, minus Item D. Glenda Ballard seconds, roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Report
  a. Discussion and possible action on Updates to School Operations for SY 20-21 due to COVID-19, Reopening Plan, Waivers and Resolution for TEA

Matt Abbott presented updates around remote learning, reopening and waivers from TEA. School begins remotely August 12, 2020. Learning will be remote until local ordinances will allow schools to open on September 8, 2020.

TEA will require onsite options, but currently 75% of families projected to choose remote learning. Currently, a waiver is automatically approved for 1st 4 weeks of school as allowed by TEA. By
having a COVID-19 Resolution will continue to be a standing agenda item so that it may be addressed at each board meeting as needed.

Stacey Erb moved to adopt an updated COVID-19 resolution dated July 23, 2020 to allow leadership to have flexibility to continue operations during COVID-19 as described in the resolution, Lillian Gray seconds, roll call votes, the motion passes unanimously.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update

Halley Cade presents enrollment update. 556 applications in, heavy marketing strategies are in place including email, canvassing, I Heart Media, Univision spanish ads and banners, and Direct Mail. Wayside has partnered with the Latino Coalition for a PPE drive happening at REAL 7/25/20 and flyers will be handed out. School campuses held facebook live "Meet the Principal" events the week of July 19-24. Families Empowered hosted a Facebook live with Matt Abbott. The Operations Team contacted all applicants who have not finished enrollments and called through previously declined and having success re-enrolling scholars. TEA waived enrollment boundaries for the 20-21 school year and Wayside is experiencing applications outside of typical recruitment boundaries, but it is limited. TEA has procedures in place to provide a hold harmless period for average daily attendance for the first 12 weeks of the 20-21 school year.

Jessica Santos presents current fundraising efforts and goal of growing Wayside Schools giving network. Board member monthly meetings discussed and efforts to increase the circle of giving.

c. Wayside Strategic Planning Update

No updates at this time, the timeline has been extended until October.

d. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent evaluation progress review was Tabled for Executive Session

Chief Academic Officer Update

Susan Pommerening presents and discusses increased needs for trauma counseling and caring for basic needs to equip scholars to be able to learn effectively. Routines and sense of community will be emphasized for remote learners. Asynchronous learning model will have synchronous components to allow active live feedback for scholars. Scholars will continue to receive a full curriculum and prepare for next grade level or college readiness. Wayside Schools will meet and exceed required daily instructional minutes. Grading will follow usual pre-COVID policies, attendance will be taken daily to measure progress. Devices and hotspots will be distributed as needed to scholars.

b. Discussion and possible action on participation requirements and continuation of Extracurricular/Sporting activities for scholars during COVID-19
Participation in extracurricular activities will be encouraged and follow guidelines of TEA, the governor and local ordinances for remote or onsite learners.
John Troy moves to accept remote and onsite scholars participation in after school activities, Glenda Ballard seconds, roll call votes, the motion passes unanimously.

c. Discussion and possible action on Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)
Tabled for Executive Session

Sr. Director of Operations Update
a. Review Statement of Activities as of 6/30/2020
Francisco Garcia presents, the budget is predicted to break even or be in surplus a small for the 19-20 school year. Auditors will evaluate where Wayside School stands on bond covenants as part of our annual audit process.

b. Discussion and possible action on Budget for FY 21
The presented Budget is based on 2,000 scholars enrolled and attending regularly at 94%. Preliminary legislative budget presented by comptroller and budget cuts are predicted due to the economic impacts of COVID-19 in 20-21. If Wayside Schools meets the 2,000 enrolled scholars the current conservative budget should hold.

c. Discussion and possible action on SBA PPP Process, Loan Expenditures, and needed action
All documentation for the SBA PPP Loan has been submitted to Horizon Bank and we are awaiting response for forgiveness.

d. Discussion and possible action concerning specific personnel issues
Tabled for Executive Session

Closed Session
Discussion on any agenda items regarding personnel, real estate, or legal matters of the school.

David Dunn calls for Motion to enter into an Executive session.

Stacey Erb moves, Lillian Diaz-Gray seconds, roll call votes, the motion passes unanimously at 7:43pm.

Public Session was re-entered at 8:18 pm. No action was taken as a result of deliberations in the executive session.

Adjourn
David Dunn call for a motion to adjourn public meeting

John Troy moves to adjourn, Stacy Erb seconds, roll vote vote, the motion passes to adjourn unanimously at 8:20