Wayside Board Meeting
December 17, 2020
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Board Members Present: David Dunn, Stacy Erb, Noah Wittman, Katie Herbek

Staff Present: Matt Abbott, Susan Pommerening, Francisco Garcia, Jessica Santos, Maritza Gladyn, Mariesther Flores, Hope Aster, Marcia Molinar

Guests Present: Marlon Williams

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. Roll called to establish quorum, a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Public Comments: Mariesther Flores, teacher at REAL shared she is proud to be a member of the Wayside Schools families and all the work of the school board. She asks for more staff to lead math, english and bilingual program support to lighten the load of teachers and principals and bring in more leadership.

Meeting Minutes
Receive and approve Minutes from November 19, 2020

Stacy Erb motioned to approve meeting minutes, Katie Herbeck seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update
a. Discussion on Updates to School Operations for SY 20-21 due to COVID-19, Reopening Plan, Waiver(s) and Resolution(s) for TEA

Matt Abbott presented an informational update. Onsite and remote learning continues, about 50% of scholars are onsite with variance per school campus. TEA announced A-F accountability rating has been suspended. This does not affect TEA STAAR testing, which is still set to go forward this spring. The Austin area may be going into APH stage 5 in the near future and control orders for Austin/Travis county orders have been renewed. No current changes have been made to affect onsite education. The local health situation is being monitored daily to allow us to act swiftly if any operational changes need to be made. There will be a staff PD workday January 4th and all staff will be offered free onsite COVID-19 testing to prevent unknown spread when school resumes on January 5th 2021.

b. Discussion and possible action on Annual Financial Report/Audit for FY20

Marlon Williams, Lead Auditor at McConnel Jones, presented the financial audit for the 2020 fiscal year. The overall operations show an increase in net revenue with significant improvement from previous fiscal year. This is largely due to Wayside closely controlling expenses and making significant reductions in payroll costs. The PPP loan currently remains as a loan, but if forgiven will become revenue in FY 2021. The final report shows an unmodified opinion, with only one area of concern over a significant deficiency, which is NOT at a material level, due to the number of changes needed to match the bank statements of the software management system during the audit. The finance team is working with the software
manager to avoid this issue in the future and will work closely with McConnel Jones to ensure this is not an issue in the future.

Matt Abbott added that this audit does not show any compliance issues with TEA. The finances are being strengthened and internal practices are going to continue to be refined.

David Dunn and the finance committee will continue to dig in to prevent any future significant deficiencies or compliance issues.

David Dunn called for a motion to approve the FY 20 Audit

Katie Herbeck motioned to approve the FY 20 annual financial report/audit, Noah Wittman seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion and possible action on Amending SY 20-21 Calendar and Associated TEA Waivers and Resolutions

Matt Abbott presented amended Wayside Schools calendar proposal of:

- Friday, Feb. 19: Parent/Teacher conferences will no longer be held this afternoon. This day will follow our regular Friday schedule.
- Friday, Feb. 26: This day will be a scholar holiday and no classes will be held. All Parent/Teacher conferences will be held this day.
- Friday, March 26: This day will be a scholar holiday and no classes will be held. Teachers will use this day for professional development and preparation.

These amendments will maintain the teaching minutes required by TEA and allow greater flexibility to teachers and allow for additional planning time. Also, Matt Abbott asked the board to approve that he submit one asynchronous day waiver to TEA if needed for January.

David Dunn asked for reaction from principals and staff. Matt Abbott answered it has been shared with principles, cabinet and staff without any negative response.

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve changes to the Spring 2021 Wayside Schools Calendar and submit to TEA and approval to submit approval for one asynchronous day if needed for January.

Katie Herbek motioned to approve the Spring 2021 Wayside Schools Calendar to submit to TEA and approval to submit approval for one asynchronous day for January, Stacy Erb seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session: 
No need for an executive session at this time.

Adjourn
David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Stacy Erb moved to adjourn the meeting, Noah Wittman seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.
School board adjourned at 6:48 pm.