Wayside Board Meeting
June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM.
Zoom Meeting ID: 826 8051 1968
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Board Members Present: David Dunn, Stacy Erb, Glenda Ballard, Katie Herbek, Jesus Becerra, and Melinda Smith

Staff Members Present: Matt Abbott, Francisco Garcia, Susan Pommerening, Marcia Molinar, Enrique Burmeister, Kierstin Howard, Maritza Gladyn, Hope Astor, Tammy Underwood, and Vanessa Ruiz

Guests: None

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Minutes
Receive and approve Minutes from May 27, 2021
Stacy Erb moved to approve the minutes from May 27, 2021 Katie Herbek seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items
a. Annual Disclosure of TEA Federal and State Entitlements and Wayside Use of Funds

Glenda Ballard moved to approve the consent agenda Melinda Smith seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update

a. Discussion and possible action on changes to School Operations for SY 20-21 and 21-22 due to COVID-19 including Waiver(s) and Resolution(s) for TEA and Local Policies for Operations (Actionable)

Matt Abbott led a discussion about any changes to school operations as a result of COVID-19. He shared that we have a number of scholars attending summer school and enrichment literacy camps in preparation for the 21-22 school year. He shared that the Commissioner recently presented that the majority of students in Texas will be about 1 year behind in learning and that Wayside is committed to providing on grade level instruction coupled with just in time intervention. No action was taken on this item.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update (Informational)

Matt Abbott provided the Fundraising report to the board as Jessica Santos was not in attendance at the meeting. He provided an update on funds raised to date and outstanding grant applications.

Matt Abbott also provided an update on enrollment to date. Wayside is at about 1800 scholars and within striking distance of reaching budget goals for enrollment, but is prepared for a larger than usual no show
rate as a result of the impact of COVID as some families are wanting remote instruction. No action was taken on this item.

d. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent Performance Review (Executive Session)

This item was tabled for executive session as allowable by law.

Chief Academic Officer Update
a. June Academic Report and Action Plan (Informational)

Susan Pommerening gave an update on summer programming and STAAR testing. She also gave a hiring update and provided a preview into our plan for training all teachers on accelerated instruction to ensure that all scholars make up the ground lost during the pandemic so far. No action was taken on this item.

b. Discussion and possible action on Teacher Incentive Allotment (Actionable)

Susan Pommerening gave an update on the TIA sharing that Wayside had moved forward in the process and that TEA had requested some minor revisions. She anticipates hearing about our TIA decision from TEA as soon as the end of August and feels confident that the grant will be received. No action was taken on this item.

c. Discussion and possible action on Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)
Nothing to present or discuss at Executive Session at this time

Sr. Director of Operations Update

a. Review Statement of Activities as of 5/31/2021

Francisco Gracia shared that, as of the end of May, we are 92% of the year complete. Spending is on track and we are preparing to close the fiscal year and projecting a surplus of about $700k at this time, mostly due to our participation in TEAs hold-harmless program.

b. Discussion and possible action on ESSER II and III (Actionable)

Francisco Garcia shared that, based on the most recent update from TEA, ESSER II will mostly be used to settle up with TEA for hold-harmless payments and that Wayside will not receive many additional funds from this federal program. For ESSER III, Wayside received an allocation of $4.1 Million with $2.7 Million Guaranteed prior to TEA receiving notice of the last 30% of ESSER III being available from the Federal Dept. of Ed. Francisco presented a draft spending plan. Wayside plans to expend ESSER III to fund the programs listed in the Academic plan and will bring on some additional FTEs to meet the needs of our scholars to accelerate instruction for all. No Action was taken on this item.

c. Discussion and possible action on Amendment to FY21 Budget (Actionable)

Francisco Garcia presented a preliminary FY 21 year end budget for approval. This budget will be further revised based on auditor input, no later than Sept. 30, but likely at the regular August board meeting. The
budget amendment presented shows Wayside ending the fiscal year with about $700k in surplus to be reinvested into the schools. Francisco requested that the board consider voting on the budget amendment as presented.

Katie Herbek moved to approve the budget amendment for FY21, Stacy Erb seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion and possible action on FY22 Budget (Actionable)

Francisco Garcia presented the FY22 budget that is based on 1950 scholars. While it is a conservative budget, it will likely need to be amended in August once actual enrollment stabilizes. It is a break even budget and at this time is not fully inclusive of all of the federal funds at this time as our NOGAs have not been approved as of yet. Francisco requested that the board consider voting on the FY 22 budget as presented.

Glenda Ballard moved to approve the budget for FY22, Jesus Becerra seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Financial Updates including but not limited to the PPP (Informational)

Francisco Garcia shared that we received preliminary notice that our PPP loan forgiveness has been approved, pending the receipt of our final letter. No Action was taken on this item.

f. Discussion and possible action concerning specific personnel issues

This item was tabled for executive session as allowable by law.

Closed Session:
David Dunn asked for a motion to exit public session at 7:22pm and enter into Executive Session.

Katie Herbek motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Stacy Erb, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Katie Herbek motioned to exit the executive session at 7:48pm and enter into Public Session. Melinda Smith seconded, roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

No discussion item in executive session requires action in Public Session.

Adjourn
David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Stacy Erb motioned to adjourn, Jesus Becerra seconded, roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.