

Wayside Board Meeting
April 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM.
Wayside: Eden Park Academy, 6215 Menchaca Road, Austin, TX 78745

Board Members Physically Present: David Dunn, Stacy Erb, Glenda Ballard, Jesus Becerra, Elaine Candelas, Meredith Sembello. Jesus Becerra (7:20) and Elaine Candelas (6:08) arrived after role call.

Board Members Virtually Present: Katie Herbek

Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Francisco Garcia, Susan Pommerening

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Halley Cade, Marcia Molinar, Maritza Gladyn, Lauren Whitfield, Haylee Lavender, Kierstin Howard, Tammy Underwood, Beverly Al-Tabatabaie, Hope Astor, Lauren McClurg, Jackie Hernandez, Rick Reyes

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

Scholar and School Feature - STHS Counselor Joshua Rose compiled a feature about the Class of 2022, including IB scholars and college acceptances. Matthew Abbott presented on behalf of Joshua.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from March 24, 2022

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Stacy Erb moved to approve the minutes from March 24, 2022. Meredith Sembello seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Addition of Early Childhood TEA HS Diploma Endorsement Track at STHS
- b. McConnell & Jones Audit Agreement for FY 22
- c. ESSER II and ESSER III Expense Update for TEA Submission
- d. Board TEKS Certification for EMAT for SY22-23
- c. Contracts since the last board meeting:
 - Literacy First Tutoring Services for SY22-23
 - Mission Capital - Strategic Planning Support and Training
 - Charter Schools Success Contract Amendment as of 4.11.22 (1 year extension vs 2 year)
 - Annual Asbestos Training for Facilities Team
 - Fire King Alarm Services

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Glenda Ballard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Elaine Candelas seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update

a. Changes to School Operations for 2021-22 due to COVID-19.

Matthew Abbott presented that there are no substantial updates at this time due to low cases. A few cases continue to trickle in and are being monitored, but COVID does not materially impact daily operations at this time, with the exception of continued lowered attendance rates that have not improved to pre-pandemic levels.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 22 and FY 23

Maritza Gladyn presented that enrollment applications continue to come in for this current and next school year. Applications for the current year are slowing however. She stated that parents have mentioned the new billboard on I-35. Her team is currently pushing on the applicants to enroll as many as possible. They are also canvassing to businesses and sporting events. Matthew Abbott presented findings from a recruitment consultant. His main takeaways from meeting with Wayside's enrollment & marketing teams are that the team is doing a good job but had some small tweaks that could make current efforts more effective, including boosting our prospective parent tours.

Matthew Abbott presented that Wayside's annual gala will be next week, and there is no fundraising update today. As part of the event, the community will vote on the All Means ALL network-wide winner. Each principal presented their nominee for the award to the board.

c. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent Performance Review

No need for executive session this topic.

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. April Academic Report and Action Plan

Susan Pommerening presented the April report to the board. The full report can be found in the board documents.

STHS has taken English I and II EOCs, with Algebra and Bio next week. Elementary school took mock STAAR testing. They performed well on reading, but fell on their math scores. Her team identified which class performed improved on math, and are targeting strategies from that class (5th grade at REAL).

Susan presented that she believes Wayside could receive a B rating, despite some scores falling, due to the percentage of economically disadvantaged scholars. She feels confident that EPA, AMA, STMS and STHS will show strong growth. She says EPA could slightly fall.

b. Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)

No need for executive session this topic.

Sr. Director of Operations Update

a. Statement of Activities as of 3/31/2022

Francisco Garcia presented the statement of activities. The full report can be found in the board folder. He said expenses are trending in the right direction. Curriculum is low, primarily because ESSER funds were leveraged in July for professional development. Child nutrition is high, and he believes that we can adjust our ordering through the end of the year to offset this, as we've often over-ordered to ensure there's enough for all scholars.

b. Update on pending RFPs to be reviewed before 6.30.22

Wayside currently has several active RFPs. Francisco presented that he will bring a few to the board next months, including one to address continuation of services in the event of a power outage, one for passenger vans to assist with bussing, and one for janitorial services.

c. RFP for After-Care Services for TCLAS - DP11 for SY22/23 and SY23/24

David Dunn abstained from conversations and voting related to this issue due to a conflict of interest. He appointed Stacy Erb to lead board conversation regarding this RFP.

Francisco Garcia stated that this RFP was posted in the newspaper, Wayside's website and elsewhere online for more than a month. The only company to respond was Elite Learning. They can serve scholars in the afterschool program and provide tutoring services. Wayside will cover \$24,000, while the rest will be covered by grant funding. Wayside will be able to serve 87-88 scholars, less than originally projected.

Board members asked about the cost, including questions related to fee structure, and if this is Elite's best and final offer. Stacy Erb asked about the pilot nature of the program, and how we will judge success. Matt Abbott said that assessments will be given to scholars along the way and will receive guidance from TEA about the effectiveness of the program.

Stacy Erb asked for a motion to approve the after-school programming RFP, pending additional negotiation on cost.

Jesus Becerra motioned to approve the RFP and seconded by Elaine Candelas, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with David Dunn abstaining.

d. S&P Rating update at BB Stable

Francisco Garcia presented that S&P's rating will remain stable this year as a BB Stable based on preliminary reports. Final report is due tomorrow.

Closed Session:

David Dunn asked for a motion to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session to get a legal update.

Elaine Candelas motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Jesus Becerra, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously at 7:49pm.

At 7:57 pm David Dunn asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session.

Glenda Ballard motioned to exit the executive session and enter into Public Session. Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote is taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Return to Public Session:

No Action was taken as a result of the discussion in Executive Session.

Adjourn

David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Candelas motioned to adjourn, Jesus Becerra seconded, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.