

**Wayside Board Meeting
April 26, 2023 at 12:00 PM**

Wayside: Eden Park Academy, 6215 Menchaca Road, Austin, TX 78745

Board Members Physically Present: David Dunn

Board Members Present Virtually: Jesus Becerra, Elaine Candelas, Meredith Sembello

Board Member Not Present: Glenda Ballard

Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Francisco Garcia, Susan Pommerening, Elizabeth Wrona, Elizabeth Zimmermann

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Scholar and School Feature

None

Public Comments

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve minutes from March 23, 2023.

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Jesus Becerra moved to approve the minutes from March 23, 2023. Elaine Candelas seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Consent Items:

- Annual EMAT TEKS Board Authorization/Attestation
- Resolution for Continuity of Pay for July 2023
- Granting authority for Wayside Leadership to make a selection of Food Service Provider at the conclusion of the Public RFP Process
- McConnell & Jones Audit Engagement Letter Agreement for FY 23

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- UT via Literacy First Annual Agreement and Contract for Tutoring Services

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

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

Chief Executive Officer Update

a. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 23& FY 24

Elizabeth Wrona presented about fundraising. Elizabeth explained that Wayside exceeded their fundraising goal by 40% at the gala. Elizabeth explained the grants that have been applied for. She explained that the Travis County grant would be for the next 5 years to support through college work.

David Dunn asked about the amount for the grant and how the money was divided. Elizabeth explained

that it was the same amount for all five years, totaling over \$1,000,000. Elaine Candelas asked which grants Wayside has the highest chance of getting. Elizabeth explained that Wayside had a high chance of getting the Travis County grant, that there was a medium to high chance of getting the Cigna and KLE Foundation grant.

Matt Abbott presented enrollment. He explained that enrollment is stable. Around the holidays there was an impact on attendance and as an organization they are trying to figure out how to combat this. Attendance is still above 93% and to be back to pre-pandemic, the attendance would need to be above 95%.

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. April Academic Report and Action Plan

Susan Pommerening presented the April Academic Report. She presented that STAAR testing started on Monday. On days that the scholars aren't testing, they are working towards the next test. Overall due to the writing component, the scholars are finding the new test much more challenging. It is reasonable to expect accountability will be affected and each campus is rated. The rating for each campus gives a percentage towards the accountability.

A full report can be found in the Chief Academic Officer folder.

b. Special Education Services concerning specific student(s) (Tabled for Executive Session)

Chief Operating Officer Update

a. Statement of Activities as of 3/31/23 and Financial Report to the Board

Francisco Garcia presented the statement of activities. He explained that the 22-23 budget is tracking as expected and that he will bring a final budget amendment in June/July in order to make sure that Wayside is ready for the audit.

b. SY 23-24 Budget Adoption

Francisco Garcia presented the SY 23-24 Budget Adoption. There are no changes from the March meeting. The Finance committee discussed that the budget is based on the fundraising and enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. This budget takes into consideration the new teacher pay. The 3% percent raise across the payscale represents an increase in payroll of \$600,000 and this does not include the MCL model adoption, which is budget neutral. The SY 23-24 does not include any of the legislative activity on changes to the basic student allotment.

Matt Abbott explained that Texas Public Charter School Association has pushed the agenda forward. The big public school budget bill has calculated charter schools allotment incorrectly in its current form, which has been brought up by TPCSA and if corrected charter schools would get the same amount as ISD schools for the basic allotment change if the bill passes. David Dunn brought up that the school safety bill was passed in the House and that bill would affect Wayside.

Jesus Becerra made a motion to adopt the SY 23-24 budget, Elaine Candelas seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Latest TEA Intruder Safety Audit Findings- School Safety Updates

Francisco Garcia presented on the latest TEA Intruder Safety Audit. During the latest audit TEA found two interior doors that were unlocked. There was a campus training and a review of policies that was held with staff at the campus with the unlocked interior doors. Matt Abbott explained that Wayside passed the audit because the exterior doors were locked and the documentation was up to date. Elaine Candelas asked if it was a surprise visit. Francisco explained that it was a surprise visit and that all visits have been surprise visits.

d. Concerning specific personal issues
Nothing to discuss at this time.

Adjourn

David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 pm.

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

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 12:42 pm.