

Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

Board Members Physically Present: Glenda Ballard, Elaine Candelas, David Dunn, Meredith Sembello

Board Member Not Present: Jesus Becerra

Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Dawn Fair, Francisco Garcia, Susan Pommerening, Elizabeth Wrona, Elizabeth Zimmermann

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Halley Cade, Martriza Gladyn, Kierstin Howard Marcia Mollinar, Christ Resurreccion, Lauren Scott, Lauren Whitfield, Diana

Public Physically Present: Cynthia Gonzalez, Dr. Nicole Trevino

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 – Pre College-Programming for Summer 2023 at Universities
Chris Resurreccion has been working with Elizabeth Wrona to get the Juniors into pre-colleges programs. There are 24-30 scholars that are going to pre-college programs at Brown, Rice, UT, and UTSA this summer. These students are getting to experience what it is like to live and go to class on the campus. The students will experience what it is like on a college campus and the feeling of belonging on a campus. Glenda Ballard asked about the funding for the students. Some students are going on a full scholarship through the school and some students are being funded through the Belen Resurrection Collegiate Fund and Wayside Schools Foundation.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from April 23, 2023.

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Elaine Candalas moved to approve the minutes from April 23, 2023. Meredith Sembello seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Consent Items:

- Academic Calendar 23-24, Summer Teacher PD Correction of Error
- Approval of PD and Low Attendance TEA Waivers for SY 22-23
- Granting authority for Wayside Leadership to make a selection of Transportation Service in the event that a change in provider is needed

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- Assessment, Intervention & Management, LLC (AIM)

- Aya Healthcare (Supplemental Staffing Provider)
- Taher, Inc (Food Service Management Company)
- The Conscious Schools Project (New Teacher Academy & Coaching)
- The University of Texas - Literacy First

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 2022-23 due to COVID-19 including Waiver(s) and Resolution(s) for TEA and Local Policies for Operations
Nothing to report at this time.

b. Legislative Update for May 2023

Matt Abbott presented the Legislative Update for May 2023. Matt explained that the Legislative Session is headed towards a special session. David Dunn explained how the special session worked. The only bills right now can be conference committee reports meaning that they are bills that have been voted on in the house and moved to the senate and passed in the senate with minor changes. Special session is driven by the Governor, when the legislative session meets. David explained that the school safety bill has a high chance of getting through before the special session and there will be funding for that. Francisco Garcia explained that the big topics for the special session are funding and safety. School funding won't be decided until as late as September.

c. Consideration and Possible Appointment of New Board Members:

- Dr. Nicole Trevino
- Cynthia Gonzalez

David Dunn introduced the two new Board Members. Dr. Nicole Trevino and Cynthia Gonzalez introduced themselves to the board.

David Dunn asked for a motion to accept Dr. Nicole Trevino to the Board.

Glenda Ballard moved to accept Dr. Nicole Trevino to the Board. Elaine Candales seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

David Dunn asked for a motion to accept Cynthia Gonzalez to the Board.

Elaine Candales moved to accept Dr. Nicole Trevino to the Board. Meredith Sembello seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 23 &24

Martriza Gladyn presented the Enrollment Update. Wayside ended the school year with 1680 scholars. The withdrawals that are currently happening are due to people moving. There are still 208 applications that need to be completed. Pre-K 4 classes have been added to both AMA and EPA. This is the first year that Wayside has had a Pre-K/K roundup so that families could fill out paperwork. Enrollment continues to be on target for Fall 2023.

Elizabeth Wrona presented the Fundraising Update. She explained that Wayside received \$25,000 from the Webber Foundation for transportation. 8 scholars in the STHS Class of 2023 have been awarded \$16,000 in Scholarships from Wayside Schools Foundation and a grant has been submitted to the Cigna

Foundation for Wayside Pre-K Programs. There is a new grant opportunity in the works for Travis County RFP for Youth Development Services and there is a grant that is being submitted to Texas Mutual EOM.

e. Superintendent Performance Review (Executive Session)

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. May Academic Report and Action Plan

Susan Pommerening presented the May Academic report. She presented the list of dates for when Wayside will receive the data. May 22 was when the first round of data came and it was a prediction of if the student will pass, fail or fall into the range of uncertainty. On August 11 is when Wayside will receive the scores and the performance letter that can be used to estimate ratings, this is about 2 months later than normal.

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

Marcia Mollinar presented about recruitment. Matt Abbott explained that Marcia is the new Chief Talent Officer. There are three people working on recruitment. There are more people applying for jobs. Marcia thinks that there will be more experienced teachers applying. Elaine Candalas asked how many job openings that Wayside has. Marcia explained that there are 75 openings and at the end of this week there are 45 applicants.

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

Chief Operating Officer Update

a. Statement of Activities as of 4/30/23

Francisco Garcia presented the Statement of Activities. The budget is 83% complete and revenue is tracking a little above 83%. This is due to IRS credits at the beginning of May and fundraising from the Gala. Expenses are tracking at 85%. Transportation is a little high, this is due to the vendor increasing bus driver rates to maintain drivers. Operations are running a bit high for physical plan repairs as well, but, overall the budget is trending as expected and in the net positive.

b. School Safety Updates

Francisco Garcia presented the School Safety updates. He is currently reaching out to constables for possible contracts if the School Safety bill passes in the legislative session to have access to armed staff as needed.

c. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

Closed Session:

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

Elaine Candelas motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Meredith seconds, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously at 7:44 p.m.

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

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

Return to Public Session:

No discussion in the executive session requires action in the public session.

Adjourn

David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Glenda Ballard motioned to adjourn, Elaine Candelas seconded, a roll call vote is taken, the motion passed unanimously.

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.