

Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2023, at 6:00 PM

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

Board Members Physically Present: Glenda Ballard, Jesus Becerra, Elaine Candelas, Cynthia Gonzalez, Nicole Trevino, Meredith Sembello (arrived at 6:11 pm)

Board Members Not Present: David Dunn

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

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Halley Cade, Marcia Molinar, Karlie Ramirez

Glenda Ballard called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Scholar and School Feature – 2023 Summer College Program

Matt Abbott presented about the Summer College Program. There are 22 students who are attending Summer college programs.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from May 25, 2023.

Glenda Ballard asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Elaine Candelas moved to approve the minutes from May 25, 2023. Meredith Sembello seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Consent Items:

- Waivers: Attendance and Staff PD for 22-23 and 23-24
- Emergency Procurement Granting authority for Wayside Leadership to make a selection of Transportation Service as a result of AAPS discontinuing service to ensure bussing in time for August 2023.
- Federal Grant Entitlements Public Hearing: Title I; Title II Part A; Title III Part A Immigrant; Title III Part A ELL; Title IV Part A; IDEA B Formula; IDEA B Preschool; Perkins V
- Board Committee Appointments - Tabled for Next Regular Board Meeting because David Dunn was Absent

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- More Bounce to the House (Summer School)
- Securly (Guide lessons and monitor student progress)
- St. David's Foundation (Dental Assistance)

Glenda Ballard asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Jesus Becerra 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. Legislative Update for May 2023

Matt Abbott presented the Legislative Update for June 2023. Matt explained that there will be small special sessions that the governor can call. The School Safety has been funded and the other bills that deal with funding will not be done until September at the earliest. As of right now, all the school's funding is projected to be the same for next year, no new money from legislation at this time. The school safety bill that required armed presence is now optional now, but that could change due to a special session. There are school safety items that are having to be done with the facilities that have started to be done. There is going to be communication with parents because things will look different. Francisco Garcia explained that what Matt covered was the most up to date, but they will be joining a call to see what has passed and what hasn't passed. The safety and security meeting has been moved to July/August due to the special session and likely changes in requirements for school safety.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 23 & 24

Karlie Ramirez presented the enrollment update. There have been over 600 applications for the next school year and there are currently 130 scholars fully enrolled. There are 240 scholars that have an active application. The enrollment team hosted a mini enrollment days at each campus. The Summer Jam that enrollment hosted had about 200 families come to it. Elaine asked about the re-enrollment process and Karlie explained how the re-enrollment process worked.

Elizabeth Wrona presented the Fundraising Update. She explained that Wayside is in advance conversations for School busing with the KLE Foundation and has now moved towards contracting for for a grant. Jesus Becerra asked how many buses that they were looking for. Matt explained that this year, Wayside had 4 buses and Wayside is looking to get 5 buses for the next school year (SY 24-25).

c. Superintendent Performance Review (Executive Session)

Nothing to discuss at this time.

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. June Academic Report and Action Plan

Susan Pommerening presented the June Academic report. Susan explained that going forward the Middle school and the High School would now count together as 51% for the Accountability score. The rest of the percentage would be made of Real Learning Academy, Altamira Academy, and Eden Park Academy. With Real Learning Academy having the highest percentage of the group, then Altamira Academy and then Eden Park Academy. The Preliminary data that may be able to calculate a mock accountability score will likely be released in August. Full accountability score will not be available until the end of September.

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

b. Talent and Hiring Report - Marcia Molinar, CTO

Marcia Molinar presented about recruitment. Marcia explained that the recruitment and screening has been taken from the principals and moved to the talent team. The talent team is seeing more teachers come in with experience and certifications. All the Leadership positions have been filled for next year. The

big picture trends that the talent team is that people are leaving the classroom and going towards opportunities that are outside the classroom and the profession.

c. Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)(Executive Session)
Nothing to discuss at this time.

Chief Operating Officer Update

a. Statement of Activities as of 5/31/2023

Francisco Garcia presented the Statement of Activities. The budget is 92% complete and revenue is tracking at 96%. This is due to the interest on the bonds being received. Transportation expenses are a little high, this is due to the vendor increasing bus driver rates to maintain drivers. Facilities are high due to the renovations going on. Overall, the budget is trending as expected and Wayside is expected to finish in the net positive.

b. Budget Amendment and Resolution for FY 23

There is a minimum of two budget amendments every year. The first amendment is brought in October and the second amendment is brought at the end of the fiscal year. The revenue has increased due to bond interest rates. Overall Wayside will be ending in the positive.

Jesus Berreca moved to approve the Budget Amendment. Elaine seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

c. School Safety Updates

Francisco Garcia presented the School Safety updates. Francisco explained that the doorknobs of the Bradshaw campuses are changing so that they can be locked from the inside. The Safety and Security committee meetings are held three times a year. David Dunn sits on this committee. It is being moved from June to July/August due to the special session. William Cannon cameras are being enhanced and have been shipped and should be installed next week.

d. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)
Executive session is not needed or taken.

Adjourn

Glenda Ballard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

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

Glenda Ballard adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.