

Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

August 24,2023 at 6:00 PM

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

Board Members Physically Present: Jesus Becerra, Elaine Candelas (arrived at 6:26) , David Dunn, Cynthia Gonzales, Nicole Trevino, Meredith Sembello (arrived at 6:40)

Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Dawn Fair, Susan Pommerening, Elizabeth Wrona, Elizabeth Zimmermann, Marcia Molinar

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Francisco Garcia, Maritza Gladyn, Melinda Gardner, Clint Wise, Choi Hicks, Marquez Davis, Haylee Lavender, Kiersten Howard, Rick Reyes, Jackie Marnedez

Public Physically Present: None

David Dunn 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 – Wayside Schools Fall Sports Kickoff - Clint Wise

Matt Abbott introduced Clint Wise as the Athletic Director. Clint Wise explained that the Wayside secondary teams are starting to form and that the Future Raven Leagues are starting their volleyball program. The Cross Country Team created and participated in a dual time trial with Valor. At that meet there were two scholars that placed second. One was from Sci-Tech High School, and one was from Sci-Tech Middle School. There will be an all-day volleyball tournament at the Bradshaw campus that will be between KIPP, Valor, IDEA and Wayside. Clint explained that Wayside competes in the HCAL League. This year Wayside has been able to schedule some preseason games this year before doing the HCAL League season so that there are 20-25 games per sport.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from June 22,2023.

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Jesus Becerra moved to approve the minutes from June 22,2023. Cynthia Gonzales seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. a. Consent Items:

- Board Committee Appointments
- Charter School Performance Framework FY22

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- Star Shuttle - Transportation Vendor (Emergency Procurement)

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

Jesus Becerra made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Nicole Trevino seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update

a. Legislative Update for August 2023

Matt Abbott presented the Legislative update. The next Special session should be called the Tuesday after the Texas/OU game since the Texas/OU weekend is a big fundraising weekend. There is a bill that has 5 billion appropriations to help school funding. It is carved out for vouchers and this bill didn't pass in the Regular session. David Dunn explained that there was a committee that did look at it and did a report. It appears that they don't have the votes that they need.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 24

Elizabeth Wrona presented about Fundraising. The Hail Specialist donated 1,000 backpacks for the Back to School Bash. Eden Park Academy and Real Learning Academy teachers from Pre-K to 3rd grade received a classroom book, puzzle and a gift from Kendra Scott from the 100 Black Man Group. Grants have been submitted to the Austin Community Foundation Hispanic Fund, the Rosendin Foundation, and the City of Austin Food Impact Service. There are four grants that are coming up: Whole Kids Foundation Grant, City of Austin Bright Green Futures Grant, Junior League of Austin Community Partner Application and Visa Foundation Concept Paper. The Wayside Annual Giving Tree begins November 3, 2023 and Wayside Schools Foundation Gala is April 18, 2024.

Maritza Gladyn presented about Enrollment. Wayside has received over 1,000 applications. There are 29 active applications. There were 406 new enrollments this year. Matt Abbott explained that they did a lot of work towards summer retention and no shows this year. There were about 22% no shows which is about the same as last year. The key grades that were a no show were 8th and 9th grade. The Meet the Teacher this year was done through a conference where the teachers called the students for Meet the Teacher. There was a big push of phone calls between Meet the Teacher and the first day of school. The main reason is that students are either going to their home schools or they moved from Austin.

c. School Safety Updates and Introduction of Clint Wise, Safety and Security Manager

Matt Abbott introduced Clint Wise as the Safety and Security Manager. Matt Abbott explained that this is a new position for this year. Clint has met with security companies. All the districts are in the situation of trying to get security. There is storage because every district is in this situation. Clint explained that everyone is learning about the training that would be required for having a Guardian and Marshall on campus. Matt Abbott explained that there is an advisor to the school safety committee and Matt has reached out to him to get more guidelines on having a Guardian and a Marshall on campus.

d. Possible Actions and Resolution for HB 3 Compliance/School Safety

Matt Abbott explained the Resolution for HB 3 Compliance/School Safety. It would authorize an emergency procurement for HB3 Compliance. HB3 Resolution is longer because it is a

model resolution and an alternative plan since Wayside will not have a police officer on campus. Matt Abbott would like to go into Executive session for more detail on school safety.

- e. Resolution Waiving Procurement Policies for the Purpose of Emergency Purchasing
Matt Abbott explained the Resolution for procuring buses. It would allow Wayside to get multiple quotes and interview people for purchasing buses.
- f. Superintendent Performance Review (Executive Session)

Chief Academic Officer Update

- a. August Academic Report and Action Plan
No August Academic Report
- b. Talent and Hiring Report - Marcia Molinar, CTO
Marcia Molinar presented the Talent and Hiring Report. There were 100 positions that needed to be filled in March and now there are about 3 to fill. There is now a dedicated team to headhunting and recruiting and they have purchased platforms for headhunting and recruiting. The talent team has hired more experienced teachers and they have filled the Multiclass room leader positions. The talent team has been able to bring in house some contracted services. This year for the alumni work study program there are two of the alumni on campuses. This year, the alumni have someone from the network checking in on them, the principal will be checking in with them and the academic advisor will help in making sure that they are completing the college portion of it.
- c. Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)
(Executive Session)

Chief Operating Officer Update

- a. Statement of Activities as of 7/31/23
Francisco Garcia presented the Statement of Activities. It is the first month so there is not a lot of movement. The ESSR III revenue is coming to an end. The curriculum is bought up front for the year. Everything is trending in the right direction. There will be a budget amendment either at the September board meeting or the October Board Meeting.
- b. Preliminary SY23 FIRST (FY 22 Data)
Francisco Garcia presented the Preliminary SY23. The Preliminary rating is based on last year's audit which is an A. This is a superior rating.
- 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 Jesus Becerra seconds, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously at 7:34 p.m.

At 9:10 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:

Meredith Sembillo made a motion to approve the Resolution for HB 3 Compliance/School Safety, Nicole Trevino seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm