

Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

Board Members Physically Present: Jesus Becerra, Elaine Candelas, David Dunn, Nicole Trevino, Meredith Sembello

Board Member Virtually Present: Cynthia Gonzales

Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Susan Pommerening, Marcia Molinar, Francisco Garcia, Elizabeth Zimmermann, Halley Cade, Jackie, Zora Faye-Stattatos, Luis Sosa

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Melinda Gardner, Clint Wise, Luis Sosa, Haylee Lavender, Alfredo Garcia, Marquez Davis, Elizabeth Wrona, Halley Cade, Zora Faye-Stathatos, Luis Sosa, Shawana Spann, Mary Rodriguez, Choi Hicks, Maritza Gladyn, Jackie Hernandez

Public Physically Present: None

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Scholar and School Feature- Matt Abbott

Matt Abbott presented about the Cross-Country Meet. Wayside had a scholar qualified for State and had the fastest time that Wayside has had. There was a Sci-Tech Middle School boy and a Sci Tech Middle School girl who competed in State. For the Sci-Tech High School Volleyball season, this is the first time that Sci-Tech High School had a JV girls' team and a boy's team.

The Sci-Tech Middle School theater went to a competition in San Antonio. The play that STMS put on won 6 trophies.

Public Comments:

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from September 28, 2023.

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Elaine Candelas moved to approve the minutes from September 28, 2023. Nicole Trevino seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Consent Items:

- Federal Grant Entitlement: LASO Cycle II- Technology Lending Grant

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- Bus Purchase Agreement for 5 Buses to be delivered prior to June 30, 2024

David Dunn 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 November 2023

Matt Abbott presented the Legislative update. There is a school funding bill that is moving into the House. This bill isn't expected to go through as passed and there are expected to have a lot of amendments. The amendments are expected to negatively affect Charter Schools. If this bill does pass, it will be a sufficient amount of funding towards schools.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 24

Maritza Gladyn presented about Enrollment. Enrollment is stable around this time of year. There are 25 applications that are open and 40 applications for the 2024-2025 school year that are mainly Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4. There are 250 families signed up for Coats for Kids.

Elizabeth Wrona presented about fundraising. Texas Mutual Awarded Wayside Schools \$85,000. There were \$115,000 in grants submitted in October. The 4th Annual Giving Tree has launched.

c. School Safety Updates and Possible Actions and Resolution(s) for HB 3 Compliance/ School Safety

Cameras are up and running at William Cannon and enhancing the cameras at Eden Park. Safety film is on hold and will be done by winter break. William Cannon and Bradshaw will be done first and Eden Park will be done last because some windows will be replaced.

d. Superintendent Performance Review (Executive Session)

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. September Academic Report and Action Plan

Susan Pommerenging presented the November Academic Report. Susan presented the Common Assessment data. There is no update on Accountability scores.

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

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

Chief Talent Officer Update

a. First Quarter Talent Update

Marcia Molinar presented the Chief Talent Officer Update. This year, Wayside hired more experienced teachers which has led to higher teacher retention. There was a lower number of teachers that left after Fall Break this year. This is due to having more experienced teachers and the Pre-Fall Break Retention that the Talent team did.

- a. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

Chief Operating Officer Update

- a. Statement of Activities as of 9/30/2023 & 10/31/2023

Francisco Garcia presented the Statement of Activities. The budget is 33% complete. The revenue is at 31% complete. Fundraising is low but will increase as soon as the funds from KLE and Texas Mutual come in. The Curriculum expense is trending high since we buy the curriculum at the beginning of the year. Instruction leadership expense is trending high due to adding a new instruction leadership position and will be in the budget amendment. Debt services are for the first six months. Debt service is paid twice a year, once in September and once in February.

- b. Financial Audit for FY 23

Shawana Spann presented the Audit for FY 23. For the 2023 Audit, it is a clean opinion on the financial statements. There was an adjustment for bond interest. There was an audit on the school compliance. There were three major programs to audit this year.

Jesus Becerra motioned to accept and approve the Audit for FY 23 and seconded by Nicole Trevino seconds, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Official FIRST Rating for FY 23 (FY21- 22 data)

Charter FIRST rating is superior rating. Charter FIRST hearing is being held December 12, 2023.

- d. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

Closed Session:

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

Jesus Becerra motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Meredith Sembello, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously at 8:05 pm.

At 10:03 pm David Dunn asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session.

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

Jesus Becerra motioned to extend Matt Abbott contract for one year with the 3% cost of living raise, subject to negotiations and legal review. 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 10:05 p.m.

Nicole Trevino motion to adjourn, Jesus Becerra seconded, a roll call vote is taken, the motion passed unanimously.

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 10:06 pm