

**Wayside Board Meeting  
February 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

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

Board Members Physically Present: Stacy Erb, Glenda Ballard, Jesus Becerra (arrived at 6:35 pm), Elaine Candelas, Meredith Sembello

Board Member Not Present: David Dunn

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

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Halley Cade, Haylee Lavender, Melinda Gardner, Marcia Molinar, Choi Hicks, Lauren Scott, Lauren Whitfield, Jessica Centeno, Katie Nelson, Rosa Palacios

Stacy Erb called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm as the presiding member as David Dunn was not present. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Scholar and School Feature – Altamira Academy

Melissa Gardner shared about Altamira Academy 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Rosa Palacios, one of the pre-k teachers at Altamira Academy, explained how excited the pre-k 4 scholars were for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and what the scholars were excited for. Jessica Centeno explained that it was the kindergartens first year of joining in on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school parade and how excited the scholars were for it.

Public Comments

None

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve minutes from January 26, 2023.

Stacy Erb asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Elaine Candelas moved to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023. Meredith Sembello seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Consent items:

- Acceptance of Resignation of Stacy Erb and Appreciation for Board Service
- 23-24 Academic Calendar and Staff Professional Dev Minutes Waiver(s)
- Bad Weather Waivers for Winter Storm (Jan. 31- Feb. 3)

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- Austin Professional Painting - Eden Park Academy Painting
- Facilities Use Agreement - Dove Springs Proud
- Texas Roof Repair - Eden Park Academy Roof
- VRF Services of Texas - Eden Park Academy AC System

Stacy Erb asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, minus the 23-24 Academic Calendar and Staff Professional Dev Minutes Waiver(s) item pulled for discussion.

Glenda Ballard made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Stacy Erb, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Consent Agenda Items Pulled for Discussion

##### a. 23-24 Academic Calendar and Staff Professional Development Minutes Waiver(s)

Matt Abbott explained that there were two draft calendars for the 2023-2024 calendar, both calendar options include submitting to TEA the maximum (2100) amount of waiver minutes for staff professional development in SY 23-24.

The local school district has changed the way that they are doing winter break. Draft 1 of the calendars follows the winter break that Wayside has done in the past. Draft 2 of the calendars follows the way that the ISD schools are scheduling it. Staff and parents provided input and there was an 80%/20% split on the calendars with the majority going towards Draft 2 of the calendars. Matt explained Wayside has better attendance when Wayside aligns calendars with major ISDs if it makes sense for Wayside, especially dates around the holidays. Matt suggested that the board approve draft 2 with one small change - instead of Dec 20th/21st being staff PD exchange days, they be changed to holidays and start teacher inservice two days earlier in July to get their full 187 days.

Stacy Erb asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendation for Draft 2.

Jesus Becerra moved to approve the recommendation of draft number two, including all allowable TEA waiver minutes for professional development in SY 23/24 as posted on the draft two calendar. Elaine Candelas seconded the motion, 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

Matt Abbott explained that there was nothing to report. There are small groups that are getting COVID and the latest group was at the high school. No board action needed on this item.

##### b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 23 & FY 24

Elizabeth Wrona presented the fundraising report. Elizabeth explained that Wayside will be participating in Amplify Austin in March. Elizabeth explained that the Sci-Tech High School is hosting an event for students to get prom dresses. Elizabeth explained that Webber Foundation, KLE Foundation, Impact Austin and Bank of America Charitable grants have been submitted. Elizabeth explained that the grants are for Transportation, Alumni support program, Strategic Compensation, and Scholar Health.

Martiza Gladyn presented the enrollment report. Martiza explained that the current enrollment is at 1681 scholars. Martiza explained that High School buddy day and Middle School buddy day are coming up. Martiza explained that re-enrollment just ended. The enrollment team is working on more summer events to keep new scholars involved.

Stacy Erb asked if there was a way to see which of the applications were new families and which applications were old families. Martiza explained that there is no way to see that until all the applications are in and the master list is created. She would provide an update to the board at the March meeting.

##### c. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent Performance Review (Tabled for Executive Session)

#### Chief Academic Officer Update

##### a. 21-22 TAPR Presentation

Susan Pommerening presented the Annual Report for 2021-2022. Susan explained the district report and explained what each section was. Susan highlighted that Special Education was ranked as Needs Assistance and explained what Wayside needs to improve on. Special Education needs to improve on STAAR assessment. Susan explained the plan on how Wayside was going to improve this.

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

##### b. February Academic Report and Action Plan

##### c. Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)

(Tabled for Executive Session)

#### Chief Operating Officer Update

##### a. Statement of Activities as of 1/31/23

Francisco Garcia presented the Statement of Activities. He explained that overall, in revenues, Wayside is doing really well. Francisco explained that 58% of the school year has been completed so any item that is not close to 58% has been highlighted. Athletics has had an increase in revenue due to Athletic fees. He explained that the curriculum expense line is high and that there is a budget amendment. In May, there may be a budget amendment for safety and security. Overall, Wayside is headed in the right direction.

##### b. School Safety Updates

Francisco Garcia presented the school safety update. Francisco explained that Wayside passed the door audit. There have been door audits on 3 out of 5 campuses and that there are still 2 more door audits to come. Francisco explained that he is following up with the safety alert button and that the upgrades to the camera will happen in June. Stacy Erb asked how this was being communicated to families. Matt explained that there have been multiple avenues of communication to families along the way.

##### c. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

#### Executive Session

Stacy Erb asked for a motion to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session.

Glenda Ballard motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and it was seconded by Jesus Becerra, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously at 7:49 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m. Stacy Erb asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session.

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

#### Return to Public Session

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

Adjourn

Stacy Erb asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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

Stacy Erb adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.