

## Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Board Members Absent: Cynthia Gonzalez

Leadership Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Marcia Molinar, Susan Pommerening, Francisco Garcia, Haylee Lavender, Liz Wrona, Maritza Gladyn, Karlie Rameriz, Mary Rodriguez, Kierstin Howard, Melinda Gardner, Luis Sosa, Joseph Sanchez, and Dawn Fair

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Jasmine Leon Guerero & Miranda Regalado

Public Physically Present: Dr. Ruth Reinhart, Paul Duchene

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

### Scholar and School Feature

Matt Abbott presented a Back to School Feature on all the great things that families had access to in the form of activities and support in preparation for the first few weeks of school.

- 1,000+ attended back to school bash with 800 backpacks distributed
- Launched busing fleet - 5 wayside school buses (internal bus crew)
- Free sports physicals for 87 scholar athletes received free physicals without insurance by Seton Staff, usual cost is \$80-\$120 per physical, donated value is about \$9k.
- 1,000 entry conversations to welcome families and set expectations for the year
- St. Davids' Foundation Dental Program served over 800+ scholars providing dental visits for cleanings and x rays and will fund services for scholars if needed
- Wayside Schools donated uniforms for over 100 families

### Public Comments:

None

### Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from June 20, 2024 regular board meetings

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Elaine Candelas moved to approve the minutes from June 20, 2024. Nicole Trevino seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### Consent Agenda Items

- TEA Staff development minutes waiver for the 2024-25 as connected to the already approved 24-25 Academic Calendar.

b. Consent contracts since the last board meeting:

- Allied Security Agreement - Security Services
- EDU Healthcare - SPED Contracting
- Elite Learning (TCLASS D 11 Addendum) - Afterschool Tutoring
- Skyward Software - BIS/ SIS
- Speech Service Solutions, Lisa Rukovena LLC - SPED Independent Contractor
- Taher, Inc - Food Service Management Company
- Thea Pierce - SPED Independent Contractor
- Zonar Hardware and Services - Transportation GPS Tracking System

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

Jesus Becerra made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief Executive Officer Update

##### a. New Board Member Applicant Review and Potential Appointment to the Board:

- Dr. Ruth Reinhart, ACC: Dr. Ruth Reinhart shared a few words about her background and interest in joining the board
- Paul Duchene, NMSI: Mr. Paul Duchene shared a few words about his background and interest in joining the board

David Dunn made the motion to appoint Dr. Ruth Reinhart and Mr. Paul Duchene to the Wayside Schools Board of Directors, Jesus Becerra seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

##### b. Appointment of New Board Officers for SY 24-25 and going forward:

David Dunn made a motion to appoint Elaine Candelas as the new Board of Directors President effective at the next regular board meeting. Jesus Becerra seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

David Dunn made a motion to approve Nicole Trevino as interim Board Secretary. Meredith Sembello seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

##### c. Enrollment and Fundraising Update

Karlie Ramirez reported the following update about enrollment:

- We are seeing increasing enrollment daily on our path to 1,900 scholars
- 1,754 scholars enrolled as of August 22, 2024.
- Year to date newly enrolled scholars is 372
- Wayside has added 134 scholars that have either been reactivated or newly enrolled since first day of school
- Wayside is expecting to continue to add scholars steadily until fall break, when it is expected to stabilize for the school year.

Elizabeth Wrona reported the following about fundraising:

- \$750k is the fundraising goal for SY 24/25
- Multiple grants submitted or in the grant pipeline
- Upcoming event - Wayfinder Social, hosted by the Foundation for current and prospective donors and Wayside Leadership
- Gala steering committee recruitment underway in Preparation for the spring Foundation Fundraising Gala

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

Clint Wise shared security updates on school safety

- Shared the results of the TEA pilot vulnerability program that Wayside Schools participated in and how it is preparing us better for future TEA Audits.

e. Superintendent Performance Review and Monitoring  
(Executive Session)

- No Action taken in open session on this item.

a. 23-24 Preliminary A-F STAAR TEA Rating

b. August Academic Report and Action Plan

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

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. 23-24 Preliminary A-F STAAR TEA Rating

- Due to ongoing litigation preventing the release of TEA A-F Ratings there is nothing to report on this item. The next legal determination on releasing of FY 24 A-F scores is currently expected in mid-September.

b. August Academic Report and Action Plan

- The CAO shared the focus of back to school and reminded the board members that she will share more SY25 data at the September school board meeting at the conclusion of our first round of Common Assessments.

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

- No Action taken on this item

Chief Talent Officer Update

a. August Talent Report

- Marcia Molinar shared that she will be presenting data at the September meeting and that she did not have anything to share at this meeting at this time.

b. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

- No Action taken on this item

a. Statement of Activities as of 7.31.24

b. 23-24 Preliminary FIRST Rating, based on FY 23 Audit Data

c. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

Chief Operating Officer Update

a. Statement of Activities as of 7/31/2024

- Francisco Garcia presented the statement of activities and shared that everything is tracking as expected with the reopening of school for the FY25 year.

b. 23-24 Preliminary FIRST Rating, based on FY 23 Audit Data

- Francisco Garcia presented the 23-24 FIRST Rating and that Wayside Schools received an “A” or Superior Achievement. Wayside Schools will be making a further presentation/hearing of the FIRST rating prior to the required deadline this fall.
- c. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)
  - Tabled for Executive session

Closed Session:

At 7:45pm, David Dunn asked for a motion to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation..

Elaine Candelas motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Nicole Trevino seconds, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30pm 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 actions need to be taken as a result of the deliberations in the Executive Session.

Adjourn

David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm