

## Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Physically Present: Elaine Candelas, Meredith Sembello, Dr. Ruth Reinhart, and Paul Duchene

Board Members Virtually Present: None

Board Members Absent: Cynthia Gonzalez, Jesus Becerra, and Dr. Nicole Trevino

Leadership Staff Members Physically Present: Marcia Molinar, Susan Pommerening, Francisco Garcia, Haylee Lavender, and Liz Wrona and Dawn Fair

Public Physically Present: None

Elaine Candelas called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

### Scholar and School Feature

Joe Rameriz, a Wayside Parent and STMS Girls Basketball Coach presented his experience coaching our middle schools girls team for the 24-25 season.

The board shared their thanks for his service in changing the direction of the middle school basketball program and for a great season.

### Public Comments:

None

### Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from October and January regular board meetings.

- October meeting minutes tabled until the next regular meeting
- January minutes presented for approval.

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Dr. Ruth Reinhart made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Paul Duchene seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### Consent Agenda Items, discussion and possible action on:

#### a. Consent Items:

- TEA Low Attendance and Bad Weather Waiver for SY 24-25
- Wayside Academic Calendar Waiver for SY 24-25 - PD Days (10/14, 11/1, 1/6 and 3/24)
- Innovative Courses at STHS for the 25-26 school year
- Altamira Academy Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)
- 2024-2025 TEA Annual Academic Report and TAPR (23-24 Data)
- Updated Dyslexia Policy (SPED Services)

~~— EMAT TEA Board Certification for 2025-26~~

- b. Consent contracts since the last board meeting:
- Austin Public Library Facility Use Agreement: STHS Prom
  - Deer Oaks EAP Services Agreement
  - Independent Contractor - Ana Hester: REAL Learning Academy
  - Independent Contractor - Erika Fletcher: Eden Park Academy

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items and the item discussed.

Meredith Sembello made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, minus the EMAT TEA Board Certification for 2025-26 item, Paul Duchene seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update

Chief Executive Officer Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on:

Matt Abbott is absent from this meeting so Susan Pommerening led the CEO section in his absence.

Fundraising Update:

Liz Wrona did a presentation of the information in the board folder concerning fundraising to date featuring the major programs like grant writing and the spring gala. No action was needed on this item as it was informational. The gala is now only 40 days away.

School Safety Updates and Possible Actions and Resolution(s) for HB 3 Compliance/School Safety Update:

Nothing was reported at this month's meeting. A Full presentation will be ready at the March meeting.

Superintendent Performance Review and Monitoring (Executive Session):

This item was tabled for a later meeting.

Chief Academic Officer Update

February Academic Report and Action Plan:

Susan Pommerening presented information for her February Academic Report and Action Plan focusing on the middle of the year testing results from the "mock STAAR" round and CA E. Data continues to show progress, but in March there will be even more information available as we complete another round of "mock STAAR" Testing.

Susan Pommerening also presented the TEA Annual Academic Report and TAPR and required Progress monitoring in a public meeting in compliance with HB 3. The full presentation and all data is available in the board files.

Special Education Services concerning specific student(s):

Item not discussed and no action taken on this item.

#### Chief Talent Officer Update

Chief Talent Officer Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on:

January Talent Report:

Marcia Molinar shared a presentation on the current status of hiring, staff retention and turnover and special programs as of February. She also presented on the Teacher Incentive Allotment and the process to adopt a new and amended system. Hiring season is just about to start and she will have more to report in March and April. Her presentation details are available in the board materials for this month. No action was taken on this item.

Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

- No action taken on this item

#### Chief Operating Officer Update

Chief Operations Officer Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on:

24-25 Enrollment:

Similar to last month, Karlie Ramirez presented on current enrollment trends and activities stating that enrollment is hovering around 1,800 scholars, which continues to be up from last school year, but under the 1900 target that we were planning on. Enrollment continues to backfill openings and enrollment. There are also about 250 applications for the 2025-26 school year in process now

Statement of Activities as of 2.28.25:

Francisco Garcia reviewed the statement of activities as provided in the board materials. Wayside currently operates in a deficit due to serving fewer students than originally budgeted for as presented in previous meetings, but shared that budget reduction strategies continue to right size the budget as compared to expected revenues to achieve manageable deficit and to ensure all bond covenants are met in these tight fiscal conditions.

Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session):

No action taken on this item.

#### Closed Session:

The board did not enter executive session.

#### Adjourn

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Paul Duchene motioned to adjourn, Dr. Ruth Reinhart seconded, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Candelas adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm