

## Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Physically Present: Dr. Nicole Trevino (Presiding Member), Jesus Becerra, Meredith Sembello, Dr. Ruth Reinhart, Cynthia Gonzalez, and Paul Duchene

Board Members Virtually Present: None

Board Members Absent: Elaine Candelas

Leadership Staff Members Physically Present: Marcia Molinar, Francisco Garcia, and Liz Wrona.

Leadership Staff Members Virtually Present: Susan Pommerening,

Public Physically Present: None

Dr. Nicole Trevino called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

### Scholar and School Feature

Director Mac provided the board a feature on the STMS Theater Program along with 2 scholars. Director Mack shared the success of the year and the large number of wins at competition this year. The STMS theater program has won the most awards of any program or sport this year at Wayside Schools.

The board shared their thanks for Director Mac's service to scholars and congratulated the featured scholars.

### 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
- February minutes presented for approval.

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

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

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

#### a. Consent Items:

- Certification of provision of instructional materials
- Granting authority for Wayside Leadership to make a selection of a Provider at the conclusion of the Public RFP Process of E-rate funding, FCC Form 470.

- b. Consent contracts since the last board meeting:
  - Independent Contractor Cindy Haughn LLC: OT & Mobility Services (SPED)

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items and the item discussed.

Paul Duchene made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Meredith 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:

- a. Fundraising Update

Liz Wrona provided an update on fundraising year to date and also reminded that the Foundation will be hosting the Gala on April 10, 2025 at the Austin Public Library and encouraged all to maximize their participation in this important fundraising event. Her presentation materials are in the board folder for the meeting for additional review.

- b. School Safety Updates and Possible Actions and Resolution(s) for HB 3  
Compliance and School Safety

Clint Wise provided an update on the following items:

- Next Safety Committee Meeting will be held on May 15th, Discussion Only
- Exterior Door numbers have been posted around each campus, Discussion Only
- Discussion and possible action of Good Cause Exception for Onsite Armed Guards, Action Taken

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the Good Cause Exemption as presented, stating that Wayside Schools will continue to use a private security firm in lieu of creating a police force or contracting with licensed peace officers as allowable by law.

Jesus Becerra made a motion to approve the Good Cause Exemption as presented, Cynthia seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Performance Review and Monitoring (Executive Session):

This item was tabled for a later meeting.

#### Chief Academic Officer Update

March Academic Report and Action Plan:

Similar to last month, Susan Pommerening presented information for her March Academic Report and Action Plan focusing on results from the “mock STAAR” round and CA E. Data continues to show progress in most locations with some areas of concern at AMA, STMS and STHS. In April STAAR Testing begins. The presentation materials are available in the board folder.

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:

March Talent Report:

Marcia Molinar shared a presentation on the current status of hiring, staff retention and turnover and special programs as of March. She also presented on the Teacher Incentive Allotment application to be submitted to TEA. Hiring season is in full swing and she will have more to report in April. Her presentation details are available in the board materials for this month. Action was taken on the TIA application.

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to approve the TIA Application to TEA as presented.

Jesus Becerra made a motion to approve the TIA Application to TEA, Cynthia seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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. Enrollment continues to backfill openings and enrollment. There are also about 300 applications for the 2025-26 school year in process now

Statement of Activities as of 3.31.25:

Francisco Garcia reviewed the statement of activities as provided in the board materials. Like in last months presentation, Wayside continues to operate 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

Dr. Nicole Trevino asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

Dr. Nicole Trevino adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm