

## Wayside Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Members Physically Present: Elaine Candelas (Presiding Member), Jesus Becerra, Meredith Sembello, Cynthia Gonzalez, and Paul Duchene

Board Members Virtually Present: David Dunn

Board Members Absent: Dr. Nicole Trevino

Leadership Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Susan Pommerening, Marcia Molinar, Francisco Garcia, and Liz Wrona.

Leadership Staff Members Virtually Present: All Principals and Haylee Lavender

Public Physically Present: None

Elaine Candelas 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

Clint Wise gave a fall sports review. He then shared that the fall season is off to a great start with both Volleyball and Cross Country coming to an end shortly. We will likely have a few runners go to state. Next up is basketball and then soccer starting in December.

### Public Comments:

None

### Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from September regular board meetings.

- September minutes presented for approval.

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

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

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

#### a. Consent Items:

- Policy revision on Staff Attendance and Blackout Days
- Approval to offer at least 12 hours of college credit prior to HS graduation to all scholars, sunset/teachout IB at HS, & submit all potential and required information, charter amendments, and contracts/MOUs to TEA, ACC, and IB for all approvals in preparation for rollout in SY 25-26.

- b. Consent contracts since the last board meeting:
  - NONE

Elaine Candelas 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, Jesus Becerra 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. Appointment of Advocacy Point Person for Legislative Session

This item was discussed but the item was postponed for a decision at a later meeting.

- b. Fundraising Update

Matt Abbott gave an overview of our annual school fundraising plan and status of major elements to ensure success as presented in the board packet for fundraising.

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

Clint Wise provided an update on the following items:

- The fall School Safety Committee Meeting was recently completed.
- It is now confirmed that our TEA District Vulnerability Audit (DVA) is set for May 7, 2025, Clint wise also provided the board a high level review of the elements of the DVA.

Superintendent Performance Review and Monitoring (Executive Session):

This item was tabled for executive session..

#### Chief Academic Officer Update

October Academic Report and Action Plan:

Susan gave a review of early year assessment data (available in board packet) and also shared more about the litigation holding up both the SY2023 and SY2024 Accountability grades. There should be more information made available in coming months that will be reported to the board.

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:

October Talent Report:

Marcia Molinar shared a presentation on the current status of hiring, staff retention and turnover and special programs as of October. Marcia specifically focused on the nature of the currently open position and reasoning for transitions and openings. At this point this year our early year turnover is very similar to last year, but our teaching core is much more seasoned as compared to previous years. Because of this, there is reason to believe that we will have a more stable staffing year. There is still a fair amount of staff mobility in education in the region amounting to increased turnover.

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:

Karlie Rameriz shared that enrollment has stabilized near the 1800 scholar mark and at this time of year we continue to backfill openings but that it is unlikely that our enrollment will continue to grow and that backfilling will help to keep enrollment stable. This is about 100 students lower than originally budgeted.

Statement of Activities as of 9.30.25:

Francisco Garcia reviewed the statement of activities as provided in the board materials. At this time of year the budget is tracking as expected considering the under enrollment. There will need to be a Budget Amendment made to the FY 25 budget to true up revenues and expenses to mitigate against a pending deficit. This will likely happen in the coming months although cost cutting measures are already in place with reductions taking place across the organization.

FY 24 Audit Update and Budget Amendment FY 24 (if needed)

Francisco Garcia shared that the audit is on track, and that a FY 24 Budget Amendment was not needed at this time. A FY24 Amendment may still come at the close of the Audit, but that if needed an amendment would be in November and presented along with the FY 24 Audit. No action was needed on this item.

Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session):

No action taken on this item.

#### Closed Session:

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to enter executive session as allowable in law.

Jesus Becerra made a motion to enter executive session, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive session discussion.

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to exit the executive session.

Cynthia Gonzalez made a motion to exit executive session, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken as a result of the deliberations of executive session in open session.

#### Adjourn

Elaine Candelas asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Cynthia Gonzalez motioned to adjourn, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Candelas adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm