



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

**Posted in compliance with California Assembly Bill 361**

**Location: Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

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**Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Dr. Danelle Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Danelle Fisher, Karina Fedasz, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Ben Tysch, Miles Remer, Mary McCullough, Vicki Graf (left at 5:21pm)

Staff/Guests: Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Janine Bielski, Mike Johnston, Susan Kim

Absent: Matthew Swanlund

**III ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Executive Director’s Special Report on COVID-19/Return to Campus, Independent Study, and Implementation</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Update on Distance Learning and Return to Campus</li> <li>(b) Food delivery/lunch program</li> <li>(c) Subgroup service delivery</li> <li>(d) Governance and board meetings</li> <li>(e) Employees and vendors</li> <li>(f) Graduation requirements</li> <li>(g) Attendance and Engagement Tracking</li> <li>(h) Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan</li> <li>(i) CoVerify COVID testing</li> <li>(j) ESSER Funds plan</li> <li>(k) Independent Study</li> <li>(l) Mask Accomodation for SWD</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion

<sup>1</sup> Please see Notice No. 2 at the end of this agenda for complete public access information. Please note that in compliance with the Brown Act, as modified by AB 361, the physical locations of individual participants are omitted.

<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	15-20 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Submitting an affidavit that all 12 and older pupils are vaccinated, percentages will be published in WWW in hopes it incentivizes families. New COVID rules won't be implemented until 1/10 (masks off outside if 85% of students are vaccinated, no weekly testing for people vaccinated, if vaccinated and in close proximity to positive cases will not have to quarantine). Last community update was on 11/10. Employee Handbook change on page 16 reflects the policy with reporting applicable employee misconduct to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Gates grant implementation has continued. Grants partnership with LMU in partnership with local school Nassau for ELAC program. Lunch vendor has changed and will be implemented in Semester 2.

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Executive Director Monthly Report</b>
<b>Description:</b>	(m) Academic Achievement Report (n) School Climate and Culture (o) Human Capital
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	1505 verified data just came in and are using it to determine gaps. Grateful grams have started at WISH Academy. School culture activities are ongoing and spearheaded by Jenny Teeman. SUA is in principals' hands currently. Pro-rata share being paid in full. Will need to participate in overallocation agreement with other charter schools. Enrollment drip rate occurring because of vaccinations. Relay training occurring with all faculty and staff.

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of monthly financials and current/projected budget updates
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Federal and state nutrition revenues have grown because WISH participates in Seamless Summer (free lunch for anyone who asks). Meal program expenses are over budget because of moving to a new provider but it evens out. Additional funding has recently been announced (Educator Effectiveness Funds, TK Planning Expansion Grants) but are not incorporated into the forecast yet.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>Legislative and General Updates/Brown Act Training and Compliance</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	No changes from last month. Still operating under the framework of AB361 through January unless hear of any changes in emergency declaration status.

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Development/WISHForward Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Karina Fedasz
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Gala meetings continue to move forward. Venue is at SoFi. Save the date, honorees and venue information is going out to early corporate sponsors. Sub committees have occurred for the capital campaign to launch One WISH One Campus campaign. Hope to have new fundraising website updates in place soon. Giving Tuesday (11/30) opportunities going out to foundation sponsors.

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>Curriculum Update</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Report from Curriculum Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Vicki Graf
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Have been looking deeply at the instructional and social emotional supports in place. Current practices on master schedule are being analysed.

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>CA School Dashboard Indicators</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discuss CA Dashboard items in yellow or below
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Not an update from last year. Currently everything that is supposed to be in green and blue is in green and blue. Holding ourselves accountable for continuing to support students.

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>EL Outreach Update</b>
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<b>Description:</b>	Outcomes of past outreach/new strategies to be implemented
<b>Purpose:</b>	Oversight
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	See Executive Director's monthly report
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Received District notification what we are doing for EL outreach. Dr. Draxton is providing the report on Dec. 3.

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>Board Development and Recruitment</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Danelle Fisher
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Have reached out informally to Darrin Early at LMU, however it is a conflict of interest to have him on the board. Still searching for new board members. An update will be forthcoming.

<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>Educator Effectiveness Block Grants</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and discuss plan
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Money is for professional development. Items included are for clearing credentials, conference stipend program, Teach Like A Champion, Relay PD modules. Vote will occur at December meeting.

<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>CSD Response regarding Fiscal Policies</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of response and policies
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discuss action plan and potential policy shifts
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Goldstein/Dr Shawna Draxton/Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	In response to CSD site review fiscal category. Supported flagged items with documentation. Lengthy response was received with suggestions for tweaks to the WISH fiscal policy. Will solicit board comments for next steps with this project by sharing document.

#### IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. **CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:** Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Approval of Board Minutes from October 21, 2021 (written and audio)</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve October 21, 2021 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	October Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Review Of Current Emergency Status, Findings Of Fact, And Board Resolution Regarding Virtual Meetings Pursuant To AB 361</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Board will review current emergency pandemic-related governmental orders and declarations, and make findings relevant thereto in compliance with AB 361, in order to ensure ongoing public access and transparency.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Danelle Fisher
<b>Materials:</b>	Proposed board resolution in board folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

For Items #1 and #2, Miles Remer moved to approve; Ben Tysch seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President &amp; Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	-	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Notice of Concern from CSD regarding Brown Act/Confidential Settlement Agreements</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of Notice of Concern; approval of formal response
<b>Purpose:</b>	Compliance with statutory and authorizer requirements
<b>Presented By:</b>	Danelle Fisher/Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Notice of Concern; Proposed Response in Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 mins

Board members discussed Notice of Concern in great detail. Formal ratification in open session and disclosure of substance of settlement (discussed in Item #2 below) will rectify CSD concern. While WISH views the legal question differently, board's intent is to be in compliance with Brown Act. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to adopt a process of ratifying settlement agreements when finalized, where settlement authority has previously been discussed in closed session, using a similar template; Miles Remer seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President &amp; Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	-	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Ratification of Confidential Settlement Agreement in OAH Case No. 2019060973</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ratification of previously authorized settlement agreement in open session
<b>Purpose:</b>	Compliance with statutory and authorizer requirements
<b>Presented By:</b>	Danelle Fisher/Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Summary of Material Terms in Board Folder
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 mins

Board discussed template used for disclosure of settlement agreements. Where matter involves a student, board must weigh confidentiality requirements in framing disclosure. Board discussed adding time frames for further clarity and that revision will be made. Ben Tysch moved to approve the item as revised, Miles Remer seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President &amp; Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	-	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review compliance binder; discussion and vote re same, signature from Board President on document
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Compliance Binder
<b>Est. Time</b>	5 min.

Discussion of required compliance documentation leading up to site review. Dr. Danelle Fisher moved to approve the item, Mary McCullough seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Danelle Fisher, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President &amp; Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	-	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Miles Remer, <i>Treasurer</i>	Y

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<u>Purpose and Authority:</u> <u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action--</u>  OAH Case No. 2021110011 -- In Re FEF  Closed session subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)</li><li>• California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)</li><li>• California Government Code section 54956.9(e)(2)</li><li>• California Government Code section 54956.9(e)(5)</li></ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC, Rebecca Diddams
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

Board President announced the commencement of closed session in compliance with the above-cited statutes at 6:14 pm to allow the board to confer telephonically with outside counsel YMC. The Board President announced the resumption of open session at 6:33 pm and reported out as follows:

Discussion only No action taken.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.