



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Location: WISH Community School (TK-5)
6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Board President Dr. Mary McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Dr. Mary McCullough, Dr. Victoria Graf, Ben Tysch, Karina Fedasz, Raj Makwana, Julie Grimm, Fernando Guerra
 Staff/Guests: Jennie Brook, Dr. Shawna Draxton, Janine Bielski
 Absent: Jason Rudolph, Miles Remer

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Item 1:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	Comprehensive monthly report to the board on all operational and organizational matters, including academic achievement, climate and culture, human capital, and health and safety (including COVID-related matters as required)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min

Minutes:	Dr. Draxton reported on the summer school programs on each campus. ELOP is fortunate to use WLAED for MS as well as ES this summer. Other highlights include: Administrative blackout days are currently ongoing. LMU partnership with Gates Grants is ongoing, footage hasn't been received yet. Students from Ireland and WISH are participating in LMU Master Classes. Embargoed data for end of year testing is slowly coming in and is being evaluated. End of year events were stellar! No new updates outside of Prop 39. Working very hard with principals to only use the space we absolutely need. Waiting for the district to get back to WISH regarding oversight. Mostly staffed for next year. Very happy with the retention rate. Everyone will be taking training during summer PD.
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Item #2:	Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)
Description:	Tools for local educational agencies to set goals, plan actions, and leverage resources to meet those goals to improve student outcomes
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Bypassed due to discussing and voting later in the meeting.

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of April 2024 financials, updated forecast, real estate analysis
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Lower enrollment resulted in a \$708K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$835K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$897K remains available to spend through FY27/28. The \$1.8M ERC tax credit revenue, and \$162K of related fees have been removed from the forecast this fiscal year.

Item #4:	Committee Updates
Description:	Audit Committee Curriculum Committee Executive Committee Finance Committee Facilities Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Committee Chairs
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	15 min

Minutes:	<p>Audit Committee - Nothing to report.</p> <p>Curriculum Committee - Met today. Summarized EOY and reviewed plans for next year. 95% of all verified data testing has been completed. Growth indicator should be at least 10 months of data. State testing is completed. For the first time, Science curriculum included progress monitoring so the teachers were really happy to have that data. MTSS systems and August PD were discussed. Consultant with equity lens brought in to support with Math support.</p> <p>Executive Committee - ED Evaluation and contract renewal to be discussed at length in closed and open session items below.</p> <p>Finance Committee - Nothing to report outside of items listed on agenda.</p> <p>Facilities Committee - Strategic planning company was brought in to discuss their value propositions at the last meeting.</p>
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Item #5:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Working on final books for June 30th. Taxes submitted to IRS. Last event of the year was a party book event at Triangle Wines. It was a fantastic event organized by Jolene Doucette with 30 attendees present.

Item #6:	CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	No changes.

Item #7:	CalSAS Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Admin team is closely monitoring how teachers are assigned to classes and courses.

Item #8:	LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring
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Description:	LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: March 21 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: April 26
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Item tabled because District reports have not been received yet.

Item #9:	24-25 LCAP Public Hearing
Description:	Discussion of proposed revisions and updates to LCAP for coming year
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	This year is the first year of a three year cycle. Change this year is adding CTE pathways as part of the LCAP. Goals, Metrics and Actions have been reviewed and updated.

Item #10:	WISH Academy CTE Advisory Board
Description:	Since WISH is officially launching two CTE pathways in the 24-25 school year and plans to add four more in the next three years, a CTE Advisory Board and Sub Committees are being formed to meet twice during the upcoming school year, October and March.
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	These meetings are vital for gathering input from stakeholders and are essential in the development of our CTE program.

V. 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.

Item #1:	Approval of Board Minutes from May 16, 2024
Description:	Review and approve May 16, 2024 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	May Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed 7-0-2-1 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - Guerra).

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	WISH Community School instructional minutes for 24-25
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

State and charter requirements are listed. No changes since the last review.

Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #2:	WISH Academy High School instructional minutes for 24-25
Description:	Governing board approval is required by authorizer MOU or charter petition.
Purpose:	Board Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

See above for discussion information.

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #3:	Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) & Federal Addendum (SPSA integrated into LCAP) for WISH Community School
Description:	Review and discussion of proposed revisions and updates to WISH Community School's LCAP for coming year; vote re same
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Document was shared prior to the action items being voted on.

Be Tysch moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #4:	Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) & Federal Addendum (SPSA integrated into LCAP) for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Review and discussion of proposed revisions and updates to WISH Academy High School's LCAP for coming year; vote re same
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton/Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Suzanne Goldstein moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #5:	Spring 2024 Consolidated Applications for WISH Community School
Description:	Review and approve proposed ConApp
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Annual funding application for Title funds to help students who are not at state standards, immigrant funding and english learner etc. Recommend WISH accept Title 1, Title 2 and Title 4.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #6:	Spring 2024 Consolidated Applications for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Review and approve proposed ConApp
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #7:	Executive Director Employment Contract Renewal
Description:	Executive Director's contract review and renewal
Purpose:	Board approval required
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	Employment Agreement, Compensation Survey, and Executive Committee Report and Recommendation (Note: Confidential)

	materials re performance evaluation will be considered in closed session as set forth below)
Est. Time:	10 min

Following closed session, the Board considered the committee report, proposed employment agreement, and compensation survey materials. In its report, the EC recommended a proposed contract renewal for an additional three-year term, with base salary for 2024-25 set at \$241,836, with COLA adjustments in the succeeding years that will mirror the COLA adjustment made organization-wide for that fiscal year.

Karina Fedasz moved to adopt the EC report and approve a 3-year employment contract on the terms set forth above; Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #8:	WISH Operating Budget FY 2024-25
Description:	Presentation of proposed operating budget, with recommended action from Finance Committee
Purpose:	Fiscal Oversight
Presented By:	Dr Draxton/Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	15-20 minutes

Budget assumptions include revenue COLA 1.07%, increased enrollment, attendance rate is holding steady or increasing, an increase in ADA, LCFF funding increased slightly, one time funds are down and low income percentage is unchanged. Finance committee has been involved throughout the process and is recommending that the board approves the budget.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #9:	EPA Spending Plan
Description:	Required spending plan for Education Protection Account
Purpose:	Compliance
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 minutes

This is a compliance item which is a part of LCFF funding to spend on teacher salaries and benefits.

Suzanne Goldstein moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #10:	Proposed Vendor Contracts for FY 2024-25
Description:	Review proposed agreements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CharterSafe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fresh Lunches ● Chromebook Order ● GoGuardian ● Alder Graduate School of Education ● ExED (New Terms Supplement to existing agreement)
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min

The Board discussed the proposed renewals of vendor contracts, most of which have been in place for several years. The Board also discussed the proposed Chromebook order. Board members confirmed that the renewal amounts involve increases of less than 5% except for CharterSafe. It was noted that insurance premiums have gone up significantly industry-wide and WISH is feeling the impact of that trend.

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 7-0-2-1 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - Grimm).

Item #11:	Prop 28 Annual Report Approval
Description:	Report on use of FY23/24 Prop 28 Arts & Music in Schools Funding
Purpose:	Discuss and Vote
Presented By:	Mike Johnston, ExED
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The board discussed this report, which is required for compliance with Prop 28 (which provides restricted funds to add middle school and high school theater and arts teachers.) Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #12:	WISH Community School (6-8) Proposed Curriculum Adoptions for 2024-25
Description:	Review proposed agreements for curriculum adoptions for WISH Community School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● History - McGraw Hill ● ELA - HMH Into Literature
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Draxton shared the proposed new curriculum adoptions, which have been reviewed by the Curriculum Comm. Curriculum adoptions are aligned with what teachers and admin would like as well as what is state approved.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr. Vicki Graf seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #13:	WISH Academy High School Proposed Curriculum Adoptions for 2024-25
Description:	Review proposed agreements for curriculum adoptions for WISH Academy High School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science - OpenSciEd ● Alg 1, Geometry, Alg 2 - McGraw Hill ● Verified Data - NWEA
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Draxton shared the proposed new curriculum adoptions, which have been reviewed by the Curriculum Comm. Curriculum adoptions are aligned with what teachers and admin would like as well as what is state approved.

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #14:	California Charter Schools Association Special Dues Assessment
Description:	Special membership dues assessment to support legal advocacy in connection with challenge to LAUSD’s Proposition 39 Co-Location Policy and LAUSD’s compliance with Proposition 39.
Purpose:	Discuss and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

The board discussed the CCSA special dues assessment imposed to share costs on an equitable basis that are associated with pursuing legal remedies to require the District to comply with Prop 39. The amount assessed is WISH’s fair share of costs.

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #15:	Board Resolution regarding WISH Community School Prop 39 District FUA
Description:	Prop 39 Facilities Use Agreement with the District. Under new District rules, WISH Charter School's governing board must approve the Facilities Use Agreements prior to occupancy.
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote

Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr Draxton shared that the annual operating agreement for Prop 39 space (FUA) has been in all prior years executed by the ED without board involvement. However, the District has instituted a new requirement that charter school boards must formally approve annual FUAs by way of a board resolution.

Accordingly, Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

Item #16:	Board Resolution regarding WISH Academy High School Prop 39 District FUA
Description:	Prop 39 Facilities Use Agreement with the District. Under new District rules, WISH Charter School's governing board must approve the Facilities Use Agreements prior to occupancy.
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

For the reasons set forth above in Item 15, Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Suzanne Goldstein seconded. The item passed unanimously 8-0-2-0 (Y - Goldstein, Makwana, Guerra, Grimm, Graf, McCullough, Tysch, Fedasz, N - N/A, Absent - Rudolph, Remer, Abstain - 0).

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item 1:	Anticipated Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9(b)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Anticipated Litigation with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

Item 2:	Personnel Matter: Executive Director Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract Renewal
Description:	<u>Purpose and Authority:</u> Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract Renewal of Executive Director Closed session pursuant California Government Code section 54957(b)

Purpose:	Review evaluation materials and compensation survey; vote re contract renewal
Presented By:	Dr. Mary McCullough and Executive Committee
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	15 min

The board entered into closed session at 7:07pm. The board came out of closed session at 7:33pm. Acting Board President Dr. Mary McCullough reported out as follows:

Closed Session Item No. 1: No action was taken.

Closed Session Item No. 2: During closed session, the Board reviewed and discussed the evaluation materials, compensation survey, committee report, and proposed employment agreement. Dr. McCullough indicated the Board was now prepared to return to Action Item No. 7 above.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Acting Board President Dr. Mary McCullough adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.