



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: In Person at Address Below**

**WISH Community School (6-8)/WISH Academy High School**  
**7400 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045\***

\*Secondary location available for teleconference access to the board meeting at the WISH Community School (TK-5) campus, 6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045

**and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**Zoom Participants**

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<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.

Mike Johnston, ExED	Rosario Ramos
Daniel and Brigitte (4th and 6th G)	

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Executive Director Monthly Report</b>
<b>Description:</b>	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)
<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>	Spent the last 7 days in PD, admin support team has been working really hard, really strong launch for all three schools. ELOP - partnering with WLAED for ES during the school year, summer and breaks and MS for summer and breaks. LCAP, spoke about goals for this year with leadership teams. Aligned to achievement for all student groups. Social emotional and belonging targets. Have research to practice guest lecturers for Principal Oney and Dr. Draxton in Belfast coming up. Looking at three strategies for academic achievement. Excited to have Naomi O'Brien of Read Like A Rockstar here to work on gifted and talented high ceiling and biases with all schools. Teachers are decorating classrooms to completion while still including "windows" and "mirrors" so students see themselves on the walls and in the classroom. All Prop 39 negotiations have been completed, waiting for district principals. Update is Prop 39 alt request has been requested to split restrooms. High ratings for WASC, constantly reviewing. Looking at renewal for 2027. Math and school culture is heavy focus.

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Monitoring of WASC and LCAP (Integrated Single Plan for Student Achievement)</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Tools for local educational agencies to set goals, plan actions, and leverage resources to meet those goals to improve student outcomes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

<b>Minutes:</b>	Reviewed in WCA Leadership and with faculty and staff.
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<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	FY23/24 Budget Update
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch/ExED
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Started back to fiscal policies this week. In the in-between period where it is too early to share last year's final financials and too early to share the first set of financials for this year. Additional fundraising added and enrollment is holding strong.

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>Committee Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Audit Committee Curriculum Committee Executive Committee Finance Committee Facilities Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Committee Chairs
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	15 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Audit Committee - no updates Curriculum Committee - no updates Executive Committee - no updates Finance Committee - no updates Facilities Committee - happy to have closed the Prop 39 negotiations and continue to look for private facilities

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Legislative and General Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title IX</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board Informative
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
<b>Materials:</b>	To Be Distributed
<b>Est. Time:</b>	30 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	Significant changes to Title IX as of August 1st. Will adopt policy changes later in the meeting.

<b>Item #6:</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>	No hard copy report right now, hard assets at ~\$900k for 23-24, strategy meeting is Sept 15th.

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>CA School Dashboard Indicators and DFS Metric</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Discuss CA Dashboard items/academic accountability
<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>	No updates. Have the embargoed data but not on the dashboard. Been careful to make sure all of the platforms are in alignment.

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>CalSAS Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	CDE is requiring that we talk about our 22-23 teacher data. They are looking at the percentage of credentials which are or are not spot on. WISH is slightly below county and state. Because WISH is small and there is a teacher shortage, sometimes the credentialing rules don't match up with the credentialed staff.

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	LAUSD Oversight Visit Reports for WISH Community and WISH Academy from 23-24 School Year
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	WISH Community School's summary of ratings is Governance 4, Student Achievement and Educational Performance 3, Organizational Management 4, Fiscal Management 3. WISH Academy High School's summary of ratings is Governance 4, Student Achievement and Educational Performance 3, Organizational Management 3, Fiscal Management 3.

<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>Board Retreat for 2024-25</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Details to get shared regarding planned board retreat
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Miles Remer
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

<b>Minutes:</b>	Miles Remer will be reaching out to all board members this week to plan this event.
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<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>Enrollment Evaluation for 2024-25</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Report on current enrollment (actual vs. projected) and year-over-year analysis
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	WISH Community School is fully enrolled with 1200 students on the waitlist, WISH Academy High School is holding strong at 333. 289 students on day one last year, were at 275 after the first week, lost 20 students over the course of the year ending at 269 students.

**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.

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Approval of Board Minutes from June 20, 2024</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve June 20, 2024 meeting minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	June Meeting Minutes
<b>Est. Time:</b>	2 min

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

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Policy Revision/Review</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Updates and required revisions to the following board policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Independent Study Policy</li> <li>● Record Retainment Policy</li> <li>● Title IX - needs to be approved after August 1, 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval needed
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Proposed revised policies in Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Independent Study Policy - recommendation is to remove access to the ISP if students require services out of state or internationally. Record Retainment Policy -

recommendation is to move records from an indefinite amount of time to 5 years. Title IX Policy - resolution added to recommend getting assistance from operating under policy in the interim.

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

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>Executive Leadership Proposal for Dissemination of Best Practices in Inclusive Education: Guest Lectures and School Visits in Ireland</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Work related duties/international travel
<b>Purpose:</b>	Principal Oney and Executive Director Draxton propose attending educator conference to present WISH inclusivity and tiered supports and to visit South Belfast schools. This conference is part of an international reciprocal exchange with Northern Ireland.
<b>Presented By:</b>	Dr. Shawna Draxton
<b>Materials:</b>	None
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Dr. Draxton and Principal Oney have been invited to this international elementary and middle school conference. Some funding has been received. Conference funds will also be used. Admin will be off campus for four school days.

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

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>WISH Community 24-25 Handbook</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Final review and approval of previously reviewed handbooks
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

Cell phone policy has been changed. The district is working on their policy, all of district schools need to be done by January. WCA Leadership Team is working very hard to ensure compliance because the research shows shocking statistics. Language will be shared with families at orientation. Middle Schoolers can't bring cell phones on campus.

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

<b>Item #4:</b>	<b>WISH Academy 24-25 Handbook</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Final review and approval of previously reviewed handbooks
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Goldstein

<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min

High schoolers have more privilege because of development needs. They drive, they vote, they can be trusted to not take their phones out during instructional minutes.

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

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>2022-2023 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcomes (TAMO) Local Indicator for WISH Community School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Declaration of need
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

No vote needed. Informational item only.

<b>Item #6:</b>	<b>2022-2023 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcomes (TAMO) Local Indicator for WISH Academy High School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Declaration of need
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

No vote needed. Informational item only.

<b>Item #7:</b>	<b>CL 500 Declaration of Need for WISH Community School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Declaration of need for fully qualified educators
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval needed
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Have new teachers from out of state, so emergency CLAD certificates are needed. CLAD stands for Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development (CLAD).

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

<b>Item #8:</b>	<b>CL 500 Declaration of Need for WISH Academy High School</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Declaration of need for fully qualified educators
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval needed
<b>Presented By:</b>	Jennie Brook
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder

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

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.