



**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Location: In Person at Address Below**

**WISH Community School (TK-5)**  
**6550 W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045\***

\*Secondary location available for teleconference access to the board meeting at the WISH Community School (6-8)/WISH Academy campus, 7400 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston, ExED	

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**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>	Dr. Draxton presented her monthly report, including completion of LCAP and WASC benchmarks (24-25 Schoolwide and Administrator Goals shared), update on Gates Grants and SIP partnership with Cal Dept of Education, and site visit by LMU's new Dean of Education, Estela Zarate. She noted that academic achievement would be covered later in the meeting during the curriculum committee update. In terms of school culture, the students and community enjoyed a successful homecoming celebration. As for facilities, LAUSD continues to wrongfully withhold the full pro rata share although WISH does <i>not</i> have and has not sought full access, and will require WISH to execute an alt agreement (forfeiting valuable statutory protections) to halt the District's unilateral actions. Negotiations are ongoing. Staffing is complete and credentialing and training are being closely monitored.

<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>	Dr. Draxton reported to board about the SSC's activities and the new LCAP website

<b>Item #3:</b>	<b>Finance Updates</b>
<b>Description:</b>	September 2024 Financials
<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>	Enrollment is currently 38 students below budget, resulting in a \$458K decrease in LCFF Revenue. Forecast includes \$571K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$477K remains available to spend through FY27/28. The Community School has loaned \$675K to the High School in order for the HS to maintain a positive cash balance. Cash is decreasing faster than anticipated, mainly due to the district withholding rent at the preliminary rent rate while the final Prop 39 agreement is being finalized. Forecast does not include any receipt of ERC funds. While

	expected this year, the timing is uncertain. If ERC funds are recognized, net income would be \$1.62M and ending cash would be \$2.43M. As of September 2024, WISH has achieved \$208K or 26.0% of its \$800K fundraising goal.
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<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>	<p>Audit Committee - Suzanne reported that meeting to review the draft independent audit is being scheduled for early January.</p> <p>Curriculum Committee - Vicki reported that the committee had met and reviewed in detail WISH's excellent SBAC data and its significant outperformance in aggregated data of both the District and State in ELA and Math. (More than 20+ above in both areas) The Board discussed the data and performance of various subgroups and the strategies being implemented to boost achievement and the breakdown of the data across schools.</p> <p>Executive Committee - Suzanne reported on various administrative matters dealt with by the committee including ED evaluation process and operational issues</p> <p>Finance Committee - Review of significant budget cuts that have been made by Dr. Draxton and her team, closing a significant gap. Board reviewed the monthly financial reports in detail with Mike Johnston of ExED.</p> <p>Facilities Committee - Fernando and Raj reported on recent facilities committee meeting, including following up with Level Fields re a launch plan and fundraising approaches.</p>

<b>Item #5:</b>	<b>Legislative and General Updates/Annual Brown Act Training</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual Brown Act Training</li> <li>● Additional legislative updates</li> <li>● Review of Policy Bulletin-5532.1 (Policy on Co-Locations for District School Facilities' Use Pursuant to Education Code Section 47614 (Proposition 39))</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>	The Board reviewed the policy on co-locations. In addition, Jason Rudolph provided an in-depth Brown Act training for board members (see deck in board folder), including origin and rationale for the Brown Act and some new post-COVID updates and variations on prior rules (e.g., AB 2449, etc)
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<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>	Karina Fedasz shared a detailed update on WISHForward, including fundraising planning and events, recent donations, and discussions among WISH and WISHForward board members to reach some shared understandings regarding operations going forward

<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

<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>	None. No update

<b>Item #9:</b>	<b>LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates and Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Revised dates were requested by CSD and have been confirmed by all parties: LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: Tuesday, March 25 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: Thursday, March 20  Triannual upload 1 has been completed.
<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>	New dates shared with board and participation by board members is being planned
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<b>Item #10:</b>	<b>Board Retreat</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Planning and update
<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>	The 24-25 board retreat will be held Saturday, January 25 from 9:30-2pm and will be hosted by Dr. Mary McCullough at LMU. Focus will be on finance, fundraising and facilities

<b>Item #11:</b>	<b>Compliance Monitoring</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any updates Highlights of New Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AB 1078 (Jackson D) Instructional materials and curriculum: diversity</li> <li>● AB 245 (McKinnor D) High school athletics: California High School Coaching Education and Training Program: emergency action plan.</li> <li>● AB 275 (Ward D) School governance: governing boards: pupil members: compensation.</li> <li>● AB 889 (Patterson, Joe R) Pupil safety: parental notification: synthetic drugs.</li> <li>● SB 153 Educational Materials Adoption - Anti-Discrimination SEC. 2. Section 244</li> <li>● SB 153 Dashboard Local Indicators SEC. 73. Section 52064.5 of the Education Code</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review and Discussion
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Jason Rudolph
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	10 min
<b>Minutes:</b>	SMG reported that these WISH is following any applicable new requirements and no board action or schoolwide policy revision is required.

**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 October 10, 2024</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Review and approve October 10, 2024 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

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

**B. ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>Item #1:</b>	<b>Policy Revision/Review</b>
<b>Description:</b>	The following policies require revision and updating to align with federal, state or district requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recess Policy</li> <li>● High School Graduation Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Board approval needed
<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
<b>Materials:</b>	Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Dr. Draxton shared information regarding the adjustments to existing policies required to align them with state/district policies. Recess policy impacts grades TK-6; mandatory recess time periods may not be impinged by disciplinary measures.

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

<b>Item #2:</b>	<b>WISH Fiscal Policies and Procedures: Proposed Revision</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Follow up, additional minor revisions to policy adopted at October 2024 meeting in alignment with board's discussion at that meeting.
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discussion and Vote
<b>Presented By:</b>	Ben Tysch
<b>Materials:</b>	In Board Folder
<b>Est. Time:</b>	5 min

Matter was tabled and will be revisited when Ben Tysch can be present

**VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

<b>Item 1:</b>	<b>Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9(b)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel - OAH Case No. 2024080291

<b>Presented By:</b>	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
<b>Materials:</b>	N/A
<b>Est. Time</b>	10 min

No closed session required.

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm