

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.

Zoom Meeting

**NOTICE & AGENDA
FOR THE
DEEPER LEARNING VIRTUAL ACADEMY BOARD MEETING**

December 12, 2024

6:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom ~ December 12, 2024 or

<https://wawmsd-org.zoom.us/j/91558646256?pwd=UkNZejV0WnFUyVRMdXNYc3RwamdyZz09#success>

1. Call to Order & Notice of Posting

Meeting started: 6:08 pm

2. Roll Call - Ensuring Quorum, President, & Secretary

DLVA Governance Members:

Devone Smith

Laurie Telford

Sonja Nious-Randle

Heather Evans

Dante Chestnut, Sr. (joined 6:22 pm)

Public:

Matthew Schneider

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

Posted at district & Madison Building

Assistant Secretary to Superintendent transcribes for posting

4. Guest Reports from Students and/or Teachers

None scheduled at present. Will be having more in future.

5. Action Item(s):

Agenda posted to chat for access to all present board members.

5.1 [School Budget](#)

Discussion of consumables (food, office stationery, etc.), renewables (subscriptions, etc.). In future, it needs to be reviewed before each board meeting. Requires motion to approve, second to the motion, then vote.

Clarification that the budget represents the current fiscal year.

Motion to approve: Laurie Telford

Seconded: Heather Evans

Vote: Sonja Nious-Randle declines to cast a vote, not having had a chance to review the budget in advance. The school budget will be voted on in the next meeting.

Action Item: review budget and prepare for detailed questions.

5.2 [Grant Budget](#)

Discussion of non-renewables, non-consumables (computers), and professional development, including consultants, advertising/marketing.

Clarification question on “personal services” in grant budget. Devone Smith will get an answer to that question for the next meeting.

Clarification question on payment to CESA 9 if for coming to this meeting; yes to that as well as other consulting.

Clarification question on consulting contracts: Contracts signed at start of year, then paid once services have been fulfilled. Paid at the start of each month or at the end of the school year before the fiscal year closes.

Grant must be allocated or spent by June 31.

Consensus to wait until the next governance board meeting for a vote to approve the grant budget. In the interim, Devone Smith will gather more details to clarify questions on the line items and prepare for those questions for the next meeting.

Action Item: review budget and prepare for detailed questions.

5.3 [November Minutes](#)

Only Dante Chestnut, Sr. attended the previous meeting (no quorum in previous meeting), so approval for November minutes cannot be voted on in this meeting.

This meeting’s minutes will be voted on in the January meeting by the members who were present at this meeting, because there was a quorum.

5.4 [Updated Charter Contract](#)

Devone Smith [shared summary presentation](#) of proposed charter contract revisions.

Clarification question on 80/20 model, applies to all grades, including elementary? Devone Smith clarified that DLVA purchases services from Wisconsin Virtual School for elementary due to no budget for in-house elementary teacher. Further clarification that the move toward the largely asynchronous model is consistent with successful models.

Question about how many board members have students currently enrolled: 3 of those present.

Request for introductions at least for the next meeting if not by the end of this one.

Question on dissolving elementary: Is the plan to provide support for those students in the works? Yes, possible pathways being developed in connection with secondary learning coach next week, then move forward with recommendations based on that. Goal of trying to keep students active in the district until DLVA can welcome them back.

These changes will be presented to the WAWM board on Dec. 16 if DLVA governance board approves these changes.

President and clerk will need to sign the new contract, so those positions must be elected before that happens.

Motion to approve updated contract: Laurie Telford

Seconded: Sonja Nious-Randle

Vote: consensus to approve, all in favor

6. New Business:

6.1 Tim Scottberg- WRCCS presentation

Tim Scottberg not present. Devone Smith will reschedule during the meeting tomorrow.

7. Leadership Update

7.1 Enrollment Data

- 107 students in total
- working with BlueDoor to drive up enrollment via website redesign based on initial market analysis
- Devone Smith working with Tim Scottberg to prepare proposal for more open enrollment seats to be presented to school boards

Question about district granting exposure at 8-9 transition nights. Central and Hale hosted DLVA at their transition nights and Central invited our students to attend the Career & College Fair.

7.2 In Person Event

Optional event next Thursday/Friday, Dec. 19-20, holiday celebration on afternoon of 20th, 1-3 pm

7.3 Items Approve Via Email Voting

Previously, a vote was held via email to approve the addendum to have a 7-day grace period for students to have applications vetted and accepted after the enrollment window closes.

Email vote was held to approve to accept the students who were accepted.

Email vote was held subsequently to open the enrollment window until the end of the semester.

8. Adjournment

Clarification on current numbers in grades 6-12: 99 total

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12: 20

Introductions all around.

Question about if there are pending applications. Yes, but they're currently only from in-district.

Dante Chestnut, Sr. offered to connect Devone Smith to a news network for an interview. Need to follow up between meetings.

Meeting ended at 7:23 pm.