

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

Zoom Meeting

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

**February 13, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom ~ February 13, 2025, or

<https://wawmsd-org.zoom.us/j/7204317770?pwd=T1lZaURFZ2lvNUkrSzVTOWRxdmlOQT09>

- 1. Call to Order & Notice of Posting** - meeting started 6:10, recording started 6:11
- 2. Roll Call - Ensuring Quorum, President, & Secretary**

Devone Smith

Jody Landish

Sonja Nious-Randle

Heather Evans

Matt Schneider (taking minutes)

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

N/A

**4. Guest Reports from Students and/or Teachers**

N/A

**5. New Business:**

N/A

**6. Action Item(s):**

- 6.1 [January Minutes](#)

No discussion.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

## 6.2 [School Budget Detail](#)

SNR: Question whether technology - Class - is yearly?

DS: Three-year license because check got sent to wrong address, sent back, then to correct place.

Ending in April, not going to continue to use.

Motion to approve: Heather Evans

Seconded: Sonja Nious-Randle

Approved: unanimous Aye

## 6.3 [School Budget Summary](#)

No discussion.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

## 6.4 [Grant Budget Detail](#)

SNR: With changes coming from current administration, is DLVA in jeopardy?

DS: No word yet from federal government saying the grant will be taken from us. In last year of grant and plan to be fine to the end. As of now, no foreseeable changes.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

## 6.5 [Grant Budget Summary](#)

SNR: For 24-25, \$175,022 spent?

DS: Yes, reconciled.

SNR: Asked about \$308k left?

DS: Remainder is unencumbered, but probably less.

JL: Invoice still out.

DS: Some has been spent but not invoiced, so we have less than that left to spend, but the entire amount needs to be liquidated and the spending will be posted. Conference and marketing materials have yet to be added in, looking at curriculum purchase as well. In next month, report will be more

up to date.

SNR: Balance and allocation of it, will that come up in future meeting?

DS: Yes. Doing as much as we can toward marketing w/BlueDoor Consulting. Still have to get ad into Facebook account. Purchasing credits on Adobe and Shutterstock tax-exempt. New principal video. Looking into curriculum to increase electives.

SNR: PD in Atlanta as well?

DS: Yes, only one staff member can't make it, but JL will also attend.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

#### 6.7 [Staff Handbook](#)

SNR: Content is there, but will revisit and make modifications?

DS: As modifications made, will revisit. Major updates during summer, w/new edition for August approval. Some minor updates to be expected. Worked on by staff.

MS: No major changes coming up, no staff time allocated since working on other projects at moment.

Motion to approve: Heather Evans

Seconded: Sonja Nious-Randle

Approved: unanimous Aye

#### 6.8 [Student Handbook](#)

Motion to approve: Heather Evans

Seconded: Sonja Nious-Randle

Approved: unanimous Aye

#### 6.9 [25-26 Admission Policy](#)

SNR: Thought we'd discussed extended admission dates for enrollment numbers.

DS: For first semester? Did extend in first semester. Open to dialogue on enrollment dates. Because given approval for more AOE past 3rd Friday count, not sure necessary to extend, and could make that decision closer to October 31 next fall.

SNR: Includes transfer?

DS: In-district transfers and open-enrollment. Current OE as well as AOE that opens in March. If

don't hit numbers we want by October 31, have conversation about extending the date. Met w/Asst. Superintendent Norris, in favor of plan.

SNR: Current enrollment?

DS: 126. Mostly serving in-district students. Can't take any OE right now, but could potentially increase number if could take more right now. Not optimal, but consistent.

SNR: Lose students when graduate?

DS: Yes. In summer pick up new students, and increased OE can have more seats open now than in past, which means more applications vetted.

SNR: Will have ad campaign and when?

DS: Goal to launch tomorrow, but need approval on landing page and have meeting w/BD to get it going tomorrow. No later than early next week. Campaign will reach approx. ~1.5 million people, combination of parents, guardians, influencers. If keep that language, when get to 10/31, re-evaluate situation based on numbers and seats left. Marketing will go into summer. BD will use data in March to evaluate what's working v. not working.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

#### 6.10 President Nomination

Laurie Telford for position, 2 year role.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

#### 6.11 Vice President Nomination

Sonja Nious-Randle for position, 2 year role.

Motion to approve: Sonja Nious-Randle

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: unanimous Aye

#### 6.12 Treasurer Nomination

DS: Dante Chestnut, Jr. for position, 2 year role, per email exchange.

Motion to approve: Heather Evans

Seconded: Sonja Nious-Randle

Approved: unanimous Aye

### 6.13 Grace Period Applications

DS: Approved through email vote on February 6, none opposed.

Motion to approve: Laurie Telford

Seconded: Heather Evans

Approved: none opposed (unanimous approval)

## 7. Leadership Update(s):

### 7.1 Enrollment Data

Community Norms.

DLVA's Current Mission.

DLVA's Vision.

DLVA Theory of Action

SNR: What is state report card grade as of now?

DS: 2 star of 5, meets few expectations. Meeting w/consultants every Friday on structural improvements then Monday for coaching team. Participation policy was not in place until halfway through last school year. Schoolwide commitment to improvement and serving students.

Enrollment: 126

Open Enrollment: Approved

### 7.2 Open Enrollment

Approved, phone call will be made by staff.

### 7.3 Alt Open Enrollment

Approved proposal by Assistant Superintendent.

### 7.4 Sign Charter Contract Amendments

Must be signed by governance board.

DS will send email to board w/amendments and get needed signatures.

Final questions/concerns.

SNR: For main WAWM school board meetings, when does that take place?

DS: Mondays.

JL: Second and fourth Mondays. Also posted on district website for all meetings.

DS: Can send any dates when DLVA will be there. March 10 student showcase, April workshop for

competency pathway. Next year contract renewal. DS will send email with dates.

SNR: Someone from DLVA governance board should be at WAWM board meetings every time, can perhaps take turns.

SNR: Been attending CESA 6 calls and learning about governance boards. Was present today.

**8. Adjournment** - meeting adjourned 7:18.

Click [HERE](#) for recording. [to be inserted by DS later]