

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

Zoom Meeting

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

January 9, 2025

6:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom ~ January 9, 2025 or

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

1. Call to Order & Notice of Posting

6:07 pm - recording started and called to order by Devone Smith

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

Board members:

Laurie Telford (LT)

Sonja Nious-Randle (SNR)

Dante Chestnut, Sr. (DCS)

Non-board attendees:

Devone Smith (DS)

Jody Landish (JL)

Matthew Schneider (MS)

Tim Scottberg (TS)

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

4. Guest Reports from Students and/or Teachers

None.

5. New Business:

5.1 Tim Scottberg- WRCCS presentation

Assoc. Dir. at Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools (WRCCS), Cooperative Education Service Agency 9, only statewide agency supporting charter schools.

Referred to WRCCS site for charter governance boards.

WAWM School Board is the Authorizer for DLVA Governance Board (GB). School board entrusts administration to district. DLVA GB is the head of the nonprofit. Autonomy over school content, evaluation of leader, have voice in interviews/staffing, but not Human Resources. Results are student learning, financial sustainability, operations performance.

Oversight on performance measures and efficacy.

President, Treasurer, Secretary at minimum for roles on GB. Should be able to access summary budget, esp. per pupil allocation. Monthly financial update on grant, GB checking account, fundraising, per pupil allocation.

Develop clarity around support/oversight of school leader as well as communicating it to district.

Board represents taxpayers, thus have constituents within community. Avoid “walking quorum” – 2 or more outside open meeting discussing DLVA business.

Special Education due process & services oversight. District may deny open-enrolled students with IEPs based on internal vetting process.

Ensure meeting requirements of contract.

Work on building up GB through recruitment, training, finding replacements.

Understand mission/vision and check in on fulfillment of it.

DS: reminder of contract availability on website, will have Kim Miller send it to GB members later next week.

Duties of Care, Loyalty, Obedience.

WRCCS website has many of the resources shared during the training session. (Governance Board resources [here](#).)

SNR: Do other virtual schools in WI have governance boards like this?

TS: Yes, most must have GBs. GB network available that meets online. Can sign up for network via [events pages](#).

SNR: Asked about times available.

TS: GB is in evenings. Summit on June 16, 17 for authorizers, principles, teachers, board members.
Good networking opportunity.

DS: Advocated attending the network meetings if possible.

TS will provide slide deck.

DS: Question about finishing bylaws with board?

TS: Recommends working on them together, 30 min at next two meetings.

6. Action Item(s):

DS: Discussed budgets w/financial manager at district to make sure to answer questions from last time. 100k column is teaching budget items, non-capital equipment is purchased at less than \$500k, 200k column support (PD, summer work, conference travel, consulting); personal services refers to consultants that support school leader. Per pupil budget shows what was purchased, for instance t-shirts and prizes for in-person event. Administrative assistance Kimberly Miller, contact information will be emailed out to board members, she can provide reports as well.

SNR: Pleased with school leader report on financials.

DS: Asking if ready to vote to approve budget tonight.

6.1 [School Budget](#)

SNR motion to approve.

LT second the motion.

Ayes: LT, SNR, DCS

School budget **approved**.

6.2 [Grant Budget](#)

SNR motion to approve.

LT second the motion.

Ayes: LT, SNR, DCS.

Grant budget **approved**.

6.3 [December Minutes](#)

DS shared via email.

SNR motion to approve.

LT second the motion.

Ayes: LT, SNR, DCS.

December minutes **approved**.

7. Leadership Update

7.1 Enrollment Data

Total: 110

Approximately 15% open enrollment (OE)

SM2 window opened for enrollment.

Current eligible students in roundtable, advisors reaching out to families.

SNR: Up by 3?

DS: Yes.

LT: Do students initiate via application or district?

DS: Application, then Enrollment Center vetting, then goes to DLVA. Cannot currently take OE.

7.2 SM 2 Enrollment Window

Ends Jan. 31, 7-day additional application addendum. Would need to be approved by DLVA GB to be accepted, then documented in minutes for next meeting.

7.3 Open Enrollment

Working on plan to ask district for additional, regulated process for more OE seats.

SNR: If influx of ~100 students, do we have capacity to handle that?

DS: Yes. Can handle up to 225 students with current staff. Ratio 1:45 for advisory teacher to student, based on executive summary research of peer schools.

7.4 Board Positions

LT asked to be president. Seconded by SNR and DCS.

SNR volunteered for vice-president.

Nominations:

Laurie Telford, President

Sonja Nious-Randle, Vice-President

Treasurer: vacant

Clerk: vacant

JL asked if current revision of contract on website; DS replied no, but in next meeting, the issue of asking for volunteers for the positions will be revisited.

Bylaws need to be revisited and/or drafted to determine terms for each position.

JL question about whether office positions need to be voted. Volunteers will be added to February action items for official votes for positions.

8. Adjournment

7:18 pm - adjourned by Devone Smith.