

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

Zoom Meeting

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

May 8, 2025

6:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom ~ May 8, 2025, or

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

- 1. Call to Order & Notice of Posting - 6:07 pm**
- 2. Roll Call - Ensuring Quorum, President, & Secretary**

Devone Smith

Heather Evans

Sonja Nious-Randle

Laurie Telford

Dante Chestnut, Sr.

Matt Schneider (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 [April Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve: SNR

Second: LT

Vote: unanimously approved

- 6.2 [May School Budget Detail](#)

Question about separating Shared Journeys from DLVA. DS will follow up.

Question about tshirt and diploma covers items and no purchase numbers. Request that numbers purchased be itemized on the budget. DS will follow up. Can check on that in office w/building secretary.

Question re: Copy Center. Likely for materials for Wisconsin Virtual.

Motion to Approve: SNR

Second: LT

Vote: unanimously approved

6.3 [May School Budget Summary](#)

Motion to Approve: DC

Second: SNR

Vote: unanimously approved

6.4 [May Grant Budget Detail](#)

Motion to Approve: DC

Second: SNR

Vote: unanimously approved

6.5 [May Grant Budget Summary](#)

Motion to Approve: LT

Second: SNR

Vote: unanimously approved

6.6 [25-26 Staff Handbook](#)

Language was added to build out/clarify existing practices.

Motion to Approve: DC

Second: SNR

Vote: unanimously approved

6.7 [25-26 Student Handbook](#)

Question re: 15-day strong start policy and who is the learning coach. DS and MS provided explanation of what that role looks like.

Motion to Approve: LT

Second: SNR

Vote: unanimously approved

7. Leadership Update

Question/suggestion for handbook re: additional incentives to meet goals at end of term. There has been discussion about awards, looking for things to do in the digital space. Swag might be welcome, esp. to get family involved. Digital certificates? Discuss in a staff meeting.

Perhaps meeting percentage goals equals rewards. Teachers can celebrate milestones.

Community sponsors may be able to participate or give vouchers (rather than gift cards). The marketing team could look into this on DLVA's behalf.

Question about fundraising for next year; definitely something to work on for next year. LT reached out to a potential community partner for raising money.

DC suggested having a celebrity visit during graduation ceremonies as well as career/professionals to build out postsecondary planning. SNR would like to have students partner with her organization as well.

SNR suggested using next year to plan for a summer enrichment activity for summer 2026. Perhaps audio engineering, perhaps FruityLoops. Microsoft Apps, Canva. N.B. Will need to start by getting dates on the calendar so that planning can get concrete, actionable, and specific.

8. Adjournment - 7:15 pm