

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

Zoom Meeting

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

June 13, 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 - 6:09 pm**
- 2. Roll Call - Ensuring Quorum, President, & Secretary**

Present:

Laurie Telford, president

Devone Smith, school leader

Sonja Nious-Randle, vice president

Dante Chestnut, Sr., treasurer

Matthew Schneider, minutes

Absent:

Heather Evans, clerk

- 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): all action items were shifted to after the leadership update so that there would be quorum.**
 - 6.1 [May Minutes](#)

Chestnut asked re: street team for advertising. Smith replied not at this time. Chestnut volunteered to help.

Motion to approve: Telford

Second: Nious-Randle

Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

6.2 [June School Budget Detail](#)

Smith clarified that Shared Journeys items still mixed into budget detail, still working to clear that up.

Motion to approve: Nious-Randle

Second: Telford

Vote: all in favor, none opposed

6.3 [June School Budget Summary](#)

Motion to approve: Telford

Second: Chestnut

Vote: all in favor, none opposed

6.4 [June Grant Budget Detail](#)

Nious-Randle asked re: grant ending. Smith confirmed that the grant will end, was for building capacity. Expansion grant is for when we're adding more students, but not for SY 25-26.

Nious-Randle asked if we're in position to move forward without grant money. Smith said ready for next year and working to prepare for expansion.

Chestnut asked re: expenses for marketing. Smith highlighted BlueDoor and principal video expenses. Another bill coming for June.

Motion to approve: Telford

Second: Nious Randle, Chestnut

Vote: all in favor, none opposed

6.5 [June Grant Budget Summary](#)

Motion to approve: Chestnut

Second: Telford

Vote: all in favor, none

6.6 Reduced Credit Pathway Name Change

Motion to approve: Telford

Second: Chestnut

Vote: all in favor, none opposed

6.7 [25-26 Middle School Course Catalogue](#)

Chestnut asked re: whetting students' appetites typo. Smith will work on correcting typos and other course information.

Motion to approve: Telford

Second: Nious-Randle

Vote: all in favor, none opposed

6.8 [25-26 High School Course Catalogue](#)

Nious-Randle asked re: music theory, especially regarding preparation for college. Smith explained the human resource limitations on being able to implement so many courses in the next year, but that DLVA aims to offer more options going into the future.

Motion to approve: Telford

Second: Nious-Randle

Vote: all in favor, none opposed

7. [Leadership Update](#)

- DS will connect w/board members re: moving the meeting date for the 25-26 school year to avoid Thursday night conflicts.

Nious-Randle asked question on how to coach and support students in test-taking strategies. Smith said that we use data to target specific content area supports in addition to work in advisories and ACT prep course.

Telford asked about how many students we are losing due to graduation or being removed due to eligibility criteria violations. Smith gave approximate numbers; Schneider provided anecdotal testimony about developing process to track the incoming/outgoing month to month due to RCP.

Nious-Randle said governance board should go over updates from previous meeting, asked re: fundraising inquiry from Telford.

Updates/follow-ups:

Fundraising: Telford reached out to Wisconsin Pretzel re: 50% back to school for fundraising. Smith said fundraising might have to be approved by superintendent. Said will try to have confirmation on that by August meeting.

Nious-Randle and Chestnut reminded about working on summer enrichment for summer 26. Smith can pass along resources through newsletter.

Chestnut: Celebrity visit during graduation ceremony for next year? Looking for keynote speaker. Perhaps student survey at start of next year to see who they love.

Additional incentives/rewards & celebrating milestones. Smith said work in progress, looking to have set up by start of school year. Smith responsible for August update on this.

Community sponsors? Has the marketing team looked into this? Still need to get legal guidelines from district by August meeting. Smith responsible for update on this.

Graduation will not be streamed this year, but it might be next year.

Celebration for our graduates!

8. Adjournment - 7:37 pm.