

Governing Board Minutes
June 11, 2025
Via Zoom/ in person

Call to Order: President Dederling called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Voting members Reiter, Sixel, Palmer, and Dederling were present. Vicmary Molina arrived later in the meeting. Advisory member Sue Steiner was present, but Randy Koppenhaver was absent. Also present were Principal Sarah Scovell-Muraski and Jen Owen.

Secretary Report: On a motion by Elaine Reiter with a second by Dennis Dederling the minutes as presented by Secretary Palmer were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Reiter notes: We are approaching the end of the fiscal year (June 30). This month there was \$53,000 spent on salaries and benefits, primarily from BTLVA. The end of the year will have a payout to the Kiel eSchool staff. There was about \$13,000 spent on supplies. Some discussion ensued about the use of our surplus and bringing in Charles Achter to talk to our board. On a motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Eileen Palmer, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Kiel eSchool Report

Completion Rate: Goal of 85%

ELA: 81.3%

Math 63.8%

Summer school: started 6/9/25

Ends 7/31/25

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy Report:

BTLVA EOY iReady

Reading: BTLVA (Kiel/Open Enrolled)

82% growth

62% proficient or above

15% approaching

22% Below Grade Level

Math BTLVA

73% growth

51% proficient or above

25% approaching

24% Below Grade Level

BTLVA Math (Kiel/Open Enrolled)

20% growth

54% proficient or above

20% approaching

27% below grade level

Reading: Partner

20% growth

54% proficient or above

20% approaching

27% below grade level

Math: Partner

83% growth

53% proficient or above

25% approaching

22% Below Grade Level

Wisconsin Statewide Proficiencies

48% Reading

49.5% Math

Completion Rates: (Kiel students only) Goal: 85%

ELA: 91.2%

Math: 95%

Partnerships:

Barron*
Brillion*
Genoa City (4K-8)*
Herman-Neosho-Rubicon (HNR)
Horicon*
Hustisford
Luxemburg-Casco*
Mishicot
Omro*
Oostburg*
Osseo-Fairchild
Portage
Pulaski
Random Lake*
West De Pere
Whitefish Bay
Winneconne
Darien/Delavan*
Sevastopol*
St. Thomas Aquinas*
Fall River *
Howard-Suamico*
Mt Horeb

*Signifies partners new this year

Inquiries: Hartland-Lakeside, Mayville
Neenah Joint SD (pending)

Partners: 25 (projected)

Leaving partnership for 25-26

Omro

Darien/Delavan

Old Business:

Virtual School apparel/swag – Jamie can keep a store open for a long time; order only goes in when it is closed. \$500 minimum order.

She is putting together a mock-up store for us and encourages us to look at the website for fun things to add. Now that the logos are set, it is easy to add!



Candidate nominations Some discussion ensued about possible Governing Board Candidates.

New Business

Summer School overview Approximately enrollments are in place for the summer session. All students will need to complete their enrollments by July 31. Students must be on pace and passing at the end of the second week.

Handbook Changes (vote needed):

Procedure change: ACP courses on pace Academic and Career Planning Courses are included in pacing requirements and may be subject to a failure to participate warning, and will result in a failing grade if not completed by the end of the given school year. ACP courses include ACT test preparation, which must be completed with fidelity at a 90% rate.

Rationale: Many students are leaving this work until the last minute because they don't think it "counts" – and many of them could use the earned half credit. This would also hold them more accountable for the ACT test prep in grades 9-11 which is a part of this course.

Procedure Change: online classes post failure to participate.

If a student receives a Failure to Participate letter, they will have mandatory check ins once per week with their student success coach. These meetings may be short, but they are required to help support the students to get back on pace and passing the course.

Rationale: This organically happened with some students, and we can see the benefit in making it a requirement as an extra layer of connection.

Achieve a passing score with all work turned in BEFORE the final exam. Passing the course for Kiel eSchool students and KASD students requires 70% or higher in the course. Other Partner District students may have a different passing threshold. Passing threshold for the final exam is 60%.

Retakes of the exam if the student has already reached a threshold of 70% or above for grade improvement purposes are not allowed. If a student is to retake the exam, they must prepare for said retake by getting a score of 70% or above on all course pretests.

Rationale: this was discussed with district leadership at length. This was a good compromise and fits more with the 70% threshold of the rest of KASD.

Students MUST complete the required DBA (Discussion Based Assessment) in order to be cleared for the final. This DBA should be completed one week prior to the final exam date.

Rationale: This puts the onus on the student to work toward demonstrated mastery rather than just being done. The teacher can also discuss how other parts of the course could be redone to demonstrate their learning.

On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Vicmary Molina, the board unanimously approved the handbook changes as presented.

Social Media Guidelines Review: Suggestion:

Not allow commenting on any post

Remove “Review” section from Facebook page.

Rationale: in discussing with the admin team, it was decided that comments on posts do very little to add to them, but could potentially do harm, especially in posts about students or partners. If a post is generating a lot of views and likes, we can always boost it (as we do with ads during OE season)

Many schools do not have a rating system on their social media. We are a school, not a business. On a motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Dennis Dederling, the board unanimously approved a procedural change to not allow posts on social media posts and to remove the rating section.

Enrollment Cut-off Date review: Suggestion:

Have February 1 as a cutoff date for all open enrollments for that current year except in emergency circumstances. Advise Partners to avoid adding students mid-term. On a motion by Deb Sixel and a second by Elaine Reiter the board approved the change in enrollment cut-off date to February 1.

Dual Enrollment options – We were approached by UW Whitewater about their dual enrollment opportunities. It is attractive because:

1. It doesn't require our teachers to teach them.
2. It doesn't require approval by both boards for each student.
3. They are less expensive than the UWGB options that KASD utilizes.
4. They have separate cohort classes for the high school participants.
5. All but one of the classes are guaranteed transferable to all UW schools.
6. If our teachers are going to teach in this program, UW Whitewater will pay for the classes needed.

This is just in the exploration stage.

The summer meeting schedule will be on the second Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

Executive Session: On a motion by Dennis Dederling with a second by Eileen Palmer the board agreed to move into the executive session at 10:50 AM. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Deb Sixel, the board adjourned out of the executive session at 11:16 AM.

Adjournment: A motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Elaine Reiter was met with unanimous support for adjournment at 11:17 AM.