

Governing Board Minutes
January 8, 2025
Via Zoom/ in person

Call to Order: President Dederling called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM with new year wishes. Voting members Reiter, Mogenson, Sixel, Mitchell, Palmer, and Dederling were present. Advisory member Sue Steiner was present. Vicmary Molina arrived after attendance was taken. Also present were Principal Sarah Scovell-Muraski and program director Jen Owen.

Secretary Report: On a motion by Elaine Reiter with a second by Deb Sixel the minutes as presented by Secretary Palmer were unanimously approved. [December Minutes](#)

Treasurer Report:

Secretary Reiter notes: Charles Achter has written the report to reflect half of the state and local aid (even though all of it has been received) and all of the first semester invoices even though only some of them have come in. This puts our bottom line at about half as would be logical at this point in the school year. Operating expenses in the eSchool look somewhat low since billing for second quarter will not go out until January. Overall, both actual expenditures and income are about where we would expect at this point in the year.

On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Don Mogenson, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Kiel ESchool Report:

KeS FT Resident	9 (+2)
KeS FT Open Enrolled	21 (+2)
Partner FT	89 (+5, -2))
Partner PT	84

Special Education: 6

By comparison:

KeS FT R&OE 22-23: 12
24-25: 30

KHS Requested enrollments	426	493
KHS Summer School	27	61
Total KHS Enrollments*	453	554

*this year's numbers will fluctuate

Principal Scovell-Muraski notes that there is a particularly high amount of fluctuation at this time of year particularly among partners.

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy Report:

Blended (offline)Program: 52 (-7)

Online Students:

19 Kiel/OE (+1 OE pending)

Partner: 34 (+2)

Total Online: 52 (+3)

Total students: 104

**Special Education: 6 (4 SLP only)
(+1 pending)**

Year	24-25	11/12/24
<u>BTLVA</u> FT Open Enrolled Blended	65	55
<u>BTLVA</u> FT Resident Blended	12	8*
<u>BTLVA</u> Online Resident	1	3*
<u>BTLVA</u> Online Open Enrollment	12	15
<u>BTLVA</u> Online Open Enrollment Special Ed	5*	6 
<u>BTLVA</u> FT Partner – Gen Ed	20	30
<u>BTLVA</u> FT Partner - Spec Ed	1	1
<u>BTLVA</u> PT Partner	3	3

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

Weston

Whitefish Bay

Winneconne

Darien/Delavan*

Sevastopol*
St. Thomas Aquinas*
Fall River *
Racine Unified *
Partners: 22 + 1 =23
Inquiries: Howard-Suamico

Old Business:

A Peek into the Virtual Program: Principal Scovell-Muraski shared some information about our early graduates and their mock interviews that she conducted. She notes that these are all 3 remarkable young women with bright futures and clearly articulated post-secondary plans. She also shared a very positive letter from one early graduate's parents.

New Business:

Branding project update: Jen Owen is working with WEN to update and personalize our pages to provide clear and timely information to students. Within the courses she has added some links to increase accessibility. Principal Scovell-Muraski and Jen Owen are also working on updating and putting together a series of flyers that can be put together into a booklet for interested schools, districts, and parents showcasing our online programs. They also added a flyer for the planetarium program.

Act 20 Update The screening process has begun. Principal Scovell-Muraski gave a shout out to Bridget August, Mackenzi Schwarz, Chad Ramminger and Amber Lutze who helped adapt the screening process to the online format and gave up time to go through a sample screening process with the BTLVA teachers.

Motion to Increase Partnership Fees Principal Scovell-Muraski notes that prices to partners have not been raised in the last 5 years with the exception of the cost for IEP students which is a more recent addition. This increase reflects a commensurate increase in per pupil aid and balances the increases in salaries that we have given teachers. Charles Achter recommended making a plan to update fees every other year to coincide with the state budget. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Deb Sixel the board unanimously approved the change in partnership fees.

Type of Fee	2024-25 Rate	Proposed 2025-26 Rate
FT Gen Ed	\$4700	\$5500
FT IEP	\$8000	\$8000
PT Time Gen Ed/Single Courses	\$300/course	\$400/course
AP Textbook Fee (nonrefundable)	None	\$100

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Officer Elections Don Mogenson who has been Vice President has requested the opportunity to relinquish that role. He moved Deb Sixel be Vice President. She accepted the nomination and with a second by Elaine Reiter (and everyone else), she was unanimously approved. On a friendly amendment by Eileen Palmer that all other officers remain the same, the board unanimously approved the board structure to remain the same with the exception of Don Mogenson becoming a member at large and Deb Sixel becoming Vice President. Kudos were offered to Don both for the time he served as Vice President of the governing board and for being the longest serving member of the Kiel eSchool board. The 2025 Governing Board of the Kiel eSchool/BTLVA is as follows:

President: Dennis Dederling

Vice President: Deb Sixel

Secretary: Eileen Palmer

Treasurer: Elaine Reiter

Members at Large: John Mitchell, Vicmary Molina, Don Mogenson

Advisory Members: Sue Steiner, Randy Koppenhaver

Talking Point: Board Compensation When President Dederling was thanking Principal Scovell-Muraski for the generous Christmas gift card, he discovered that it was something she paid for personally because otherwise each board member would have had to receive a tax form 1099. Some discussion ensued about the merits of governing board members receiving a stipend. Principal Scovell- Muraski will be talking with WRCCS to determine how this is handled in other charter schools and other virtual schools. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment: On a motion by John Mitchell with a second by Don Mogenson there was unanimous support for adjournment at 10:21AM.