

Governing Board Minutes
August 14, 2024 @9:30 AM
Via Zoom/ in person

Call to Order: President Dederling called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Voting members Reiter, Mogenson, Palmer, Sixel, Dederling and Mitchell were present. Vicmary Molina is absent.

Advisory member Sue Steiner was present, but Randy Koppenhaver was absent. Also present was Sarah Scovell-Muraski.

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

Treasurer Report: Secretary Reiter notes:

Final numbers for the fiscal year are available though they have not yet been audited. In spite of the fact that salaries came in significantly higher than budgeted (at least \$100,000 over) the bottom line was a surplus of \$421,135.77. This is slightly lower than both the amount predicted last month and the budgeted amount. The surplus is returned to the district general fund.

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

Kiel ESchool Report

Current Kiel and Open Enrolled Students: 24 (+5)

Partner Schools: 39 (so far)

Part Time - Spanish

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy Report

Blended Program: 84 (up 30 from last year)

Online:

Kiel/Open Enrolled: 21 (up 3 since July)

Partner Schools: 21 (so far)

We have added Brillion, Barron and Darien/Delavan as partners this year. Sevastopol is pending.

Old Business:

Academic Success

- **Handbook Updates** On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by John Mitchell the proposal to accept changes to the BTLVA handbook adding clarifying language about the Blended Program, adding required Title IX language, and updating the grading policy was unanimously approved.

New Business

WRCCS Conference Share out Deb Sixel and Sarah Scovell-Muraski –Deb Sixel began by sharing that WRCCS is an organization that supports charter schools and eschools. They provide a collaborative center where we can turn for resources or

information and guidance. Sarah Scovell-Muraski has benefitted from their expertise throughout her time in our district. We have been required to attend this for the past five years because of receiving the grant, but both attendees would say that they would attend and/or encourage others to attend even after our grant cycle has been completed. Deb Sixel attended “Healthy and Effective Governing Boards” which was put on by an eschool governing board member (who is also a parent of an attendee of the school). She talked about the role of the governing board emphasizing that our role is oversight and that we should avoid micromanagement. Dr. Sixel indicates that she would be a good speaker for us or the KASD board. The speaker advised against boards creating the policy or forming many committees. She gave examples of policies for the board’s actions and behaviors. Her other session was funding with Mike Bormett. She learned that districts fund their charter schools in diverse ways. He spoke about negotiating the charter contract with the district to make sure that it is mutually beneficial for both the charter school and the authorizer. Dr. Sixel indicated that it might be good to have Mike Bormett as a speaker.

The panel of authorizers talked about the importance of maintaining communication.

Wisconsin Association for the Talented and Gifted Conference this October We have an opportunity to sponsor and present at this conference to showcase our program and recruit students “twice exceptional” students (ex. High functioning but may have ASD, ADD etc.). We also have an opportunity to play our promotional video right before the keynote speaker at this conference

(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pKuU5oVJEIletp28xMoYNiNhFrDi_4qC/view?usp=sharing).

DLAC (Digital Learning Annual Conference) Jennifer Owen is going to present at this national best practice conference.

Ad hoc Charter Renewal Committee: Principal Scovell Muraski is looking for volunteers to help with the charter renewal. Dr. Sixel has already volunteered to participate. Any other interested people should reach out to Principal Scovell-Muraski.

Future Meetings: 9/11/24, 10/9/24, 11/13/24, 12/4/24 or 12/18/24, 1/8/25, 2/12/25, 3/12/25, 4/9/25, 5/14/25, 6/11/25

The next meeting will be on September 11, 2024.

Adjournment: On a motion by John Mitchell with a second by Eileen Palmer there was unanimous support for adjournment at 10:32 AM.