

Governing Board Minutes
January 14, 2026
Via Zoom/ in person

Call to Order: President Dederling called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Voting members Reiter, Mogenson, Sixel, Rebne, Palmer, and Dederling were present. Advisory member Sue Steiner was present. Vicmary Monina arrived after attendance was taken. Faye Billmann was absent. 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.

Treasurer Report:

Secretary Reiter notes: As expected, employee salaries and benefits were paid to BTLVA. Some travel and supply expenses were encumbered for both BTLVA and Kiel eSchool. The first semester invoices for partner schools have been sent out and have been coming in. If second semester is similar, we will be above budgeted expectations for income from partner schools. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Deb Sixel, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Kiel ESchool Report

Open Enrollments Continue

51 (12 R, 39 OE)

131 Partner students (+11) FT

PT TBD – St. Thomas Aquinas ending cohort.

1 PT OE

Students with IEP's: 15

9 OE/R

6 Partner

Total Students: 182 FT

KHS enrollments:116 (current) PT

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy Report

Open Enrollments Continue

29 (5 R, 24 OE) (Pending 2)

64 partner students (+4)

14 PT partner (Spanish cohort/other) enrollments

2 KMS PT enrollments

Students with IEPs: 20

Students with SLP: 4

Partnerships

Barron
Brillion
Genoa City (4K-8)
Herman-Neosho-Rubicon (HNR)
Horicon*
Hustisford
Luxemburg-Casco
Mishicot
Oostburg
Portage
Pulaski
Racine United
Random Lake
West DePere
Weston
Whitefish Bay
Winneconne
St. Thomas Aquinas
Fall River
Howard-Suamico
Mt Horeb
Neenah Joint SD
Mayville
Inquiries: Fond du Lac, Waupun, Menasha (HS only)

Tell Me Something Good

Stellar letters of support have been received for the grant application.
Jen Owen received an email regarding a part-time student. Parents are very appreciative.
E-school science teacher Amber Hansen received a well-deserved Above & Beyond Award from the district.

Old Business:

A Peek into the Virtual Program: Failure to Participate Procedure Update was tabled due to time constraints on a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Dennis Dederling.

Grant Update Principal Scovell Muraski noted that she had made good progress on the grant but has one major issue to discuss with the board.

New Business

Future make-up of Virtual Schools program: To qualify for an expansion grant, we would need to either combine the two schools by closing one or growing one school by 20 open enrollment or KASD area students. On a motion by Vicmary Molina with a second by Elaine Reiter the board unanimously approved a motion to close Between the Lakes Virtual Academy and expand the Kiel eSchool to include grades 4K-12.

Re-elect member (Year 3) – As a result of assuming a board position in year 3 of her term, Faye Billmann needed to be re-elected to the board. On a nomination by Dennis Dederling with a second by Eileen Palmer, Faye Billmann was re-elected to the governing board for a full 3-year term.

Partner fees for 2026-27: On a recommendation from Sarah Scovell-Muraski with a motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Elaine Reiter, the board unanimously approved maintaining both regular and special education services for partners at the current level for the 2026-27 school year.

Staffing changes – Rationale: By state law, we need to have a guidance counselor of record. We would like to hire at least a 50% counselor. It could be paid for out of the grant for the first year and budgeted thereafter. This is a position we need to fill in order to grow; the district counselors do not have the capacity to provide services to our students as they should be where it stands now. On a motion by Deb Sixel with a second Alexia Rebne the board approved the adding of a guidance counselor for the 26-27 school year.

Executive Session: On a motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Alexia Rebne, the board moved into executive session. On a motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Vicmary Molina.

Adjournment: On a motion by Deb Sixel with a second by Vicmary Molina there was unanimous support for adjournment at 10:09AM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 18. Note: this is a change of date.