

Governing Board Minutes
August 13, 2025
Via Zoom/ in person

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

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

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Reiter notes: This is the final fiscal report, which is currently being audited. Looking at the “bottom line” there is a surplus of \$449,675.46 which is approximately \$110,000 more than was budgeted. Charles Achter was present to answer questions. He began by noting that this was a strong year for open enrollment. While it was not as strong a year for partnerships as some previous years, he notes that open enrollments bring in almost twice as much money as partnerships. Budgeting for the current year is quite preliminary at this time. The charter school benefits from not having the physical footprint that the other schools do. Mr. Achter notes that by design the charter school surplus augments the brick and mortar schools. On a question by Treasurer Reiter, Mr. Achter explains that the surplus money is already in the fund balance. There are no current targeted expenditures for the surplus funds, but the district is going to be working toward utilizing a mechanism called Fund 46 whereby monies are transferred from the general fund to Fund 46, counted as an expenditure for that school year but then kept for use in the long-term plan. This was created by the state about ten years ago to enable school districts to save money without impacting on their equalization aid. Mr. Achter notes that during the referendum, they learned that the community would like the school to do a better job of saving for replacement/repair of larger ticket items. He further shared that he is available to answer questions via email or would be willing to return next month for follow-up questions. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Vicmary Molina, the treasurer’s report (as so thoroughly explained by Mr. Achter) was unanimously approved.

Kiel eSchool Report

Open Enrollments Continue

26 Students as of 8/11 (OE or Resident)

50 Partner students (many districts not reporting yet)

Lots of good traffic on FB and apps rolling in! (averaging 3/day inquiries)

[August 2024: 24 OE/R, 39 Partner]

Students with IEP’s: 5, 1 pending, 1 SLP

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy Report:

Open Enrollments Continue

22 OE or Resident as of 8/11

20 partner students (Many districts not reporting yet)

10 PT partner (Spanish cohort)

More in pipeline

[August 2024: 21 OE/R, 21 Partner, 2 PT]

Students with IEP's: 4, 1 pending

SLP: 4

Partnerships:

Barron

Brillion

Genoa City (4K-8)

Herman-Neosho-Rubicon (HNR)

Horicon*

Hustisford

Luxemburg-Casco

Mishicot

Oostburg

Osseo-Fairchild

Portage

Pulaski

Racine United

Random Lake

West DePere

Weston

Whitefish Bay

Winneconne

Sevastopol

St. Thomas Aquinas

Fall River

Howard-Suamico

Mt Horeb

Neenah Joint SD

Mayville

Pending: Hartland-Lakeside

Partners: 26 (+7 from last year)

Leaving partnership for 25-26

Omro

Darien/Delavan

Old Business

Meetings Recap

Neenah Joint School District Parent meeting 8/6 – great turnout!

Partners sending students for first time.

Kiel Virtual Program PD – great!

WiMLSS conference with KASD– lots of learning and ideas!

Virtual School apparel/swag On a motion by Elaine Reiter with a second by Vicmary Molina the board unanimously approved the purchase of microfleece jackets for each staff member at a cost of \$56 per jacket.

Candidate votes– new member Alexia Rebne On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Elaine Reiter the board unanimously and enthusiastically approved the addition of Alexia Rebne to our board.

Peek into Virtual Schools Series: [Onboarding Binders](#) Jennifer Owen and Principal Scovell-Muraski put together these binders to ensure standardized procedures for all students and teachers in the program.

New Business

New Hires: Music: Dr. Kenneth Johnson

4K-5 Coach: Mrs. Kim Pencil

Spanish: Mr. Joseph Schauwitzer

[Attendance procedure clarification](#) – vote needed for slight handbook change.

On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Elaine Reiter, the changes to the attendance policy in both the Kiel eSchool and BTLVA as presented were unanimously approved.

Future meeting dates: Wednesdays 9:30 AM (except where noted*) Please review these dates.

9/10/25

10/8/25

11/12/25

12/3/25* or 12/11/25 (Thursday) [tentative due to SLATE]

1/14/26

2/11/26

3/11/26

4/15/26* third Wed due to ACT testing

5/13/26

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Adjournment: A motion by Elaine Reiter with a second by Vicmary Molina was met with unanimous support for adjournment at 10:46 AM.