



**Governing Board Minutes**  
**August 14, 2023 @ 9:30 AM**  
**Via Zoom/ in person**  
<https://zoom.us/j/94896231492>

Call to Order: At 9:30 AM President Dederling called the meeting to order and took roll call.  
Members present: Elaine Reiter, Dennis Dederling, John Mitchell, Don Mogenson, Eileen Palmer, and advisory member Sue Steiner  
Others present: Sarah Scovell-Muraski, Jen Owen, and Randy Koppenhaver

President Dederling called for public input. No members of the public were present. John Mitchell noted that he received an attempt at an email scam using Dennis Dederling's name but not the correct email. No funds were exchanged.

**Secretary Report:** [July Minutes](#) Secretary Palmer had previously shared the minutes with everyone. On a motion by Elaine Reiter and seconded by Don Mogenson the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Reiter noted that Charles Achter was busy with the auditors all week and provided limited data. We are approximately \$341,000 positive. There are some outstanding expenses that will need to come out of the End of the Year Report (which has not been finalized) including the salaries for the BTLVA and the (as yet unaudited) health insurance which Charles expects to be somewhat substantial. Further information and a completed annual report should be available at the next meeting. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Don Mogenson the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

**BTLVA Report and Kiel ESchool Report** Open enrollments continue with new enrollments almost daily so no solid numbers are available. Last week was professional development for both schools. Many staff attended, some face-to-face and others in person. In addition to the staff added last month, Theresa Dressler was hired as a 4K-5 Special Education and coach. She is certified in both elementary education and special education. Principal Scovell-Muraski is very pleased with all the new staff that were hired. Everyone needed to begin the school year is in place. IReady is a test given in reading and math to students in the BTLVA to chart growth. End of the year results were as follows:

Students open enrolled or local to Kiel showed 131% growth in reading and 84% growth in math. 13% were two or more grade levels below their enrolled level. Students from partner schools showed 153% growth in reading and 90% growth in math. 24% tested two or more grade levels below placement.

## Old Business

- **Vote on new member Randy Koppenhaver.** After checking with WRCSS, Principal Scovell-Muraski was informed that because he was a substitute teacher in the authorizing school district, Randy Koppenhaver would not be able to be a voting member of the board for the duration of the grant. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Elaine Reiter, Randy was unanimously elected as an advisory member of the board. Thanks were given for his generous donation of time. Some further discussion followed, and members agreed that we should continue looking for additional voting members. Ideally, these would be younger members of the business community.

- **WRCSS conference**

Elaine Reiter attended the first day from 8:30-2:00 PM. She was appreciated by the entire board. She shared a few thoughts:

More charter schools exist in the state of Wisconsin than I realized: 240!

Collaboration with other charter schools can be extremely helpful. We're experiencing many similar challenges.

We need to reach out and use the resources available to us at WRCCS.

We might want to revisit our idea of asking one of the KASD Board members to attend our monthly meetings. Or/and possibly a parent member?

One of the key questions we may want to be asking ourselves is, "What should we be doing that we aren't?"

Building trust is an important facet of creating a positive online school environment. Building trust requires deep listening to foster authenticity, competence, and empathy.

The most helpful session I attended was the one entitled "Building Better Board Agendas." I've shared the slide show from that session. Please take time to look at the slide show. In the least, take a careful look at Slides 4 – 10.

Becki Geibel (Representing the authorizer) and Sarah Scovell Muraski all day both days.

- All annual reports for the eSchool have been found! Thanks, Jen Owen!

## New Business

### Goals for this year– school

#### Academic Success

Iready Improvement– moving students to that upper quadrant.

Spec Ed– adding and growing the program.

Facilities/Finances: Enrollment Growth – Partnership initiatives Principal Scovell-Muraski is contacting schools who don't have teachers for a class/classes who may want to use an online solution to assist with the teacher shortage which will add to our financial growth.

**Goals for this year – board – help with Community partnerships. (Eventually applying for eSchool grant).** Principal Scovell-Muraski is thinking of connecting students to real life situations. Some possibilities are career day, job shadowing, projects. President Dederling suggested connecting with Inspire out of Sheboygan who are also attempting to foster relationships with businesses. He indicates that Ameriquip is involved. Jennifer Owen shared that her vision is not so much an investment of money or equipment but looking for time, or job shadow opportunities.

## **Future Agenda Items**

The next meeting will be Monday September 11, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

Future meeting dates: 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8. 5/13, 6/10

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Don Mogenson with a second by Eileen Palmer the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:40 AM.