



**Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m. by William Hintz. Roll call taken; quorum established. K. Janowski asked that the order of reports on the agenda be changed. A. Baumann's Enrollment Update should be item b) and J. McDaniel's Budget Update be item c). There were no objections to the change in order.

**Members Present:** William Hintz, Leslie Manske, Eric Dimmitt, Theresa Schmechel

**Others Present:** Michael Leach, Josh McDaniel, Dana LaPointe, Kelley Janowski, Ann Baumann

**Introduction:** Leslie Manske (long-time parent/board member) is stepping down from the board to spend more time with family and other obligations. Leslie will attend the next few meetings in transition as we move to adopt a new board member. Her position is being filled with the nomination of another parent, Dana LaPointe. Dana sent the board the following letter:

Good afternoon, Board members,

I am interested in serving on the Board for a term because I value being involved in the educational institution that my children attend, as well as understanding the workings of the school and its systems. I would be honored to be a voice for parents and our children in matters involving the school and our children's education.

I have a JD and a background in employment law, ERISA healthcare insurance law and family law. I had a distinguished legal career and ran my own law firm until my kids were born and we believed the best choice for our kids was for me to be home while they're young, so I am currently a SAHM with two kids learning at WVL in 1st and 4th grades. I also worked for Kenosha Unified School District in 2002-2003 as a full-time, year-long sub on an emergency license as a math teacher when a teacher was out for a long-term health issue. I taught geometry and algebra to 9th and 10th graders at that time. I subbed a bit as a floating sub, also, for a time, while I was finishing up taking bar exams. I have been involved with kids all my life as a babysitter as young as 11 years old and then a nanny through college, as well as an undergrad student academic advisor in college. In addition to these highlights, I earned my BA at American University in Washington, D.C., and my law degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, but I did attend Marquette for one of the three years of law school.

I believe my background and experience would be assets to the Board in matters important to WVL and its future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dana L. LaPointe

**Recognitions:** M. Leach shared his monthly recognitions with the board. If you would like to read the details, please see page 1 of the board packet.



**Reports:**

**Marketing Report:** The November marketing update was presented via Loom. M. Leach updated the board on upcoming advertising spots on television. An advertising spot ran during a recent Marquette University Men's Basketball game. In early January, one spot will air on a Green Bay station and another on a Milwaukee station. The Marketing Team will update the board after the spots have aired.

**Enrollment Update:** A. Baumann presented the enrollment reports. We have 341 enrolled students as of December 8<sup>th</sup>. We are still receiving inquiries (especially web inquiries). E. Dimmitt motioned to approve 13 regular education alternative open enrollment student applications; deny 14 regular education student applications and deny nine Special Education student applications, seconded by L. Manske. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**Budget Update:** J. McDaniel presented the 2023-24 Enrollment Projections vs. Budget chart and the Approved Alternative Enrollments chart.

J. McDaniel presented November's Monthly Check Register. L. Manske motioned to approve the November 2023 Check Register, seconded by E. Dimmitt. *Motion carried unanimously.*

J. McDaniel presented the Budget vs. Actual Summary.

**Old Business:**

T. Schmechel motioned to approve the November 9, 2023 Minutes from the Regular Session Board Meeting, seconded by E. Dimmitt. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**New Business:**

**Early Graduation Handbook Language** - M. Leach, Matt Olson, WVL School Counselor and the Enrollment Team researched and worked through the language in the student handbook pertaining to early graduation. Going forward, students who would like to be considered for early graduation must have been enrolled at WVL for a minimum of two consecutive semesters and have completed those semesters with passing grades. The student must maintain good academic standing and if a student has received a failure to participate letter(s), depending on the circumstances, they may be ineligible for consideration. In prior years, parents have written a letter to the board explaining the student's reason for early graduation. Now, students are required to write their own letter. The revised language will be updated in the student handbook.

**WVL State Report Card Presentation** - M. Leach discussed key areas from the letter sent to WVL staff, parents and guardians regarding WVL's 2022-23 school report card generated by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Here are some key points:

WVL had an increase in test participation to 79.3%, up 3.9% from 2021-22.

WVL has been rated at a 68.9 "Meets Expectations" as overall score, up 4.4% from 2021-22. We are 1.1 points away from "Exceeding Expectations".

In the category of achievement, WVL scored the same or higher than 84.5% of schools.

In the category of growth, WVL scored the same or higher than 47.6% of schools.



In the category of target group (lowest 25%), WVL scored the same or higher than 66.7% of schools.

In the category of on-track to graduate, WVL scored the same or higher than 67.8% of schools.

**Approval of Memorandum Of Understanding for Cash Flow Borrowing** - The Northern Ozaukee School District has created a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WVL. The purpose of the MOU is to formally establish a short-term borrowing agreement for funds needed to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining operations at WVL for the 2023-24 school year. This need is a result of 336 of the 341 current students attending WVL being funded through the open enrollment process, where funds are paid to the District on June 17, 2024. E. Dimmitt made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for short-term cash flow borrowing from the Northern Ozaukee School District, seconded by L. Manske. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**Next Meeting:** The next WVL Board Meeting will be held on January 11, 2024 via Zoom.

Topics suggested for the January meeting include:

- Approval of Open Seats for 2024-25
- Approval of 2024-25 School Calendar
- IT Department Update
- Administer Oath of Office to Dana LaPointe

**Adjournment:** L. Manske made a motion at 8:07 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting, seconded by T. Schmechel. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric Dimmitt, Secretary

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William Hintz, Board President