

**NEW Innovative School and John Dewey Learning Academy**  
**Governance Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 13, 2018 5:00 p.m.**  
**Room 333 District Office Building**

**In attendance:** Paula Manley, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges, Natasha Chung, Colleen Simpson, Amanda Garcia, Joannie Swigert, Becki Swanson, Rashad Cobb, Kim Pahlow, Renee Every, Jason Johnson, Stacey Millet

**Excused:** Jenn Agamaite

**Action Item:** Welcome and the meeting was called to order.

**Action Item:** Approval of the November 8, 2018 minutes

**Recommended Motion:** That the November Board minutes be approved.

**Motion:** The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Action Item:** Approval of the meeting agenda

**Recommended Motion:** That the agenda for the Dec 13, 2018 meeting be approved.

**Motion:** The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Action Item:** Review of ground rules/norms for Board meetings. (Listed on Oct 11 minutes)

**Recommended Motion:** Discussion and approval of ground rules.

**Action:** Becki Swanson opened a discussed about the ground rules. The ground rules were reviewed. Members were asked to reach out to Becki prior to the next meeting with comments and suggestions. Ground rules will be reviewed at next meeting.

**Action Item:** [2019 meeting Calendar](#) review

**Recommended Motion:** The 2019 calendar will include:

January – May – 2 meetings per month

June, July – 1 meeting per month

August - October – 2 meetings per month

November, December - 1 meeting per month.

**Action:** The motion was unanimously approved. Changes will be made to the calendar on the Board website

**Discussion/Action Item:** [NEW Contract reading](#)

**Action:** The NEW contract was read by the Board.

**Discussion/Action Item:** [Bylaws reading](#)

**Action:** Bylaws and conflict of interest form was read. Conflict of interest form was reviewed and discussed. Individual Board members will sign the conflict of interest form in January after the contract and bylaws have been presented to the GBAPS school board.

**Discussion Item:** [Directors' Updates](#)

**Read**

- JDAL's update was read by the board. No questions or concerns were noted.
- Jason Johnson – Met with NWTC and will be moving forward with a proposal for students to be on campus at NWTC first year. A committee will be formed regarding planning this program.
- Jason Johnson has invited Nick Patrowski of Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools will be attending the board meeting on 1/10.
- Jason Johnson provided all Board members with information about their individual district email. He encouraged Board members to contact him with any questions about this.
- Jason will send out GBAPS policies, so the Board can familiarize themselves with these policies. Renee Every stated that she can answer questions about those policies. In January the Board will need to formally accept the policies in addition to the exceptions to policy noted for Charter Schools.
- Jason Johnson and Renee Every reported that the GBAPS has been presented with a plan to buy or lease on a 1-year basis a building that can house JDAL and the NEW School for Innovation. The location is at 701 Cherry Street in Green Bay. For this location to house a growing student population, it would need to be expanded after 2 to 3 years. A second option is a building located on the NWTC campus. A final decision is anticipated on or after 12/18. Positives for the Cherry Street sight include the central location and that the building can be shaped/tailored to meet student and teaching needs.
- Rashad Cobb asked about any concerns regarding keeping the two schools distinct if they are to be housed in the same building. The schools will be split by floor and will have separate entrances. They could share some common spaces.

**Discussion Item:** [Partnerships updates](#)

**Action:** No updates were reported.

**Discussion Item:** Board Training

Becki Swanson presented a recommendation that the Board begin governance board education/development to better support the charter schools. Becki presented a series of modules (8) from Board on Track and Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools. Modules vary in length from 30 to 60 minutes. Modules could be view as a board or individually. Also available are E-books on various topics and two governance board handbooks (conducting effective meetings and board structure).

**Action:** The Governance committee will create a training roster and give direction on group versus individual activities.

**Discussion Item:** Monthly DPI call – third Thursday of the month from 3 – 4 pm Dec 20, 2018

**Action:** Renee Every is the authorizer. Becki Swanson will attend the call.

**Discussion Item:** [Strategic Plan document / Competency updates](#)

**Action:**

- Kim Pahlow recommended resources about how to decide what goes into closed session versus open sessions.
- The difference between the GPAPS School board versus a Governance Council was discussed. The School Board is the ultimate governance for the district. A Governance Council is Operates under authority of the School Board
- Paula Manley revised the organization chart to reflect this. The board will review the organization chart in January.
- The Board discussed how to address questions from members of the community about the two Charter Schools as well as what schools and students are being told about the NEW School of Innovation during the planning stages. Jason Johnson will look into providing the Board with a set of talking points that can be used to address questions about either Charter school. Additionally, Jason Johnson discussed the development of a marketing plan that includes social media and various forms of advertisement to facilitate the sharing of accurate information and enrollment.

**Discussion Item:** WRCCS annual conference

**Action:** The conference will be Aug 6 – 7, 2019. At least one board member needs to go. Grant funds will be available. Volunteers will be recruited from the Board in January.

**Action Item:** Board meeting assessment. Assessments will be sent out after the close of this meeting. Board members were reminded to complete the assessment and to send a photo to Jen Agamaite for the website.

**Action Item:** Adjourn meeting

**Recommended motion:** That the Board meeting be adjourned.

**Motion:** The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

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**Excused:** Jenn Agamaite, Natasha Chung

**Action Item:** The meeting was called to order.

**Action Item:** Vote on the contract that was read at the last meeting.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the contract that was read at the last meeting.

**Motion:** The contract was approved unanimously.

**Action Item:** Vote on the bylaws that were read at the last meeting.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the bylaws that were read at the last meeting.

**Motion:** The bylaws were approved unanimously.

**Action Item:** Vote on the conflict of interest form that was read at the last meeting.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the conflict of interest form that was read at the last meeting.

**Motion:** The conflict of interest form was approved unanimously.

**Action Item:** Adjourn meeting.

**Recommended Motion:** That the Board meeting be adjourned.

**Motion:** The meeting was adjourned unanimously.