

**NEW School of Innovation and John Dewey Academy of Learning  
Governance Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 12, 5:00pm**

**Minutes**

**707 Cherry Street, Room 202**

**Attended:** Paula Manley, Natasha Chung, Kim Pahlow, Renee Every, Jen Agamaite, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges, Joannie Swiggert, Andrea Thiry-Wenz, Colleen Simpson, Reed Welsh

**Absent/Excused:** Jason Johnson, Becki Swanson, Amanda Garcia

Agenda Item	Description
Welcome	The meeting was called to order
Current agenda	The current agenda was approved.
Past minutes	Past minutes were approved.
Updates	<b>Authorizer</b> Renee reported about the DPI call. Jen will be checking on the exact date for the audit (this December 1 versus next December 1).
	<b>N.E.W.</b>  Greetings from the start of the school year of N.E.W. N.E.W. had a very successful summer filled with professional development and team building. Highlighted by our trip to the WRCCS conference as a whole team.  I am happy to report that N.E.W. has met all year one DPI grantee requirements. We are now transitioning to year two requirements that will continue to tracked using Headrush. N.E.W. Innovation has also received its year 2 GAN. We must still submit to DPI a revised 5 year budget that includes the almost 11,000 carry over from the first years budget. The larger than anticipated amount stems from a timing issue related to the Frank Kros professional development. We will now pay for that training from this years budget.  We started the school year with a full school. We have lost a few students the first two weeks of school that I or Renee can speak to. We will continue to enroll 12th graders as space allows, but will stick to the original plan of enrolling students on the quarters for grades 7-9. Please review our new enrollment and application policy that we worked very diligently with DPI and the district to get approved.  Our building continues to be a work in progress we are missing a number of items that are still on backorder. We are also working on obtaining material for our building. It is a beautiful space and we are trying to settle in.  Nick Petrasky will be visiting N.E.W. on September 17th. We have also added another school to our mentorship program that opens this year in Madison. We will take another visit to Clark Street Community School this year as well as a return visit from them as requirements for this year.  On Friday September 6th N.E.W. hosted 7 NWTC instructors in our students introduction to upcoming CTE pathways. We will be making our first trip to NWTC on September 13th. Attached within the email is the final MOU that was created for this CTE pathways program.

	<p>The first DPI grant phone call will be this Thursday and will kick off a new round of requirements for the year 2 cycle. I will report out the new materials prior to the next board meeting.</p> <p>Colleen reported that 80 students, in groups of 20, will be attending NWTC every Friday.</p>
	<p><b>JDAL</b></p> <p>JDAL has 97 of 102 students, Jen has reached out to counselors to see if they might have kids to recommend to the program. She has also explored media opportunities. JDAL is looking for referrals. JDAL has been doing steady tours for students. Paula recommended an open house for area social workers and agencies that work with kids.</p> <p>Jen asked board members to save the date of April 2, 2020. This will be JDAL's third event night, "Community Collaborative", where students will be partnering with community businesses to help to solve real world problems. The event will include a silent auction, meal, and 50/50 raffle.</p> <p>It was announced that dinner is being served after school for both schools 4 days per week. A yellow school bus is available for students to take them from the school to the city bus after dinner as students must stay at school to consume the meal. An average of 20 or more students have been taking advantage of dinner daily.</p>
	<p><b>Community presentations about our schools</b></p> <p>No community presentations were given by board members since the past meeting.</p> <p>A teacher applied to Leadership Green Bay for assistance funding an aquaponics lab. This proposal will be reviewed in December. Joanie recommended Karen Early from Brown County Extension as a resource for the lab.</p> <p>Jen was asked if there are places Governance board members could go to present. Renee made the suggestion that JDAL students in school shirts could hand out pamphlets and march in the Christmas Parade</p>
	<p><b>Board Training</b></p> <p>Georjeanna reported on the conference. She relayed that she has a list of recommendations of possible board duties derived from the presentations at the conference. These recommendations will be presented at the board retreat.</p>
	<p><b>Building</b></p> <p>Renee reported that if N.E.W expands a grade, or if JDAL increases the number of students, both schools might not fit in the building next year. Options are currently being considered in case this happens.</p> <p>There was a slow leak noted in the sun roof area. There are also leaks that have been reported in offices at JDAL.</p> <p>Some areas of the building are not finished yet and are in progress towards completion.</p>

	Badges don't work for all district staff to get into the building at this point. Specific badges for the building currently must be issued.
Financial updates	<b>JDAL</b> <b>N.E.W.</b>  An extra expense that was not planned is the yellow bus that takes students from both schools to the transit center after dinner. The budget will have to be adjusted for this expense.
Academic Achievement	<b>JDAL</b> <b>N.E.W.</b>  Jen and Jason will present school success plans and reports on academic achievement at the October Governance Board meeting.
Next meeting attendance	The Governance Board retreat is scheduled for September 26 <sup>th</sup> at 701 Cherry Street, Room 202 from 4 to 8PM. Please review the agenda and the sample Governance Board handbook prior to the retreat. Snacks to pass would be appreciated.
Past meeting evaluation results	Renee reviewed the past meeting evaluations. Results were favorable in terms of preparedness, focus, and organization of the meeting.

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Action Items	Motion to approve or not - vote
None.	

Discussion Items	Group Discussion
President	Paula asked the board to consider nominations for President as she will be stepping down.
Board Handbook	Draft will be finalized at the retreat.

## **Board member terms**

### **Term expires July 2020**

Becki Swanson  
Natasha Chung  
Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

### **Term expires July 2021**

Kim Pahlow  
Amanda Garcia  
Joannie Swigert

### **Term expires July 2022**

Paula Manley  
Colleen Simpson

## **Committees and membership**

### **Governance Committee**

Becki

Amanda

**Academic**

Colleen

Georjeanna

Natasha

Joanie

**Finance**

Kim

**Executive Committee**

President Paula

VP Becki

Sec Natasha

Treasurer Kim

**Development Committee**