EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR THE WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA

Topic: Seek Position CESA 1 Seat on Board of Control (2-Year Term)

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Date: April 27, 2026 **Agenda Reference #** 13.5

Recommended Action:

X	**Discussion/Action**
	Presentation/Discussion
	Information Only
	Presentation/Action Next Meeting

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Board consider whether it would like to fill its seat on the Board of Control with CESA 1. The District currently holds the Group B seat for the CESA 1 Board of Control and has two years left of the three-year term (26-27 and 27-28). Kristen Keyser served the first year of the term (25-26). Group B also includes Elmbrook, Kettle Moraine, Mukwonago, Norris, Oconomowoc, Waukesha, and Wauwatosa School Districts.

Background:

Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs) were created by the Wisconsin legislature more than 50 years ago to serve as a link between school districts and between school districts and the state. There are twelve CESAs across the state.

CESA 1 is governed by an 11-member Board of Control, comprised of elected school board members from the six-county region. In addition, the Agency receives guidance from its Professional Advisory Committee, which is open to the superintendents from all 45 member districts.

The Board of Control operates for CESA 1 much like a Board of Education does for a school district. In May 2025, the Board approved seeking a CESA 1 Seat on the Board of Control, and if the District were selected, CESA 1 Delegate Keyser would hold the Seat. In 2023 and 2024, the West Allis-West Milwaukee Board of Education did not seek a seat on the Board of Control. In 2022, the West Allis-West Milwaukee Board of Education approved seeking a seat on the Board of Control but was not selected. The West Allis-West Milwaukee Board of Education also elects a CESA 1 Delegate at its organization meeting in April. The elected CESA 1 Delegate would be the same person on the Board of Control if that is the direction the West Allis-West Milwaukee Board of Education decides to go and is selected.

The Board of Control sets policy, determines and assesses services to be delivered, and approves program costs. The Board of Control is also responsible for authorizing expenditures to operate CESA 1, including those for personnel, space, and equipment. The Executive Director of CESA 1 is also appointed by the Board of Control.

The Board of Control is elected by a delegate assembly at the CESA 1 annual convention scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The delegate assembly consists of one school board member from each school district in the CESA 1 region, with special provisions made for areas served by union high/K-8 districts. Monthly meetings are typically held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted.

Attachment(s):

CESA 1 Delegate and Board of Control Roles