

THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

Date:

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Time:

7:00 p.m.

Location:

Loos Center - South Campus MASKS REQUIRED

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Community Participation (3/5 minutes/participant)
- 3. Board and Foundation Term Recommendations
 - a. Term Renewal Trustees of the Corporation
 - b. Term Appointment Slate of Officers for the Board of Trustees 2020-2021
 - c. Term Renewal WA Foundation Directors
 - d. Term Appointment WA Foundation Officers
- 4. Board Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report
 - i. Minutes of Annual Meeting of August 20, 2019
 - ii. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020
 - b. President's Report
 - i. Correspondence
 - ii. Board of Trustees Retreat Tuesday, September 15, 2020
 - iii. Trustee Recognition
 - iv. Representation on Bracken Library Board
 - c. Committee Reports questions/discussion on reports provided in packet
- 5. Woodstock Academy Administration Reports
 - a. Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Report
 - i. 2020-2021—Budget Update
 - ii. Summer Projects Update
 - 2019-2020 Audit Update
 - iv. Other
 - v. Board questions/discussion
 - b. Associate Head of School Report
 - i. Beginning of School Year Report
 - ii. Assistant Head of School for South Campus—Residential Program Report
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 - iv. Board questions/discussion
 - c. Associate Head of School for Advancement
 - i. Golf Tournament Update
 - ii. Fundraising Update
 - iii. Board questions/discussion
 - d. Assistant Head of School for Enrollment
 - i. 2020-2021 Enrollment Report
 - ii. Recruitment Goals
 - iii. Other
 - iv. Board questions/discussion



- i. 2019-2020 Annual Report
- ii. Organizational Chart and Staffing Update
- iii. Theory of Action
- iv. Other
- v. Board questions/discussion
- 6. Other Items
- 7. Community Participation (3/5 minutes/participant)
- 8. Adjournment

The Woodstock Academy prepares all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens.

MOTIONS FOUNDATION, CORPORATORS, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETINGS AUGUST 18, 2020

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TERM RENEWAL TRUSTEE OF THE CORPORATION

Motion: I move to renew the appointment of Samantha Asikainen as a Trustee of the Corporation

to a six-year term which ends in 2026.

Motion: I move to renew the appointment of Scott Young as a Trustee of the Corporation to a six-

year term which ends in 2026.

TERM APPOINTMENT EX-OFFICIO OF BOT

Motion: I move to appoint the President of the Alumni Association, Jay Livernois, as an Ex-Officio member of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 year.

TERM RENEWAL BOT OFFICERS

Motion: I move to accept the slate of officers for The Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

President Christine Swenson
Vice-President Edwin Higgins
Secretary Philippa Paquette
Assistant Secretary Barbara Child
Treasurer Joan Trivella
Assistant Treasurer Paul Kelly

TERM RENEWAL WAF DIRECTORS

Motion: I move that the Board of Trustees accept the term renewals of The Foundation Directors, as presented, which terms shall expire in 2023.

- Paul Kelly
- o Ed Higgins

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Student Commons, North Campus August 20, 2019 7:00 p.m.



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Beckwith, Martha; Bellerose, James; Bentley, Cary; Blackmer, Robert; Child, Barbara; Duvall, Nancy (C) (at 7:18); Higgins, Edwin; Johnston, Kevin; Kelly, Paul; Larrow, Jeff; Livernois, Jay (Ex-Officio); Marmat, Gerald (E); McGinn, Walter; Musumeci, Joseph; Paquette, Philippa; Rhynhart, Hans; Swenson, Christine; Teed, David; Trivella, Joan; Tuttle, Brent (P)

ADMINISTRATION: Favreau, Brad; Favreau, Amy; Guillot, William; Harten, Michael; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Sturdevant, Jon; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Asikainen, Samantha; Carabeau, Garry; Frankhouser, Hans (W); Morse,

David; Young, Scott

GUESTS: Megan Bard Morse

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Swenson at 7:02 p.m.

2. Community Participation – As the only non-Academy attendee, Megan Bard Morse said hello to the group.

3. Board and Foundation Term Recommendations

a. Term Renewal - Alumni Trustees

MOTION: (Kelly/Teed) To move to renew the appointment of Christine Swenson as a Trustee of the Community for a six-year term which ends on 2025.

Unanimous

b. Term Appointment – Alumni Trustees

MOTION: (Kelly/Musumeci) To move to appoint the President of the Alumni Association, Jay Livernois, as an Ex-Officio member of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees for the 2019-2020 year.

All voted Yes except Jay Livernois, who abstained. Motion carries.

c. Term Renewal - Slate of Officers for Board of Trustees for 2019-2020

MOTION: (Kelly/Child) To move to accept the slate of officers for The Board of Trustees for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

President Vice-President

Christine Swenson Edwin Higgins

Secretary

Philippa Paquette Barbara Child

Assistant Secretary Treasurer

David Teed

Assistant Treasurer

Paul Kelly

Unanimous

d. Term Renewal - WA Foundation Directors

MOTION: (Kelly/Musumeci) To move that the President of The Board of Trustees cast one ballot on behalf of The Board of Trustees to accept the term appointments/renewals of the Foundation Directors as presented, whose terms shall expire in 2022.

- Benjamin Harrison
- Christine Swenson
- Adam Troy
- Phillip Willis
- Scott Young

Unanimous

e. Term Renewal - WA Foundation Officers

The Directors of The Foundation will vote through an electronic consensus vote to accept the following slate of officers of The Woodstock Academy Foundation for the 2019-2020 year by their next meeting and report the results to the BOT.

President Martha Beckwith
Vice-President Phillip Willis
Secretary Christine Swenson
Treasurer Paul Kelly

Unanimous

4. Board Reports

a. Secretary's Report

i. Minutes of Annual Meeting of August 21, 2018

MOTION: (Higgins/Larrow) To move to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 21, 2018.

Unanimous

ii. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019

MOTION: (Marmat/Tuttle) To move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019.

Unanimous

b. President's Report

- i. <u>Correspondence</u>—President Swenson reviewed the pieces of correspondence included in the packet.
- ii. Trustee/Staff Reception—Wednesday, August 28, 2019

The group was reminded to RSVP and attend.

iii. Board of Trustees Retreat—Saturday, September 14, 2019

Foundation members have been invited to join the BOT at this retreat.

iv. CABE Convention and Resolution Proposal

Joe Musumeci explained how the resolution came to be created. Head of School Sandford explained that without BOT endorsement, CABE cannot move forward with the resolution.

MOTION: (Musumeci/Trivella) To move to ratify the attached resolution to be presented to CABE.

Unanimous

MOTION: (Teed/Child) To move to designate Joe Musumeci as the BOT representative to the CABE convention.

Unanimous

c. Committee Reports—questions/discussion on reports provided in packet

There were no questions about the minutes included in the packet.

5. Woodstock Academy Administration Reports

a. Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Report

i. 2019-2020—Budget Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot reviewed a handout on the budget. Questions were asked and answered.

ii. Roofing and Underground Storage Tanks Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot reported all the above ground storage tanks are functional; software on the boilers allows Jason Gerum to track each of them; landscaping is still needed where the underground tanks were removed. Other than the Academy building, all roofing projects are complete. The Academy building roof needs serious work to stabilize it.

iii. Capital Projects Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot described the projects completed over the summer. The science room renovation included new furniture and flooring. The Bowen hallway renovation exposed beautiful old brick, new sheetrock covered old windows, and benches were added. A new yoga studio was created in the Hyde building with new flooring and new lights. A103 was transformed with new furniture, flooring, and fresh paint. The gym on South campus has new paint and only awaits fresh decals. Head of School Sandford explained that yoga space has been in great demand—classes are held during every block, and afterschool yoga and/or meditation classes are now in the planning stage.

iv. 2018-2019 Audit Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot said the auditors have been working for months gathering information for FY 18-19 by using the new software.

- v. Other None.
- vi. Board questions/discussion None.

b. Associate Head of School Report

i. Beginning of School Year Report

Associate Head of School Singleton announced The Academy is open for business. She reported we were fully staffed until today, when a teacher resigned. She said we have a group of capable, intelligent new teachers joining our already high quality, inspiring veteran teachers. At this time there are 1140 students: 295 (grade 9), 261 (grade 10), 277 (grade 11), and 292 (grade 12). Mrs. Singleton explained the changes to Academy fundraising at the Woodstock Fair. Student exchange programs with Spain and Senegal are on target for this fall. Upcoming events include Family Night on 9/12, the Out of Darkness Walk on 9/22, and the Academic Convocation on 9/25. The suicide prevention speaker during professional development on 8/19 was funded by money raised during last year's Out of Darkness Walk.

ii. Assistant Head of School for South Campus—Residential Program Report

Assistant Head of School for South Campus Rigney reported that although there has been some turnover in the residential life program, this year's staff is strong and excited for a great year.

- iii. Other None.
- iv. Board questions/discussion None.

c. Associate Head of School for Advancement

i. Loos Center for the Arts Update

Associate Head of School for Advancement Sturdevant said demo in the Loos Center has begun and the facility will be ready for the Winter Concert. Everyone is looking forward to in-house and outside spring concerts, particularly the spring production of the Wizard of Oz.

ii. Homecoming 2019

Homecoming events over the first weekend in October include a pep rally, athletic events, a gallery opening featuring over 25 alumni artists, the annual Shin Dig at the farm, campus tours, the 1969 reunion, and the alumni banquet. There will also be a special presentation of portraits that highlight several people who made a great impact on The Academy.

iii. Golf Tournament Update

The recent golf tournament had beautiful weather and great participation. It was extremely successful, raising over \$25K.

iv. Fundraising Update

A draft of the Annual Report was included in the packet. Over 5.8 million dollars was secured in gifts this past year. The process of transferring funds to the Foundation will likely be completed by month end.

v. Board questions/discussion

Jay Livernois said he was glad to see key people, such as Allan Walker Sr., Bill Bentley, and the Wymans being honored through portraits.

d. Associate Head of School for Enrollment

i. 2019-2020 Enrollment Report

Associate Head of School for Enrollment Favreau told the group is has been a big summer for unexpected growth in local enrollment and sending towns have been kept informed. The boarding program still has space, and although there are fewer students this year, the average price paid per student has increased. She has seen increases in student numbers from Europe, Spain, and Vietnam. The number of local day students has risen from 4 to 12. This jump is suspected to be (in part) from Kerri Nagle helping these students transition in and our new "express application process." The group was encouraged to meet new families on Thursday's move-in day.

ii. Recruitment Goals

Mrs. Favreau hopes to keep making headway into non-Chinese markets to continue growing a diverse boarding population. Future markets include Russia and the Ukraine. The summer tours for incoming ninth graders were very successful. Eighth graders from all sending towns will visit campus on October 8, if any BOT members want to attend events that day.

iii. Other - None.

iv. <u>Board questions/discussion</u> – Several questions were asked and answered.

e. Head of School Report

i. 2018-2019 Annual Report

Head of School Sandford described the various components of the annual report. As it was still a draft, the Board was encouraged to point out any possible errors.

ii. Organizational Chart and Staffing Update

An organizational chart provided in the packet was reviewed.

iii. Theory of Action

A draft of this year's Theory of Action was provided and will need to be endorsed at the October BOT meeting. The Board was asked to read and provide any suggestions or edits before then.

iv. Facilities Study Update

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is working to create a timeline with associated costs

based on the now-complete Facilities Study. Their suggestions for project priorities will be sent to the Finance Committee for funding planning. Head of School Sandford said the biggest issue identified was the rehabilitation and preservation of the Academy building. Issues include water damage around the spire, problems associated with old windows, heating/cooling/air circulation, and work needed on the old stage in A200. These repairs will likely be funded through grant money, fundraising efforts, and tuition revenue. Renovating the Academy building is expected to cost 2-3 million dollars.

v. Other

President Swenson reminded the Board that funding for routine repairs and extraordinary repairs is part of ongoing discussions about establishing a tuition number that combines a fully-loaded tuition number with a capitol project cost

vi. <u>Board questions/discussion</u> – None.

- 6. Other Items None.
- 7. Community Participation Megan Bard Morse asked about the method by which sending town BOEs will establish their BOT representation in an election year. Head of School Sandford explained the process and said a letter was being drafted to send to all sending towns on this topic.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Child/Tuttle) To adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland Julie Woodland Board Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES June 16, 2020

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PRESENT: Atchinson, Keith (B); Asikainen, Samantha (7:12); Beckwith, Martha; Bellerose, James; Bentley, Cary; Blackmer, Robert; Carabeau, Garry; Child, Barbara; Duvall, Nancy (C); Johnston, Kevin; Kelly, Paul; McGinn, Walter; Morse, David; Paquette, Philippa; Rhynhart, Hans; Samborowski, Len; Swenson, Christine; Teed, David; Trivella, Joan; Tuttle, Brent (P); Young, Scott

ADMINISTRATION: Favreau, Amy; Guillot, William; Harten, Michael; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Singleton, Holly; Sturdevant, Jon; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Frankhouser, Hans (W); Higgins, Edwin; Larrow, Jeff; Livernois, Jay

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Swenson at 7:03 p.m.

- 2. Community Participation None.
- 3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of March 17, 2020

MOTION: (Tuttle/Child) To approve the minutes of March 17, 2020.

Unanimous

- 4. Board Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Correspondence

President Swenson reviewed the packet of correspondence, highlighting thank you letters to administrators for graduation efforts, Head of School awards for the year and for June, scholarship awards for seniors, resignations/retirements/reductions, letters thanking The Academy, and a letter to the Sterling Public Schools that offered more information as they consider The Academy for their students.

ii. Consider Candidates for Staff Emeritus

President Swenson recommended that Retirees Jamie Shaw (1988-2020) and James Cournoyer (1993-2020) be considered for the title of Employee Emertus/a because of their long and exemplary service and significant contributions to The Woodstock Academy community.

MOTION: (Morse/Paquette) To confer the honorary title of Employee Emeritus/a to Jamie Shaw and James Cournoyer.

Unanimous

b. Committee Reports—There were no questions about the reports provided in packet.

5. Woodstock Academy Administration Reports

- a. Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Report
 - i. 2019-2020—Budget Update

Interim Associate Head of School Bill Guillot presented a revenue and expense report to the Board, commenting that revenue numbers have trended ahead of the budget this year. On the expense side, the insurance line items were favorable this year.

ii. Facility Projects Update

An upcoming site visit will hopefully lead to approval of tax credits on the Academy Building project. Work continues toward upgrading the outdoor lighting on North Campus.

- iii. Other None.
- iv. Board questions/discussion None.

b. Associate Head of School Report

i. June Update

Associate Head of School Holly Singleton reviewed her June Update handout. Highlights included:

- The graduation rate for 2020 was 99.6%.
- The Academy received a \$62K grant for public access TV.
- Rebecca Jarvis (W) was a Science National Honor Society scholarship winner.
- Clayton Singleton (E) received a Silver Award in the Connecticut Student Writers Magazine contest.
- The Woodstock Academy Teacher of the Year and Staff Person of the Year were awarded to all WA employees for their work during eLearning.
- Kelly Danielson was a featured teacher in the NEATE Winter 2020 Newsletter.
- Holly Singleton was a finalist in the 2020 CAS High School Principal of the Year.
- Val May's article about using the HHMI BioInteractive website during distance learning was published.
- ii. Other None.
- iii. Board questions/discussion None.

c. Associate Head of School for Advancement

i. Giving Update

Associate Head of School for Advancement Jon Sturdevant described the new website which will be live by late summer. It will be more user friendly and more admissions focused. Registrations are continuing to arrive for the WA Annual Golf Tournament on August 12. Board members were encouraged to make an annual donation to the Foundation before June 30 to ensure 100% Board participation in annual giving. He offered to help with any questions.

- ii. Other None.
- iii. Board questions/discussion None.

d. Assistant Head of School for Enrollment

i. Enrollment Update

Assistant Head of School for Enrollment Amy Favreau provided an enrollment update. At this time, she has enrolled 114 tuition students, 14 of which are day students. Sixty-five students will need to cross a border and most offices that can process an F-1 Visa are currently closed; any open offices take between four days to four weeks to process applications. Available information is uncertain and contradictory, and she is watching developments in higher education closely. Mrs. Favreau is committed to flexibility on arrival times and method of study for students from all over the world; various learning scenarios blend online and in-person learning. Based on various enrollment level scenarios, Head of School Sandford described how the 2020-2021 budget would be impacted.

ii. Other - None.

iii. Board questions/discussion - None.

e. Head of School Report

i. Reopening Task Force Whitepaper

Head of School Sandford and Associate Head of School Singleton presented the Reopening Task Force Whitepaper which included participating members, recommendations, conditions for reopening, changes in teaching practice, and sample schedules. It also addressed proposals and expected challenges to delivering instruction, technology, social distancing/cleaning/safety protocols, lunch service, use of non-classroom space, employee work expectations and student support. A list of references was attached. Board discussion ensued. Among other topics, questions

were asked/answered about sports, onboarding new students, COVID testing/protocols, ventilation, transportation, summer school, and faculty staffing.

ii. Residential Life Reopening Whitepaper

Head of School Sandford, Assistant Head of School for South Campus John Rigney, and Director of Health Services Bobbie-Jo Saucier presented the Residential Life Reopening Whitepaper to the Board. The report provided recommendations and addressed challenges in the health services department which included the repopulation and screening of students, reducing the risk of infection, monitoring and quarantining. It made suggestions to address potential problems in the residence halls including living arrangements, wing and dormitory lounges, and cleaning policies. Lastly, the report offered potential modifications to dining halls and food services which included dining hall tables/spacing, meal schedules, sanitizing surfaces, orientation and various student activities. A list of references was attached. Board discussion ensued. Among other topics, questions were asked/answered about pre-arrival/pre-screening of students, PPE, family pods/units within Residential Life, use of "public space," and creative/safe student activities.

iii. College Acceptance Report

Head of School Sandford's College Acceptance Report handout represented a sampling of the college acceptances, rejections, and final college selections for The Academy's Class of 2020. Questions were asked and answered.

iv. Diversity/Inclusion/Equity Plan

Head of School Sandford described The Academy's plans for developing a comprehensive Diversity/Inclusion/Equity Plan which will be presented to the Board in a whitepaper format with action steps in the fall. It is mandatory for faculty and staff to participate in making these changes. Dr. Harten said department heads are already reviewing curriculum and creating changes. Conversations are taking place about microaggressions. Various proposals will funnel through Board committees such as Student Life and/or the Academic Committee.

v. 2020-2021 Budget Update

This topic was previously addressed during the enrollment update, as various enrollment scenarios were described.

- vi. Other None.
- vii. Board questions/discussion None.

6. Other Items

Head of School Sandford updated the Trustees about the "sister school" concept discussed previously, saying a contract is being crafted with an agent to manage the project and we have several possible schools to choose from. As soon as more details are available, they will be shared with the Executive Committee.

More information was shared about the upcoming filming of a Hallmark movie. Among other locations, The Academy's North and South campuses will be used for scenes in the movie, as well as some students possibly being cast as singers or members of a marching band.

7. Executive Session—Head of School's Review and Compensation

MOTION: (Trivella/Tuttle) To enter into Executive Session to discuss the Head of School's Review and Compensation, inviting all BOT members present and Julie Woodland to attend at 8:44 p.m.

Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 10:06 p.m.

8. Possible Action Based on Executive Session

MOTION: (Morse/Asikainen) To extend the contract of the Head of School for an additional year and to adjust his total compensation as discussed in Executive Session.

Unanimous

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Paquette/McGinn) To adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland Julie Woodland Board Clerk

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August, 2020

Dear Woodstock Academy Community:

We hope this letter finds all members of our community safe and healthy. As we start our 219th school year with so many things outside of our control, I am sorry to say we will be continuing with eLearning as we did in the spring.

As we indicated last year, the administration was committed to having students back on campus this fall. We worked tirelessly over the summer developing plans, working with our community partners, meeting with public health and state educational officials, and working through several types of schedules. But in each scenario, we came back to the same question, "Is this the best plan to keep our students and staff safe?" Although the state provided guidelines to open, many of which you have probably heard about, most of them were extremely difficult to accomplish in a high school setting. While all of them were sound recommendations, there was no way we would be able to meet the social distancing guidelines, transportation expectations, cohort parameters, bathroom standards, and classroom structure that would in any way benefit our students. It was not an easy decision, but after watching what is happening in other high schools across the country as they reopen, we made the determination we would start the year by learning from home in order to keep everyone safe.

The Adjustable Instructional Model (AIM) provides our students the best possible way to remain on track and safe during these trying times. Our AIM, which is explained in greater detail in the handbook addendum creates opportunities for students and staff to meet in person on Wednesdays, when transportation will be provided by the sending towns. (Under most of their models, they are not transporting K-8 students on that day.) While this is in no way ideal, this day will provide a way for students who make arrangements in advance to come to school to receive extra help, work on labs, work out, see a counselor, etc. We encourage all students and families to take some time and read the AIM addendum in the link above.

We are very aware that we are not in this alone and this decision impacts everyone differently. We also know that this unprecedented school year will present unique challenges to our community. You have our word that we will continue to make decisions that place our students and staff in the safest possible situation and we truly hope that our families will help us in this endeavor. The Academy has attendance and academic rules that align with state law. With families and our school working together, we can support our students by fully engaging in the educational process.

We are also making significant advances in the area of social/emotional support. We know during this time our students and families may need more support than is typical. While these plans are not completely finalized yet, please know we are working to increase this area of our program and will provide additional information as it is ready. It is also important to note that we will be offering some form of athletics this year. While it may end up looking different because of the requirements placed on us by the leagues in which we play, we are committed to offering some sort of athletic competition for our students.

Although we plan to use AIM for the first semester, we are also committed to getting our community back on campus as soon as it is safe to do so. If the situation warrants it, we may even be back before the second semester. However, based on what we are seeing in other schools that open, given the lack of real-time public health data provided to us, and with an understanding that some of the state requirements are almost impossible to implement in a secondary school setting, we do not see a return to campus anytime soon. We very much hope to be proven wrong.

We have listed some key dates below. It is important to note, all students and staff will need to follow the health protocols such as wearing a mask and completing a health screening before coming to campus.

Professional Development

Professional development for staff has been scheduled for August 24 and 25 which will be held in person at the Loos Center for the Arts. The schedule is almost complete and will be emailed out to attendees through their school email.

Upperclassmen Material Pick-Up

Upperclassmen should make an appointment to come to school on their assigned day to pick up their supplies for the semester. Each student will have an individual bag made for them that will include all of their books, art supplies, and any other materials they may need based on their schedules. These days are August 26 for seniors, August 27 for juniors, and August 28 for sophomores.

Residential Students

Most residential students, who also received a separate communication, will be moving onto campus on August 31. We have made arrangements for residential students to receive their needed supplies on September 2 during their first week as part of The Academy community.

New Students

All new students, who should have received a separate letter, are expected to attend school on either September 1 (A-L) or September 2 (M-Z), based on their last name. During these days, students will receive the supplies they will need for the first semester, including their iPad.

Start of Classes

Classes begin for everyone on September 3. Our focus will be on establishing a quality classroom community, building relationships, and providing instruction on the technology that will be used during the semester. Curricular instruction will begin on September 8.

In any school setting, there needs to be consistency and stability in order for students to learn and grow. Although this program was developed while considering many possible contingencies, we also know there may be times when we have to adjust something because it is not working, or because circumstances force us to. We will be collecting data from students and families at certain parts of the year through an electronic survey, which will be used to make any needed adjustments. We are all in this together and your voices and perspectives are important. We know this is not ideal for anyone and we all just want to get back to "normal," but we also know that we are not going to deviate from our core values even while we are not on campus.

Our doors are always open, and we hope everyone in our community stays safe and healthy.

In Partnership,

Christopher J. Sandford Head of School

Holly G. Singleton Associate Head of School





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August, 2020

Dear New Students and their Families:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we would like to officially welcome the Class of 2024 and all of our new students to The Woodstock Academy community. While we know this year is not starting in the way we all hoped it would, please be assured that we are doing everything in our power to develop an exceptional program for all of our new community members.

We are also aware that this summer was a unique one for all of us. The activities and gatherings we typically would be enjoying have either been postponed or canceled. This goes for The Academy as well. We would normally be scheduling open houses for new students, planning our Family Traditions Day, and hosting many other events to acclimate the new members of our community.

Even though our program is going to be electronically based through eLearning initially, The Academy is still a special place where students will be able to explore and find their passions. Our school, now your school, truly values student voices and expects that each of your unique perspectives will enhance our school community. Whether you are from a sending town, another country or another state, each year we are excited to see the ways you will help strengthen the caring environment that exists on our campuses.

Whether you are learning on campus, at your dining room table, in your dorm room or from a coffee shop, we will continue to provide a safe environment for all members of our community. We are committed to the individual student—a student who comes from a unique background, complete with a variety of experiences. We are fully confident that you will be successful at The Woodstock Academy. Your time as a Centaur will allow you to discover who you are. You will have successes and failures; and I assure you that both will allow you to become a stronger person. Our philosophy mirrors that of Winston Churchill who stated, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."

The information contained in this letter is to ensure that you have a smooth transition into The Academy; so please review the enclosed materials. This year's opening is going to be different than in the past. We are going to divide the new students into three groups and if you are from a sending town, transportation will be provided on these days.

- New day students with last names A through K: 7:30 a.m. 11:20 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2020
- New day students with last names L through Z: 7:30 a.m. 11:20 a.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- New boarding students will have a separate orientation on Wednesday, September 2nd. More details will be provided at check in.

During these times you will be introduced to The Academy staff & program, have some of your questions answered, and receive your iPads & other school supplies, such as books. The first full day of learning for all students will be on September 3rd. A copy of the daily schedule is included with this letter.

Our 2020/2021 Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook are available on our website and will also be downloaded onto each of the iPads issued to students this year. Please review the handbook, as it should answer all questions related to academic and behavior expectations.

With the current reality, we are asking any family member who has questions to please contact Mrs. Singleton at hsingleton@woodstockacademy.org. We look forward to seeing all of you in a few short weeks.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford Head of School

Holly G. Singleton Associate Head of School



August 17, 2020

Ms. Sara: Hunt 23 R and R Park Dayville, CT 06241

Dear Ms. Hant

Mrs. Singleton has made me aware of your August 4, 2020 resignation from your position as a math and science teacher. This is to notify you that I accept your resignation on behalf of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and community thank you for your dedication to our students. Your contributions as a science teacher have enriched the lives of Academy students, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sandford Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees

Holly Singleton, Associate Head of School Michael Susi, Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Melany Gronski, Science Department Chair

Lori Wajer, Director of Human Resources

Employee File

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August 17, 2020

Mr. David Sturdevant 57 Academy Road, South Campus Woodstock, CT 06281

Dear Mr. Sturdevantave:

I am in receipt of your resignation letter from your position as an English teacher dated August 6, 2020. This is to notify you that I accept your resignation on behalf of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and community thank you for your dedication to our students. Your contributions as an English teacher have enriched the lives of Academy students, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sandford Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees

Holly Singleton, Associate Head of School Michael Susi, Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Rich Telford, English Department Chair Lori Wajer, Director of Human Resources Employee File



August 17, 2020

Mrs. Lauren Herlihy 38 Ojala Road Woodstock, CT 06281

Dear Mrs. Herlihy:

I am in receipt of your resignation letter from your position as school nurse dated August 10, 2020. This is to notify you that I accept your resignation on behalf of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and community thank you for your dedication to our students. Your contributions as a school nurse have enriched the lives of Academy students, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sandford Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees

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Employee File



August 11, 2020

Woodstock Water Pollution Control Authority Woodstock Town Hall 415 Route 169 Woodstock, CT 06281

Dear WPCA Board:

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. Serving on a municipal board is sometimes thankless, and I want to applaud all of your efforts on behalf of the Woodstock community—particularly in this time of uncertainty.

I wanted to respond to your letter dated July 29, 2020 concerning the possibility of a flow meter being installed on town property and the fact that we would be charged for the work of the town engineer. This letter shall serve as notice that The Academy will not be moving forward with the project. As you are aware, our sewer assessment increased by \$8,234.16 last year, which has forced us to make some adjustments to our budget. While this did not impact this year's tuition rate to the sending towns, with the current pandemic realities we do not think it is prudent to undertake any projects which will further increase our sewer assessment and possibly tuition.

While this would have been a great project to partner with the WPCA on, we will not be moving forward at this time.

Please stay safe and my door is always open if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sandford

Head of School

Cc: The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees

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Michael Susi, Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations



Town of Woodstock

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July 29, 2020

Assessor 860-928-6929

Building 860-928-1388

Highway 860-974-0330

Inland/Wetlands 860-928-1388

PLANNING & ZONING 860-963-2128

RECREATION 860-928-3396

SELECTMEN 860-928-0208

TAX COLLECTOR 860-928-9469

Town Clerk 860-928-6595

Treasurer 860-928-5935

FAX # 860-963-7557

Mr. Christopher J. Sandford Head of School Woodstock Academy 57 Academy Road Woodstock, CT 06281

Dear Mr. Sandford:

On behalf of the WPCA Board, I am writing to determine if Woodstock Academy is anticipating any additional quotes for the flow meter project. The Board is currently aware of a proposal from Neponset Controls in an email dated March 30, 2020 from Thomas Cummins. Should the Academy proceed with the project and secure its preferred vendor, formal notification to the WPCA would be necessary at that time.

Upon receipt of Woodstock Academy's submittal, the WPCA Board will forward the project proposal to the Town engineer for a full review and recommendation. Expenses associated with the engineering review will be absorbed by Woodstock Academy.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

Cynthia Goodwin Brown Executive Administrator

Woodstock Water Pollution Control Authority

c: WPCA Board





210 Westcott Road Danielson, CT 06239

Phone: 860-774-8001 Fax: 860-774-4299

info@nectchamber.com

The Woodstock Academy Mr. Chris Sandford 57 Academy Road Woodstock, ÇT 06281

Dear Mr. Sandford!

On behalf of the entire Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I would like to extend my thanks for the payment of your membership fee. Your support through annual dues and your participation through various chamber activities assures representation for you and your business. Kindly find your annual plaque sticker attached below.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Kuszaj Executive Director 2020

Check out these FREE Zoom Platform Lunch & Learn Workshops:

RSVP by calling 860-774-8001 or email to Betti@nectchamber.com

The Importance of an Annual Physical - A Health & Wellness Program with Dr. Joseph Botta - July 29, 2020 from 12-1 pm

<u>Key Strategies for Retirement Planning</u> - James Zahansky of Weiss, Hale & Zahansky Strategic Wealth Advisors- August 5, 2020 from 12-1 pm

<u>Ten Tips You Should Know About Your iPhone</u> - presented in partnership with Wireless Zone of Killingly, Putnam and North Windham - August 12, 2020, 12-1 pm

Estate Planning-Attorney Pat Prue and Attorney Ailla Wastrom-Evans of The Prue Law Group August 19, 2020, from 12-1



July 4, 2020

Dear Mr. Sanford, Mrs. Singleton, and the Woodstock Academy faculty,

I am writing to formally thank you for the generous Donald B. and Hope K. Williams Scholarship and the Susan Dorrance Gordan Scholarship, as well as for the confidence you showed in me by awarding me the prestigious Yale Cup. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of these awards.

I have had a great experience at the academy for the past four years, and while we couldn't celebrate graduation the way we had planned, I think the academy did a great job to still give us some kind of ceremony while following social distancing guidelines. Thank you for all the hard work you put in to make that all possible.

In the fall, I will be majoring in physics at Brown University with hopes of becoming a theoretical physicist at a research university. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying and giving back to the community.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and continue to give back to others, in honor of the scholarships and Yale Cup you have awarded me.

Sincerely,

Nathan Craig

195 County Rd

Woodstock, CT 06281

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July 10, 2020

Ms. Erica Caouette
Director of Pupil Services
Pomfret Community School
20 Pomfret Street
Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Dear Ms. Caouette:

On behalf of our entire Woodstock Academy community, I want to offer you congratulations on your new role as Director of Pupil Services for the Pomfret Board of Education. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our educational partnership.

The Academy values its longstanding relationship with Pomfret Public Schools and is proud of the successes that generations of Pomfret's students have enjoyed at The Academy. We are dedicated to continuing our mission, "The Woodstock Academy prepares all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens."

As part of our commitment to maintaining close relationships with our educational partners, I look forward to our meeting and campus tour scheduled for July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. It will be nice to share some of the wonderful accomplishments of our students.

Congratulations, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to partner with you.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees, The Woodstock Academy Superintendent, Pomfret Public Schools Board of Education, Pomfret Public Schools



July 9, 2020

Ms. JoAnn Johnson P.O. Box 214 Canterbury, CT 06331

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We hope you are well and enjoying these first few days of your retirement!

Enclosed is your "Woodstock Academy Gold Card," which entitles you to free admission to all oncampus student athletic events and student performances at The Woodstock Academy. As previously mentioned, this honor is only given to individuals of The Woodstock Academy after long and exemplary service.

We wish you an infinite number of happy and healthy days during your retirement. Your extraordinary and significant contributions to The Academy community are greatly appreciated now and always.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees Employee File



July 9, 2020

Ms. Susan LaGrow 106 Chestnut Hill Dayville, CT 06241

Dear Ms. LaGrow:

We hope you are well and enjoying these first few days of your retirement!

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Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees Employee File Dear Mr. Sandford,

Thank you so much for not only an amazing four years at the academy on norgettable academic Committee experienced, and for standing office in the blazing heat just so that my fellow class males and I bould get an elbow bump on our graduation day, but for the Yale Itonor Cop and the Vonald B. B. Hope K. Williams Scholarship. I amso thank at and so honored to have keen selected for these amazing and prestigious awards. I hope to contained malaing the academy prood. To paraphrase my nother at that Board of Ed mening I years ago, take good care of my siste forme I stay safe, and Itans healthy, once again, thank you. Sincorety, allegan a



July 8, 2020

James Cournoyer 73 Quinebaug Road North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Dear Mr. Cournoyer:

We hope you are well and enjoying these first few days of your retirement!

Enclosed is your Employee Emeritus certificate. As previously mentioned, this honor is only given to individuals of The Woodstock Academy after long and exemplary service. Also enclosed is your "Woodstock Academy Gold Card," which entitles you to free admission to all on-campus student athletic events and student performances at The Woodstock Academy.

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Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees Employee File



July 8, 2020

Jamie Shaw 89 Blair Drive Holden, MA 01520

Dear Ms. Shaw:

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Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees Employee File

MEETINGS: TUESDAY 12:15 PM

June 22, 2020

Christopher Sandford Woodstock Academy 57 Academy Rd Woodstock CT 06281



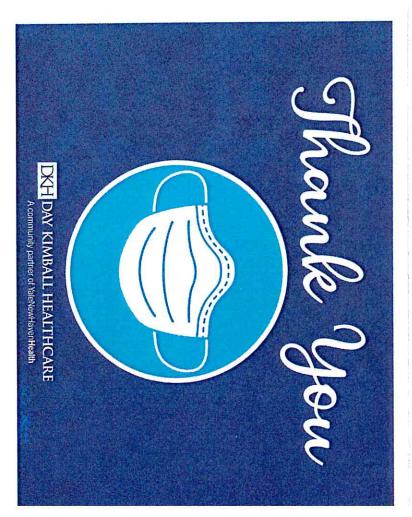
Dear Headmaster Sandford:

Congratulations to your students on their achievements. Enclosed you will find their awards.

Yours truly,

Jay Byrnes

Program Chairman



RECEIVED JUL 07 2020 Over the last few months, the COVID-19 pandemic caused international healthcare workers at risk and small community hospitals like ours at an extreme disadvantage. In the true spirit of humanity and solidarity, shortages of critical personal protective equipment (PPE), leaving members of our local community and beyond stepped in to help.

PPE. You were instrumental in helping to keep our colleagues, patients and Thank you for being a part of the solution with your generous donation of families safe during these unprecedented times. The impact of your generosity and thoughtful consideration for the health and welfare of our healthcare workers and community is immeasurable. Thank you on behalf of us all

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June 23, 2020

Mrs. Susan Lovegreen 379 North Bigelow Road Hampton, CT 06247

Dear Mrs. Lovegreen:

I am in receipt of your resignation letter as a science department head dated June 22, 2020. You have stated you will help to transition the new department chair in 2020-2021. This is to notify you that I accept your resignation as a science department head on behalf of The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and community thank you for your dedication to our students and for your service in the science department. Your contributions as a science department chair have positively impacted Academy students, and we appreciate all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees
Holly Singleton, Associate Head of School
Dr. Michael Harten, Dean of Academics
Lori Wajer, Director of Human Resources
Employee File



June 22, 2020

Mr. Steven Rioux Canterbury Public Schools 45 Westminster Road Canterbury, CT 06331

Dear Mr. Rioux:

On behalf of our entire Woodstock Academy community, I want to offer congratulations on your appointment as Superintendent of Schools for Canterbury, Connecticut. Families from your district are respected and integral educational partners with The Woodstock Academy.

The Academy values its longstanding relationship with the Canterbury community. The Woodstock Academy Mission is to prepare "all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens." Canterbury students significantly contribute to the success of The Academy.

As part of our commitment to maintaining close relationships with our educational partners, I want to extend an invitation to meet with you, at your convenience, to provide a tour of our campuses and share all the wonderful accomplishments of our students.

We offer our best wishes to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees

Nancy Duvall, Canterbury Board of Education Chair



June 22, 2020

James Connelly, Superintendent Canterbury Public Schools 45 Westminster Road Canterbury, CT 06331

Dear Mr. Connelly:

Thank you for your service to Canterbury! I have enjoyed working with you over the last many months, on both a professional and personal level. Your efforts on behalf of Canterbury's students have been exemplary and you will certainly be missed.

We hope to continue developing our integral educational partnership with Canterbury under the leadership of Steven Rioux. Our relationship with Canterbury is respected and valued.

As you begin your next chapter, best wishes for many pleasant and relaxing days ahead.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees

Nancy Duvall, Canterbury Board of Education Chair



June 22, 2020

James Cournoyer 73 Quinebaug Road North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Dear Mr. Cournoyer:

At its June 16, 2020 meeting, The Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees voted to award you the designation of Staff Emeritus.

The honor of emeritus status is intended as a special honor for The Woodstock Academy employees who served with great distinction. This is an honorific title given to individuals for their long and exemplary service to The Academy in recognition of their extraordinary and significant contributions to The Academy community.

When selected, the Employee Emeritus/a will:

- 1. Be bestowed a certificate of conferred title by the Board of Trustees.
- 2. Have lifetime inclusion of name on The Woodstock Academy website and on campus under the respective designation.
- 3. Have a standing invitation to all future faculty and school events at The Woodstock Academy.

You have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a willingness to accept the challenges presented to you during your tenure at The Academy. You have excelled as an active participant in The Academy community through service to others and as a leader.

On behalf of our entire Woodstock Academy community, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees Employee File



June 22, 2020

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On behalf of our entire Woodstock Academy community, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc. Board of Trustees Employee File



June 22, 2020

Ms. Susan Lloyd The Woodstock Fair P.O. Box 1 South Woodstock, CT 06267

Dear Ms. Lloyd:

On behalf of the entire Woodstock Academy community, I want to thank you for your commitment to our students as we wrapped up this extraordinary and unique year. Your planning, organization and creativity for our Celebration Parade allowed us to provide our graduating students with an experience that was second to none.

Watching the smiles on the faces of the students and seeing the emotion on some of their parents' faces as they drove by to the sounds of cheering from the staff was a wonderful experience for us all. It really demonstrated the true "Academy difference." Through your efforts, we were able to turn what could have been a horrible experience into a memorable celebration.

The Academy, the class of 2020 and the larger Academy community owes you a debt of gratitude.

Please have a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Thank you,

Christopher J. Sandford

Head of School

Cc: Board of Trustees

Amy Favreau, Assistant Head of School for Enrollment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC COMMITTEE June 8, 2020



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Child, Barbara; Paquette, Philippa; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Walley, David; Arends, Alyssa (alternate); Ignacio, Joey; Pan, Jingy (Jane); Sandford, Chris (6:33); Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie **ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Young, Scott

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:33 p.m.

2. Community Participation - None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of March 9, 2020

MOTION: (Harten/May) To approve the minutes of March 9, 2020. All voted Yes except for Committee Chair Paquette, who abstained.

Motion passes

4. Approve Committee Charter

MOTION: (Singleton/Musko) To approve the Academic Committee Charter as presented. Unanimous

5. Select Two New Student Members

Joey Ignacio (grade 11), Jane Pan and Alyssa Arends (both, grade 12) were thanked for their contributions to the Academic Committee. After review and discussion, the following students were selected to be invited to serve on the Academic Committee in 2020-2021: Joey Ignacio (full member, grade 11), Alina Michalski (alternate member, grade 11), and Leah Castle (full member, grade 10). Dr. Harten planned to notify and welcome the new committee members.

6. Review Grading Policy and Procedures Adjustments

Associate Head of School Singleton and Dr. Harten explained and reviewed the second semester final grading options offered to students in good standing as a result of eLearning during second semester. Students will be able to (1) keep their current grade; (2) choose their 3rd quarter grade as a final grade; or, where their average is 60 or above, (3) select "Pass" for the final assessment (not calculated into GPA). Strategies and guidelines for students with incompletes or late assignments were also discussed. There is a possibility that not 100% of students in grade 12 will graduate this year.

7. Review Task Force's Proposed Schedules and Learning Guidelines

Associate Head of School Singleton and Dr. Harten presented information generated by the Reopening Task Force. From the faculty perspective during the recent eLearning experience, the organizational requirements and self-care opportunities were challenging. Students were praised for making eLearning successful through extra effort and patience. A "blended learning" proposal was discussed, where student education takes place from home and/or from school for at least two days each week. In-person classes are believed to better meet the needs of the "whole child's" social and emotional health in addition to academics. The class schedules proposed by the task force were positively received noting the extra class length and extra break periods. The Academy's investment in Canvas was commended as a versatile and comprehensive tool. As an independent high school, The Academy should be able to offer much more than a typical public high school—unless the state forces all schools to offer the same experience in the interest of equity. In-depth discussion included transportation challenges (financial/physical distancing/staggered

arrivals/etc.) from sending towns, ventilation in classrooms, travel between classes, shuttle busing, speculation about what the state might mandate, and the financial strain to provide adequate safety measures campus wide. Jane Pan made some suggestions about class scheduling times and how best to help students taking classes from other countries/time zones meet academic requirements. Alyssa Arends thanked the group for all the extra effort to provide a quality experience this past spring—particularly when she compared her experiences to those of friends in other area schools. Val May expressed concern that if students from only certain grades attended class on specific days, the possibility exists for only one or two students to be taking an in-person class. Creating equitable student schedules will be a challenge over the summer and conversations will continue as more information comes available.

8. Other

Academic Committee members thanked seniors Jane Pan and Alyssa Arends for their hard work and insight and wished them great success in their future endeavors.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Harten/Child) To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland
Julie Woodland
Board Clerk

The Woodstock Academy prepares all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
COMMITTEE
May 11, 2020



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Bellerose, Jim; Blackmer, Robert; Morse, David; Rhynhart, Hans; Guillot, Bill; Sandford, Chris;

Sturdevant, Jon; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Carabeau, Garry

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackmer at 6:31 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of March 9, 2020

MOTION: (Morse/Bellerose) To approve the minutes of March 9, 2020.

Unanimous

4. Approve Committee Charter

The edited committee charter was briefly reviewed.

MOTION: (Morse/Bellerose) To approve the Buildings & Grounds Committee Charter as presented.

Unanimous

5. Academy Building Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot provided an update about the Academy Building project. Part Two of the project was submitted last week for review and questions, with 30 days to respond. Part Three is an itemized budget for the project. Once phase two is approved, we can move forward with work to the tower this summer. Unknowns include how the ramp on the back side will impact the expected tax credits. We hope to receive affordable bids and will wait until we have final numbers before moving forward with the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

6. Parking Lot Lighting Update

Head of School Sandford and Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot updated the group about the parking lot lighting project on North Campus. Under the public safety umbrella, this type of lighting should be exempt from requiring Zoning approval. Woodstock's First Selectmen Jay Swan plans to confirm. Two lighting companies recently walked the site and made a proposal for (downward) sidewalk lighting, timers, and other affordable, safety lighting options. Once received, proposals will be submitted to the B&G Committee before moving forward.

7. Insurance Claim Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot said the insurance claim in question was from the wind and wiring incident earlier this year that damaged the boiler, pump, etc. on North Campus. The cost to repair/replace this equipment came to about \$13K. Since the damage was caused by an Eversource wiring/connection error, our insurance company was able to recover our \$5K deductible from Eversource.

On May 6, a small grease fire occurred in a residential apartment on South Campus. Damage was caused in the apartment, common area, shower and to various sections of carpet. An adjuster has been sent, and our deductible will again apply.

8. Summer Projects and Planning

Head of School Sandford and Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot listed the following projects scheduled to occur this summer:

- North—roofing work on the auditorium and library (wind damage—insurance claim)
- North—Founders Court (pavers, tree work, gutters)
- North—Academy Building tower
- South—well system
- North and South—painting projects

Committee Chair Blackmer asked for periodic updates on project status.

9. Other – None.

10. Community Participation

- David Morse commented how good the parking lot on North Campus looked with the trees and brush trimmed.
- Head of School Sandford mentioned that Board member Hans Frankhouser is donating a significant amount of bark mulch to be used to landscape North and South Campus.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: (Bellerose/Morse) To adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland
Julie Woodland
Board Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE May 6, 2020



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Asikainen, Samantha (7:05); Blackmer, Robert; Duvall, Nancy (C); Frankhouser, Hans (W); Kelly, Paul; McGinn, Walter; Morse, David; Paquette, Philippa; Samborowski, Len (7:41); Swenson, Christine; Teed, David; Trivella, Joan; Tuttle, Brent (P @7:48); Favreau, Amy; Guillot, William; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Sturdevant, Jon; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Atchinson, Keith; Higgins, Edwin

GUESTS: Megan Bard Morse

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Swenson at 7:04 p.m.

2. Community Participation - None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of April 1, 2020

MOTION: (Trivella/Paquette) To approve the minutes of April 1, 2020 as presented. All voted Yes except for Hans Frankhouser, who abstained.

Motion passes

Correspondence

Head of School Sandford reviewed the correspondence which was included in the packet. Highlights included a letter to Senator Joe Courtney, various employment letters, Head of School Award letters, Student Life Committee letters to students, various sympathy letters, letters to/from Pomfret Public Schools about tuition, and a letter from Board Secretary Paquette thanking Joe Musumeci for his service on the Board of Trustees.

5. Committee Reports

Assorted committee reports were available for review and discussion. No questions were asked.

6. Academic Update

Associate Head of School Singleton reviewed her Academic Update handout with the group. Topics included:

- Proposed language added to the bottom of all transcripts
- Changes to grading related to academic practices, late work, and semester grades
- Third quarter grading considerations
- Homework expectations
- · Policy adjustments for late work
- End of semester grading

The rationale behind any changes was provided. Board discussion focused on the Re-opening Task Force, led by Mrs. Singleton. Questions included AP and SAT testing as well as a question about the charge of the task force. Associate Head of School Singleton highlighted how important high-quality faculty-student relationships are to student engagement. She listed and thanked the members serving on the task force.

7. Development Update

Associate Head of School for Advancement Sturdevant provided a development update, noting:

- The Annual Golf Tournament is still on track for August.
- Alumni weekend is now targeted for May 2021.
- Concerts in the Loos Center have been postponed.
- Travel for development and recruitment will resume when conditions are safer.
- The Beagary Investment Grants & Scholarships (BIGS), in collaboration with the E.E. Ford Foundation, has made funding available to support areas of student-learning and enrichment that enhances and expands curricular studies. Mrs. Singleton, Dr. Harten and Mr. Walley have been in charge of managing faculty requests for those funds.
- Finance Committee Chair Paul Kelly was thanked for creating The Academy's first charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) to benefit The Woodstock Academy Foundation.

8. Enrollment Update

Assistant Head of School for Enrollment Favreau reviewed her Enrollment Update handout which included financial projections for the boarding program and non-sending town day student population, current enrollment challenges, and various enrollment plans and marketing strategies. She provided an overview of the boarding program since March. Current areas of focus include international students, domestic students and 5-day boarding students. Virtual tours and virtual open houses are planned. Flexibility with return dates, providing summer housing, and creating an academic/room & board sliding scale or applying account credits where needed are some of the steps to aid new and returning students. Our partnership with a high school in China and summer programs for Chinese middle/high school students are still on track.

9. Financial Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot said paperwork was submitted today for the Academy Building project and the tax credit could potentially cover 25% of the project cost. Once it's approved, bids will go out. Head of School Sandford explained that although some layoffs occurred in March and the PPP loan funding came through (preventing additional layoffs in 2019-2020), it is probable that more program and staffing cuts will be required in the 2020-2021 budget because of the uncertainty around the number of students on campus.

June Meeting Agenda

Topics for the full Board of Trustees meeting in June will include a review of the 2019-2020 school year, a discussion of scenarios for fall's return to school, an academic update from Mrs. Singleton, feedback on eLearning, and a more detailed budget discussion. The executive session of the June meeting will, at minimum, cover the Head of School's review. Questions and discussion included credits to boarding student accounts, financial support from local/state/federal sources for necessary COVID modifications, the need for personal contact between teachers and students, and the use of social media to disseminate WA information. Mrs. Favreau provided an overview of end-of-the-year plans such as prom and graduation and Mr. Sturdevant discussed scholarships for seniors. Board Chair Swenson said she couldn't ask for a better administrative team and thanked everyone for a wonderful job during these very challenging times.

- 11. Other Items None.
- 12. Executive Session
- a. Personnel
- b. Head of School's Review

MOTION: (Paquette/Tuttle) To enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and the Head of School's Review, inviting Head of School Sandford and Julie Woodland to attend, at 8:08 p.m.

Unanimous

The following people left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Asikainen, Samantha; Bard Morse, Megan; Favreau, Amy; Guillot, William; McGinn, Walter; Morse, David; Rigney, John; Samborowski, Len; Singleton, Holly; Sturdevant, Jon

The meeting returned to regular session at 8:38 p.m.

13. Possible Action – None.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: (Blackmer/Paquette) To adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland Julie Woodland Board Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
June 8, 2020



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Beckwith, Martha; Bentley, Cary; Duvall, Nancy (7:03); Frankhouser, Hans; Kelly, Paul; Guillot, Bill; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Atchinson, Keith; Sturdevant, Jon; Teed, David; Tuttle, Brent

GUESTS: Michael Susi

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelly at 7:00 p.m.

2. Community Participation - None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of May 11, 2020

MOTION: (Beckwith/Frankhouser) To approve the minutes of May 11, 2020.

Unanimous

4. 2019-2020 Budget Update

Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot reviewed detailed revenue and expense reports with the committee, saying overall revenue numbers were up 2%. We have received all expected revenue items, including some tuition money for next year and \$63K of expected security grant funds. Other expected revenue funds include a pending real estate sale, capital assessment funds, approximately \$45K in deposited funds from various forfeited accounts. Although 2019-2020 will be better than expected, the number of projects begun against only one year of capital assessment fees, along with construction costs paid ahead of future reimbursements, doesn't make it seem as good. Health insurance costs were reasonable in 2019-2020 and it is hoped we will be as lucky next year. Other possible real estate sales may also positively impact next year's budget.

5. 2020-2021 Budget Update

The budget for 2020-2021 went from approximately \$23M to \$19M. Thanks to the hard work of Amy Favreau and her department, tuition revenue was projected to be \$2.4M and we should receive \$2.45M. When Committee Chair Kelly compared 19-20 to 20-21, it was agreed that spending will still need to stay tight despite the PPP grant money. Some supplies were purchased and not used, making them available for use in 2020-2021. With all the uncertainties related to COVID-19 this fall, areas such as sports, food service, supplies, and deferred loan payments necessitate a fluid financial forecast.

6. Real Estate Update

Head of School Sandford reported that of the three properties in discussion, one was on track to close at the end of the month, one was targeted to list by mid-September, and one would be vacated within the month and then listed for sale.

7. Other

- Despite COVID, the Merrill Lynch account is now over the level it was in January.
- We've received good rates for liability and worker's compensation insurance for 2020-2021 and hope to receive good rates for possible cyber-insurance.

- Head of School Sandford and Finance Committee members thanked Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot for his many daytime and nighttime hours over the last two years managing the business office.
- Interim Associate Head of School for Finance and Operations Guillot thanked everyone present for their unflagging support.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Bentley/Beckwith) To adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland Julie Woodland Board Clerk

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THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY BUDGET SUMMARY 2020 - 2021



REVENUE					
Category		Proposed Amount			
Sending town's regular tuition	S	14,762,000			
Sending town's special education subsidy	S	1,052,664			
Sending town's capital improvement assessment	\$	472,384			
Private boarding tuition/fees	S	2,250,000			
Private day tuition	S	150,000			
Private tuition capital improvement assessment	S	48,800			
Private boarding medical insurance	S	200,000			
Tutoring Services	S	65,000			
Facility Use	S	30,000			
Other Revenue	S	50,000			
Real Estate Sales		700,000.00			
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$	19,780,848			

Category	Proposed Amount	
Employee Salaries & Stipends	S	10,923,855
Employee Benefits	s	2,749,453
Professional/Contracted Services	s	700,950
Instructional	s	886,945
Professional Development	s	68,000
Transportation	s	225,000
Equipment	s	240,810
Insurance/Legal	S	535,492
Facility Maintenance	S	804,200
Utilities	S	842,880
Food Service	S	561,000
Admissions/Recruitment	S	159,000
Agency Fees	S	300,000
Debt Service	S	945,706
Capital Improvements	S	415,000
Reserve	S	68,000
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$	20,426,291





August Updates from the Associate Head of School

What is Happening...

Opening of School

- · eLearning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 - Schedule modified as recommended by the Task Force's June report (1-hour classes beginning at 9 AM with 15-minute transition breaks)
- Wednesdays
 - o Office hours, and
 - o In-person, pre-approved opportunities for extra help, interventions, special events, testing, meetings with social workers college counseling, club activities, athletics.
 - O Starting with under 100 students max with a focus on academics. 9/23—SATs for Seniors. Then we will start to have activities that are more social.
 - Work our way up to 300 maximum students.
- Grading has returned back to "normal" after it was modified for the 2nd semester change from in-person to eLearning; We have established a school-wide late policy for better consistency.
- Continuing the Advisory Program with a focus on the social/emotional needs of students;
 Advisory meets with 2nd block class.
- Schedule details:
 - O August 26th for senior materials pick up; 27th for Juniors, 28th for Sophomores
 - September 1st & 2nd orientation for new students and materials pick up
 - First day of classes September 3rd
 - September 3rd & 4th focus on building a robust learning community and teaching the technology that will be needed in the class
 - Curriculum instruction starts September 8th
- Clubs will run virtually to start
- Addendums for both the student and the employee handbooks have been created to gather the COVID-19 protocols in one location
- Enrollment: 1063 students (as of 8/17 @ 3 PM). 201 Freshmen, 311 Sophomores, 260 Juniors, 272 Seniors, 19 postgraduates
- We are fully staffed, with the exception of an instructor for the Ground Flight class.

Student Achievements

 Rockwell Valentine, (W) class of 2021 was acceptance into the 2020 National Association for <u>Music Education's All National Honor Jazz Ensemble</u>, which makes him 1 of the 5 best high school jazz trumpet players in the COUNTRY chosen to participate in this festival in Orlando, Florida in November.

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THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY PERSONNEL 2020-2021

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Christopher J. Sandford

ASSOCIATE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Holly G. Singleton

ASSOCIATE HEAD OF SCHOOL FOR ADVANCEMENT

Jonathan D. Sturdevant

ASSOCIATE HEAD OF SCHOOL FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Michael P. Susi

ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL - SOUTH CAMPUS

John D. Rigney

ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL FOR ENROLLMENT

Amy W. Favreau

COMPTROLLER

Janet M. Rohan

DEAN OF ACADEMICS

Dr. Michael D. Harten

DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Karen A. Hughes

DEAN OF STUDENTS

FACILITY USE COORDINATOR

Brad S. Favreau

DEAN OF ATHLETICS

Sean M. Saucier

DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS SAFETY

Craig D. Rich

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Julia G. Budd

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Lori G. Wajer

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Matt A. Godzik

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Eric T. Chalupka

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Jocelyn T. Morse

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

Bobbie-Jo Saucier

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

Jason H. Gerum

DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Brenden M. Ostaszewski

DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Nicole E. Ostaszewski

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

William J. Guillot

RESIDENTIAL LIFE STAFF

Caitlin Alger

Emily Belanger

Luke Blodgett

Todd Blodgett

Adam Bottone

Amanda Bottone

Katie Burns

Amy Couture

Christopher Dunn

Jessica Dunn

Christopher Green

Jennifer Green

Christopher Harris

Ian Jackson

Chris LaPointe

Jamie Leale

Melanie LeBlanc

Tyler McCarthy

Kerri Nagle

Fred Nagle

Emily Nester

Brenden Ostaszewski

Nicole Ostaszewski

Ray Pena

Trent Peters

Christian Rivard

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COUNSELING

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Elizabeth M. Coleman

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Mackenzie M. LeBlanc

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Danielle Giamundo - Registrar

Doreen Holt - Advancement & Alumni Relations

Michelle Laprade - Library Assistant

Karen McGovern - Receptionist/ Counseling

Traci Nelson - Student Services Assistant

Susie Racine - Receptionist/Main Office - South Campus

Amanda Tosetti - Admissions and Enrollment Assistant

Denzel Washington - Assistant to Associate Head of School

Trish Welch - Attendance/Athletics

Julie Woodland - Executive Assistant to the Head of School

Rebecca Wrobel - Financial Assistant - A/P

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