

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE  
September 13, 2021



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Blackmer, Robert; Carabeau, Garry; Morse, David; Quinn, Eric; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Sean; Susi, Michael; Woodland, Julie  
**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Rhynhart, Hans  
**GUESTS:** Kevin Chrobak, Addy Smith

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackmer at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of July 26, 2021**

**MOTION:** (Carabeau/Quinn) To approve the minutes of July 26, 2021.  
Unanimous

**4. Academy Building Project Update**

Architect Kevin Chrobak of Juster Pope Frazier provided an update about the Academy Building project to the group, saying all bids would need to include a performance and payment bond as well as meeting all other insurance requirements after attorney review. Drawings currently posted on the website will need to be updated. Mr. Chrobak plans to work with the attorney to draft the bid language and hopes to award the contract on this \$12-14m project during the first or second week of December. Mr. Chrobak left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

**5. Tennis Courts**

Director of Athletics Sean Saucier provided a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the current condition of The Academy's tennis courts, visually highlighting the leaning fencing, cracks/raised sections on much of the court surfaces, and other significant safety issues. He shared the numbers of students participating on the teams, explaining that teams were required to play "pro sets" due to insufficient numbers of courts at meets. The situation became even more embarrassing when two teams from other schools arrived for a meet, saw our courts, and returned to their bus to leave. A proposal was provided in which five tennis courts and one multi-use court would be constructed on an existing practice soccer field on South Campus. The existing courts at Bentley would be removed, providing the space to transform a practice field into a regulation-play soccer field along with adding more parking spaces. Senior tennis player Addy Smith offered additional details and her full support for this necessary project, particularly since the team will need to practice and play on tennis courts at other facilities for this year's season. Questions were asked and answered. The Buildings and Grounds Committee gave its blessing to the project, endorsing it unanimously. It was suggested the administration gather competitive quotes and consider tying the funding to the Academy Building project in order to include donor money and loans.

**6. Other**

Brief discussion was held about the technology on South Campus.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Morse/Quinn) To adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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