

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
CORPORATION
Loos Center, South Campus
August 18, 2020
6:30 p.m.**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

CORPORATORS: Beckwith, Martha; Blackmer, Bob; Child, Barbara; Favreau, Brad; Favreau, Amy; Hughes, Karin; Kelly, Paul; Larrow, Jeff; Lynn, Paul; Rhyhart, Hans; Singleton, Holly; Young, Scott
TRUSTEES: Higgins, Edwin; Johnston, Kevin; McGinn, Walter; Swenson, Christine; Trivella, Joan
ADMINISTRATION: Chalupka, Eric; Harten, Michael; Rigney, John; Rohan, Janet; Sandford, Chris; Sturdevant, Jon; Susi, Michael; Woodland, Julie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Swenson at 6:30 p.m.

2. Nominating Committee Recommendation

a. Term Renewals – Alumni Trustees

MOTION: (Kelly/Beckwith) To appoint Samantha Asikainen as a Trustee of the Corporation to a six-year term which ends in 2026. Unanimous

MOTION: (Kelly/Blackmer) To appoint Scott Young as a Trustee of the Corporation to a six-year term which ends in 2026. Unanimous

3. Secretary’s Report—Minutes of the Annual Meeting on August 20, 2019

MOTION: (Singleton/Larrow) To approve the August 20, 2019 Minutes. All voted Yes except Bob Blackmer, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Alumni Report

Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, Brad Favreau described the recently created Alumni Advisory Council as a group dedicated to giving back to The Woodstock Academy by using their time and expertise to advise, support, and engage with Academy Advancement staff, alumni, and others. The council mission is to help grow and maintain a strong alumni engagement program that helps foster The Woodstock Academy’s advancement efforts in the following areas including (but not limited to) annual giving, giving day, planned giving, local and regional alumni events, distinguished service awards, and reunions.

This council is run by the Advancement office and will make regular reports of activity to The Woodstock Academy Foundation; meetings are anticipated to be held 3-4 times each year with the potential for more when applicable (giving day, alumni & reunion weekend preparation, etc.). Members include:

Brad Favreau
Doreen Holt
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Lynn Converse

Julia Low
Mark Mainville
Karen Musumeci
Patrick O’Brien

Kinsen Perry
Cory Smith
Jonathan Wakely
Kristen Xeller

5. Auditor’s Report—FY 2018-2019

President Swenson summarized the management letter included with the 2018-2019 Auditor’s Report.

MOTION: (Singleton/Larrow) To accept the 2018-2019 Audit, which was reviewed by the full Board and the Finance Committee.

6. Head of School’s Annual Report

Head of School Sandford summarized the events of the past year to the members of the Corporation, calling 2019-2020 “a unique year.” The thanked the Board of Trustees for the type of support that allowed our campuses to shift to eLearning with only one day’s notice. Beyond the challenges of COVID, 2019-2020 saw another NEASC accreditation, a nearly 100% graduation rate, a building and strengthening of relationships that aided student growth and school-wide progress. The social emotional health of our students and staff is an ongoing priority and our commitment to increase equity and inclusion remain steadfast. With the support of the Corporation, we were able to use the challenges of 2019-2020 to continue making The Academy better.

7. Other Items – None.

8. Corporator’s Participation – None.

Head of School Sandford thanked the administration, faculty and staff for their hard work over the past year.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Lynn/Singleton) To adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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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.