

**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/RETREAT
Minutes of the Meeting
North Campus—B120-122
July 2, 2018
7:00 p.m.**



These minutes are for
informational purposes

PRESENT: M. Beckwith, J. Bellerose, C. Bentley, R. Blackmer, R. Canavan, G. Carabeau, K. Cerrone (P), K. Codding (B), C. Davis, E. Higgins, K. Johnston, P. Kelly, J. Larrow, G. Marmat (E), W. McGinn, D. Morse, J. Musumeci (via Skype), P. Paquette, C. Swenson, D. Teed, J. Trivella (B), S. Young

ADMINISTRATION: J. Campbell, C. Sandford, H. Singleton

ABSENT EXCUSED: S. Asikainen, B. Child, H. Frankhouser (W), C. Hustus (E), J. Rauh

ABSENT: D. Field

OTHERS: William Kummel, J. Woodland

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President C. Swenson.

2. Board President: Report

a. By-laws Update Discussion

C. Swenson explained the various parts of the packet and invited W. McGinn to explain the process used to draft proposed changes to the by-laws in committee. Discussion ensued about the reasons for change, specific language, and communicating with Corporators according to existing by-laws. It was agreed to hold a special meeting prior to the annual meeting to explain the specific changes and provide the Corporators an opportunity for discussion and consideration. Further discussion centered on how long the process might/should take and other specifics about the mechanics of how Board of Trustees by-laws are altered. It was agreed to schedule a Special Corporators meeting ahead of the Annual Corporators Meeting, where the Corporators will vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws.

b. Independent School Financial Realities (William Kummel) Presentation/Discussion

C. Swenson introduced William Kummel, from Rational Partners, LLC. Rational Partners helps educational institutions identify and reach goals based on their business models. Mr. Kummel's services were requested so the Board could explore who The Woodstock Academy is as an institution, given the recent addition of the residential program on South campus. Mr. Kummel provided a comprehensive overview of high schools with various elements that are similar to The Woodstock Academy. Examining the goals, educational programs, financial position, population, and other unique qualities of The Woodstock Academy gave the Board a great deal to think about. Board members used this opportunity to have a wide-range of questions answered.

3. Next Steps

Mr. Kummel has planned a visit to campus in September or October to meet with administration and staff. He agreed to share various slides and specific information from the presentation with the Board.

4. Adjournment

Motion: (Morse/Bellerose) To adjourn at 9:35 PM

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

The Woodstock Academy shall prepare ALL students for a lifetime of learning by providing academic rigor, a safe environment, and a diversity of educational experiences which will foster a sense of respect for self and others, and will encourage active investment in family, school, community, and the world.