

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
August 11, 2022**



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Higgins, Ed; McGinn, Walter; Swenson, Christine; Sandford, Chris; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Larrow, Jeff; Quinn, Eric

GUESTS: Rick Branson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Higgins at 6:03 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of May 11, 2022 and June 21, 2022

MOTION: (McGinn/Swenson) To approve the minutes of May 11, 2022 and June 21, 2022.

Unanimous

4. Discuss Board Retreat in September

Head of School Sandford introduced Rick Branson of the CT Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), describing his professional background. The trustees introduced themselves. Discussion between Mr. Branson and the Board about the upcoming retreat included brainstorming what the board and school might look like in the next ten years, the role of the Board of Trustees, how to use the old strategic plan as a starting point, and various ideas about how to format the retreat for the best possible results. Mr. Branson urged the Board to develop a succession plan, to develop newer trustees through increased training and leadership opportunities, and to get this plan in place ahead of any possible turnover.

The group officially hired Mr. Branson to facilitate discussion during the retreat.

Mr. Branson planned to send an outline of the retreat itinerary to Mr. Sandford along with forwarding several short, thought-provoking articles to send to the Trustees in advance to better prepare the group for creative, meaningful discussion. Mr. Sandford was asked to invite Holly Singleton, Jon Sturdevant, Mike Susi, and Julie Woodland to attend. It was agreed that small and large group discussion would be better if the meeting was held in B120/121.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

5. Other Items – None.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: (McGinn/Swenson) To adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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