

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
June 21, 2021**



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Bentley, Cary; Ellsworth, Robert; Higgins, Ed; Larrow, Jeff; Livernois, Jay; McGinn, Walter; Swenson, Christine; Sandford, Chris; Susi, Michael; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Quinn, Eric

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Higgins at 6:01 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

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

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

4. Discuss Board Retreat in September

The Committee discussed various areas related to updating the Board's strategic plan. Based on the qualities the committee deemed most important, Head of School Sandford identified a consultant he thought might best facilitate Board discussion at the Retreat; Rick Branson (the consultant), would be invited to the next committee meeting. It was agreed the best date for the Board Retreat would be Saturday, September 10, 2022. Other discussion topics included the recruitment of Board members, creating a succession plan, handling BOT and administrative turnover, and whether holding an annual, full-BOT onboarding exercise might be helpful.

It was thought that opening the first half hour of the retreat with broad questions such as, "where are we going / what does the school look like in 2030" or, "what's next, in terms of succession" might garner useful feedback and help to update the strategic plan. Asking Board members to identify what is going well in addition to pinpointing areas of challenge was also thought to be of use. By using the 2014 strategic plan as a baseline, and with the assistance of facilitator-directed questions, it was thought smaller breakout groups could discuss specific topics designed to update the strategic plan. At a minimum, discussion topics would include fiscal management, enrollment, and governance.

The committee would like to meet with Rick Branson as its next meeting, and, if schedules permit, will consider meeting twice in July and twice in August. It was hoped that an inexpensive off-site location might be the best Retreat venue, and that the cafeteria food services might be able to provide refreshments.

5. Other – None.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: (Livernois/McGinn) To adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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