

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 8, 2026



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Blackmer, Robert; Brown, Lauren; Ellsworth, Robert (E); Keser, Adam (W); Langevin, Leisl; McGinn, Walter; Munroe, Heather; Paquette, Philippa (7:15); Quinn, Eric; Rich, Matthew; Swenson, Christine; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Rhynhart, Hans; Singleton, Holly; Sturdevant, Jon; Woodland, Julie
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Higgins, Edwin; Larrow, Jeff; Perkins-Banas, Melissa (B)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Swenson at 7:01 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary’s Report—Minutes of March 4, 2026

Approving the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

4. Correspondence

Head of School Filippelli reviewed the correspondence which was included in the packet. Highlighted letters included recognition for February’s Head of School Award winners and Academy Champion, a variety of letters of resignation, several letters of condolence, a letter of grant funding support for the CT Audubon Society, a letter the Thompson Public Schools about sharing educational opportunities, and a letter from Eastford Public Schools to begin conversations about a new contract.

5. Nominating Committee Update

Nominating Committee Co-Chair Matt Rich welcomed the newest members. No new interviews are planned at this time as the committee focuses on discussion topics that came from the Board Retreat in March. The next meeting is planned for May.

6. Second Read—8270 Conflict of Interest Policy

Policy #8270 was briefly reviewed.

MOTION: (McGinn/Lusa) Based on the recommendation of the Policy Committee, I move to approve Conflict of Interest Policy #8270 as a second read and to send it on to the full Board for approval at its June meeting.

Unanimous

7. Discuss Capital Improvement Proposal

Chief Finance and Operating Officer Hans Rhynhart and Associate Head of School for External Affairs Jon Sturdevant described The Academy’s next major capital campaign, which will be called ONWARD. Phase One will begin after June’s graduation and will include South Campus turf field replacement, track repair, grass field rejuvenation, and building a new parking lot behind the Loos Center. Also included in Phase One will be construction of four new tennis courts with improved drainage at Bentley field and replacement of the BAC roof on North Campus. Vendor proposals were compared on each project. As had been presented to the Buildings & Grounds and Finance Committees at a combined meeting on April 6, proposed funding is expected from previous fundraising efforts, grant funds, and creative use of reserve funding. Group comments were enthusiastic, praising a reasonable approach to necessary repairs and upgrades that will greatly enhance the student experience.

MOTION: (Blackmer/Munroe) Based on the recommendations of the Buildings & Grounds and Finance Committees I move to endorse the 2026 Capital Improvements Plan as discussed.

Unanimous

8. Other Items

The Negotiating Committee will need to start planning some meetings to negotiate with the Town of Eastford.

9. Executive Session—Legal and Personnel

MOTION: (McGinn/Munroe) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters, inviting Head of School Filippelli and Julie Woodland to attend at 7:27 p.m.

Unanimous

Robert Ellsworth exited the executive session at 7:42 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

10. Possible Action Based on Executive Session

MOTION: (Langevin/Lusa) To endorse the administrative reorganization as discussed in Executive Session.

Unanimous

11. Adjournment

MOTION: (Lusa/Paquette) To adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Clerk

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