

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**March 4, 2026**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Blackmer, Robert; Brown, Lauren; Ellsworth, Robert (E); Higgins, Edwin; Keser, Adam (W); Lusa, Peter (P); McGinn, Walter; Paquette, Philippa; Quinn, Eric; Rich, Matthew; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Langevin, Leisl; Munroe, Heather; Perkins-Banas, Melissa (B); Rhynhart, Hans; Sturdevant, Jon; Swenson, Christine

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Higgins at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of February 4, 2026**

**MOTION:** (McGinn/Brown) To approve the minutes of February 4, 2026, as presented.

Unanimous

**4. Correspondence**

Head of School Filippelli reviewed the correspondence which was included in the packet related to The Academy possibility partnering with Thompson Public Schools to provide an exceptional high school option for Thompson students. Dr. Filippelli is confident The Academy could deliver expanded educational opportunities at a significant cost savings to Thompson residents.

**5. March Retreat Itinerary**

Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Mike Reardon would attend in person and provide updates on the process and request additional Board input. The strategic plan is nearly complete, and the Board will hopefully give final approval at its June meeting.

**6. Legislative Update and Projects**

Head of School Filippelli informed the committee he and his team have been working with our state lobbyist Kevin Hill to advocate for more state grant funding. Lists of projects and their related costs (such as for roofing, HVAC, sprinkler systems, and more) are being generated for an April submission deadline. The Academy seems to be eligible for a DRIP Grant (District Repair Improvement Plan) of nearly \$71k.

**7. Other Items**

The concept of shifting from temporary liquor permits for serving alcohol at the Loos Center to a more permanent license was discussed. Saving money on fees and purchasing alcohol at wholesale prices from distributors would be an advantage. The group requested more information be gathered to address questions about creating a new DBA, potential institutional and personal liability, and insurance coverage was requested.

Associate Head of School Holly Singleton exited the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**8. Executive Session—Personnel/Employment Agreements**

**MOTION:** (McGinn/Keser) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel/Employment Agreements, inviting Head of School Filippelli, Dean of Academics Michael Harten, and Julie Woodland to attend at 7:26 p.m.

Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:29 p.m.

**9. Possible Action Based on Executive Session – None.**

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (McGinn/Keser) To adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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.*