

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
CORPORATION
Loos Center, South Campus
August 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.**



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

CORPORATORS: Beckwith, Martha; Blackmer, Bob; Brown, Lauren; Favreau, Amy; Langevin, Leisl; Larrow, Jeff; Munroe, Heather; Musumeci, Joe; Rhynhart, Hans; Rich, Matthew; Singleton, Holly; Young, Scott
TRUSTEES: Higgins, Edwin; McGinn, Walter; Quinn, Eric; Swenson, Christine
ADMINISTRATION: Davidson, Eric; Harten, Michael; Sandford, Chris; Sturdevant, Jon; Susi, Michael; Woodland, Julie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Swenson at 6:34 p.m.

2. Nominating Committee Recommendation

a. Term Appointments – Alumni Trustees

MOTION: (Young/Larrow) To appoint Martha Beckwith, Cary Bentley, and Bob Blackmer as Trustees of the Corporation for six-year terms that end in 2030.

Unanimous

MOTION: (Blackmer/Singleton) To appoint Lauren Brown '98 as a Trustee of the Corporation to a six-year term that ends in 2030.

Unanimous

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of the Annual Meeting on August 15, 2023

MOTION: (Singleton/Larrow) To approve the August 15, 2023 Minutes.

Unanimous

4. Alumni Report

Associate Head of School for External Affairs Jon Sturdevant shared that a big development on the alumni front is the recognition of the Alumni Advisory Council. At the request of the Alumni Association, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously at the February 20, 2024, meeting to make the Alumni Advisory Council the official alumni organization of The Academy. As a reminder, The Alumni Advisory Council was formed several years ago under the Foundation and is in alignment with the practice of several other schools. This group is active in promoting Alumni Engagement through events as well as the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni awards. The Woodstock Academy Alumni Association still exists but will be inactive at this time. Jay Livernois who has been President of that organization for the last several years and has been supportive of The Academy in many ways, has also supported this transition.

5. Auditor's Report—FY 2022-2023

Finance Committee Chair Rhynhart shared the management letter included in the packet, saying the auditors had no significant findings other than to strengthen some internal controls related to Acufund, and to continue transitioning to a primarily paperless system. The Finance and Executive Committees both endorsed the audit.

MOTION: (Rich/Young) To accept the 2022-2023 Audit, which was reviewed by the full Board and the Finance Committee.

Unanimous

6. Head of School's Annual Report

Head of School Sandford presented his Theory of Action document for the upcoming school year, asking for feedback or questions to be emailed to his office. Remembering his feelings of pride at the last Academy graduation, he recalled the highlights of his last twelve years. Things he was most proud of include the purchase of South Campus, restoring the Academy Building, increasing diversity on campus, building up the Foundation, and being part of developing a robust boarding community. He was clear that credit for most of his accomplishments he owes to his administrative team and staff. He owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the Board, the Corporation, Foundation and the greater community for all their support over the years. He remains confident about the bright future of The Woodstock Academy.

7. Other Items

President Swenson said it has been an honor and privilege to work alongside Head of School Sandford for the last many years and said his tenure has been marked with great leadership and progress as he built a culture of positive change.

8. Corporator's Participation

Discussion ensued related to a request for an update on the Head of School search. Questions were asked and answered.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Larrow/Beckwith) To adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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