

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 3, 2026



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

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

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 May 6, 2026

MOTION: (McGinn/Munroe) To approve the minutes of May 6, 2026, as presented. All voted Yes except Christine Swenson, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Correspondence

Head of School Filippelli reviewed the correspondence which was included in the packet. A letter of condolence for the family of Elizabeth “Betty” Hale and a letter of appeal from Associate Head of School Holly Singleton to the CIAC in support of an Academy student were highlighted. This appeal letter resulted in the student being allowed to play in the team finals.

5. Staff Hiring Update

Head of School Filippelli and Dean of Academics Michael Harten shared that a new Associate Principal has been hired along with English and math teachers. They were pleased with the quality of the applicant pools and onboarding has already begun,

6. ONWARD Campaign

Head of School Filippelli encouraged the group to attend the upcoming ONWARD campaign kickoff, being held immediately before the final full Board meeting of the school year, on June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

7. Loos Center DBA Discussion

Executive Director of the Loos Center for the Arts Eric Davidson shared that the DBA the Loos Center is currently operating under already allows for it to advertise separately from The Woodstock Academy. Several questions were asked and answered.

Eric Davidson exited the meeting at 7:10.

8. Advancement and Enrollment Update

Associate Head of School for External Affairs Jon Sturdevant shared some of the many cities and towns where alumni and ONWARD campaign gathering events have been planned, along with a fun “25 Years of WA Football” event planned for September 19. He described a currently very active enrollment period, with hopes of strong final enrollment numbers for 2026-2027. While travel has concluded for this month, more domestic and international travel is planned for the months ahead.

9. Budgets and Project Updates

Chief Finance and Operating Officer Hans Rhynhart reviewed the most current Profit and Loss Report, highlighting an expected surplus at the end of the 2025-2026 year. Variables such as food service, transportation, and health care costs are yet to be determined. Regarding the 2026-2027 budget, after receiving final numbers for health, property, and liability insurance, along with the uncertainty of fuel oil pricing, the projected gap has now grown to about \$1M. Revenue numbers are still in flux. Some discussion ensued.

Updates for the Loos Parking Lot, South Turf Fields, South Track, Bentley Tennis Courts, and the BAC Roof projects were provided.

10. Attendance Recovery and Projected Graduation Rate

Dean of Academics Michael Harten provided a follow up to last year's launch of the attendance recovery program, saying that the number of participants scaled up this year. Nearly all seniors (99.2%) are expected to graduate on June 13 or shortly thereafter through credit recovery plans or summer classes.

11. College Acceptance Report

Head of School Filippelli reviewed the College Acceptance Report, which contained college acceptance information for 75 random students. The senior class was accepted into some very impressive schools.

12. Upcoming Events

President Swenson reviewed the list of year-end events in the packet, urging trustees to provide their RSVPs to Julie.

13. June 16 Meeting Preview

- a. **WA Employee Emeritus**—Associate Head of School Holly Singleton is eligible for this honor.
- b. **September Retreat Itinerary**—Vice President Ed Higgins and the Governance Committee will work on this.
- c. **Adopt Strategic Plan**—The final packet is being prepared for Board viewing ahead of the June meeting.

14. Other Items – None.

15. Executive Session

- a. **Legal**
- b. **Personnel—Employment Contracts and Head of School Evaluation**

MOTION: (McGinn/Brown) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss Legal matters, Employment Contracts, and the Head of School's evaluation, inviting Head of School Filippelli, Jon Sturdevant, Michael Harten, Hans Rhynhart, and Julie Woodland to attend at 7:33 p.m.

Unanimous

Jon Sturdevant, Michael Harten, and Hans Rhynhart exited the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Head of School Filippelli exited the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

16. Possible Action Based on Executive Session

MOTION: (Brown/Munroe) To direct Walter McGinn to sign the administrative contracts as discussed in Executive Session.

Unanimous

17. Adjournment

MOTION: (McGinn/Brown) To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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