

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
September 30, 2026



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Beckwith, Martha; Brown, Lauren; Low, Julia; McGinn, Walter; Munroe, Heather; Filippelli, Larry; Harten, Michael; Quinn, Eric; Rhynhart, Hans; Soave-Curi, Amanda; Woodland, Julie
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Bentley, Cary; Morse, David

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Martha Beckwith at 6:31 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of October 29, 2024

MOTION: (McGinn/Quinn) To approve the minutes of October 29, 2024. All voted Yes except Lauren Brown and Heather Munroe, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Other

Head of School Filippelli and Principal Michael Harten described their recent visit to an Eastford Board of Education meeting where they presented information about The Academy's offerings to approximately fifty community members. The group was comprised of parents, students, BOE members, and others. While the Board of Education's primary objective seems to be reducing costs, the public sentiment seemed very supportive of having continued access to a high school education at The Woodstock Academy.

5. Executive Session—Contract Negotiations

MOTION: (Brown/Quinn) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations, inviting all present, at 6:33 p.m. Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:43 p.m.

6. Possible Action Based on Executive Session – None.

7. Schedule Next Meeting Date

It is thought that the Eastford Board of Education will be considering next steps in November/December, and a loosely drafted agreement will be prepared by Head of School Filippelli before then. The next committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2027, at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (McGinn/Brown) To adjourn the meeting at 6:48 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.