

Woodland School

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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

6 pm

Preamble: This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the academy's business and is not to be considered a public committee meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda items VI and XII.


- I. Call To Order – Jane Shank called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Present was Jane Shank, Grant Woods, Julie Nesky, and Mary Wodzien. Also present was Woodland School Director Richard Watson. Via Zoom Board members Dana Matson, Bethany Peek, and Mast financial representative Adam Holcomb were attending.
- III. Approval of Agenda – A motion to add Item XI. F. Enrollment Process/Lottery Selection and approve the modified Agenda was made by Grant Woods, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of minutes: Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 11th, 2026 and the Special Board Meeting minutes from March 12th, 2026 were presented and approval was made by Mary Wodzien, seconded by Grant Woods, and passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Action: Approval of the Monthly Financial Report (Expenditures, Revenue & Expense, Cash Forecast Statement) – The March financials were reviewed and discussed. After discussion a motion to approve was made by Mary Wodzien, seconded by Julie Nesky, and approved unanimously.
 - B. State Aid Update – Discussion of the State school funding was reviewed and discussed.
- VI. Public Comment – None presented.
- VII. Custodial Board Report – In absence of a Custodial Board member reporting Director Richard Watson reported on the recent Custodial Board meeting. Items discussed included school enrollment numbers, 30-year anniversary preparations, SEL theme for April, upcoming testing schedules, moving the plaques for the 'staff retirement' garden, new hire for facilities, hiring of a 6-8 math instructor, and upcoming parent conferences.
- VIII. Correspondence – None presented.
- IX. Items from Administration
 - Director's Report- The Director's report included the March reading month results, the staff workday, report cards, Spring testing, the May 16th 30-year celebration, Summer School funding, and the Intensive Week/trimester ending.
- X. Old Business
 - A. Fall board policies recommendations were tabled until further clarification from Joe Urban. The motion was made by Julie Nesky, seconded by Grant Woods, and passed unanimously.
- XI. New Business
 - A. Snowplowing Updates – The first year contract will be evaluated at the end of this winter's plowing. Current company was responsive; any issues were resolved quickly. Bids will go out in the fall for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - B. BOD access from the website- Discussion around the school website having better access to Board

of Directors information via a designated tab was had. Options to address search and information visibility will be presented at the May meeting.

- C. Summer School tutoring update – Discussion took place regarding this Item under Item IX – Directors Report.
- D. Committee Updates
- Governance Committee – Discussion with the director regarding one section of the document took place prior to this meeting. A regular review of this document will take place annually, perhaps in October of each year. Axios will provide staff acknowledgement of receiving the document to the Board shortly.
 - Mission & Vision – The new committee binders are ready for the participants. They are stored with the Director until the first Woodland School Vision & Mission Committee meeting. This Board committee will meet to recommend next step to Board on how/who to select as participants.
 - Board Recruitment – The committee will finalize recommendations for the Board of Directors for the future Board recruitment process. The committee will also develop the New Board Member Orientation section for implementation with this year's new members.
 - Director Evaluation – Meeting this month will take place to finalize the sections of the evaluation tool to prepare for the final annual report to be presented to the Board at the May meeting.
 - Board Evaluation Committee – Responses from current board members are due next week. These will be compiled and presented at the May Board meeting.
 - Finance Committee – financial reviews are taking place for an upcoming meeting to discuss, and recommend, any staff raises for the 2026/2027 school year.
 - Parent Survey Committee – The committee reinforced that they are an oversight committee to the work that the staff is doing to create this year's survey.
- E. Presidents report – the Board president reviewed the upcoming Strategic Planning retreat, the recent Young Peacemakers activity and community involvement, and our Director, Rich Watson, acknowledged for his address at the recent SVSU meeting and write up in the SVSU Charter Collaborative. Opportunities for Board member attendance at various school functions are:
- Family Council – April 10th (TBD) and May 4th @ 12:45 pm (Dana Matson)
 - Custodial Board meeting – May 5th @ 3:45 pm (Mary Wodzien)
 - Campus Clean-up April 24th (Dana Matson and others)
 - Charter School week in May (TBD)
- F. Enrollment Process/Lottery Selection – The Board reviewed the current policy regarding staff and board members not required to go through the lottery process to enroll of their children. Should the policy be expanded to grandchildren to be discussed in the future.

XII. Public Comment - None presented.

XIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm with a motion from Julie Nesky, seconded by Grant Woods, and passed unanimously.


Mary Wodzien, secretary

May 13, 2026
Date