

# Woodland School

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## Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

6 p.m.

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 VII and XIII.

- I. Call To Order - Jane Shank called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Roll Call – Present were Jane Shank, Bethany Peek, Dana Matson, Julie Nesky, and Mary Wodzien. Also present was Woodland School Director Rich Watson, SVSU field representative John Folsom, and via Zoom our Mast Financial representative Adam Holcomb. Board member Grant Woods attending via Zoom. The Board's special guests this month were Chris Stoddard and Joy Stehlik from Axios HR. Board member Amy Fewless was absent.
- III. Approval of Agenda - A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of action Item XII B – Director Agreement, and move the items that follow down in numbering sequence, was made by Mary Wodzien, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of minutes: Regular Board Meeting minutes on September 11th, 2025, were reviewed. A motion to approve as presented was made by Bethany Peek, seconded by Dana Matson, and passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Report
  - A. Action: Approval of the Monthly Financial Report for September (Expenditures, Revenue & Expense, Cash Forecast Statement) – The September financials were reviewed by the Board with Director Rich Watson and Mast representative Adam Holcomb. After discussion, a motion to approve as presented was made by Mary Wodzien, seconded by Dana Matson, and passed unanimously.
  - B. State Aid Update – the recent State Budget and its effect on State School Aid was reviewed and discussed.
- VI. Axios HR Management- A presentation by our Axios representatives Joy Stehlik and Chris Stoddard outlined what their company does, and can do, for Woodland. They provide staffing, contracts, staff handbooks, staff support, and related HR support.
- VII. Public Comment – Amy Miller updated the Board by reporting the staff contracts have not been uploaded yet.
- VIII. Custodial Board Report – Kelsey Umstead – Kelsey's report included upcoming fall events, including the Hike-a-thon, the improved family communication through Rich, a Veterans Day display and cards to soldiers, coaching needs, exploring school yard habitats, a review of the this year's annual Family Picnic for next year's planning, and the upcoming school wide strategic planning specifically with staff.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Woodland's internet provider communicated updated service. MAPSA emailed an update of State School Funding. SVSU emailed a list of Board training opportunities, and AirWin Educational Services emailed an invite to the upcoming training session.

X. Items from Administration

- A. Director's report- The Director's report included updates on upcoming required NWEA testing. Also covered was working with staff on 35J Grant funds, used to purchase a new reading program, Footsteps2Brilliance, as a pilot school for this program. In addition, an innovation grant through SVSU to purchase garden curriculum; and applying for the grant from EGLE that will be used to upgrade some water filtration systems within the school buildings.

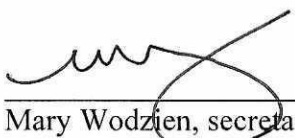
XI. Old Business - none currently

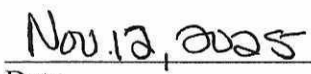
XII. New Business

- A. SEAB- The Board reviewed the required, and non-required, sex education curriculum. After discussion the Board is opting to provide only the required HIV/AIDS education for our students.
- B. Director contract/agreement. The Directors contract was not reviewed and approved by the Board earlier in the year. The Board reviewed key points of the contract. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Dana Matson, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.
- C. Board committee updates – All current Board committees reported on their to-date progress, clarified Board direction for the committees, and made commitments to implementing those goals.
- D. Board President's report – The Presidents report included SVSU Board training, instructions to Board committees, Board member attendance at upcoming school and staff activities, and the next ancillary/support team to be invited to the November monthly Board meeting as guests. The next guests will be the Heartwood Foundation.

XIII. Public Comment – Jessie Milne shared that staff is working on the 30-year Woodland anniversary celebration. She also reported on an excellent Primary outdoor class project that concluded with students harvesting fruits and veggies that were planted earlier in the year. The students planted, grew, and consumed the products of their labor.

XIV. Adjournment. - The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm with a motion by Dana Matson, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.

  
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Mary Wodzien, secretary

  
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