

Woodland School

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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes


Wednesday, November 12th, 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 VIII and XIV.

- I. Call To Order – Jane Shank called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
- II. Roll Call – Present were Jane Shank, Bethany Peek, Julie Nesky, and Mary Wodzien. Also present was Woodland School Director Rich Watson and, via Zoom, Board member Grant Woods. The Boards special guests this month were Julia Morse, president of the Woodland Family Council. The other guest presenter was Dr. Cathy Meyer-Looze from Northwest Ed. Services. Board member Dana Matson was absent.
- III. Approval of Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Julie Nesky, seconded by Bethany Peek, and passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of minutes: Regular Board Meeting minutes on October 8th, 2025, were reviewed. A motion to approve as presented was made by Julie Nesky, seconded by Bethany Peek, and approved unanimously.
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Action: Approval Monthly Financial Report for October (Expenditures, Revenue & Expense, Cash Forecast Statement) – The October financials were reviewed and discussed. After discussion a motion to approve as presented was made by Julie Nesky, seconded by Bethany Peek, and passed unanimously.
 - B. State Aid Update – The State Budget Update was reviewed.
- VI. Family Council Introduction – A presentation/overview was presented by Family Council Board president, Julia Morse. Areas of focus for Family Council include the Hike-a-Thon fundraiser and their committee's involvement in how to use those funds. They coordinate with the Director and Custodial Board on use of funds, etc. This board is committed to continual self-evaluation and schoolwide involvement via their Facebook page, etc.
- VII. Northwest Educational Services - Strategic Planning follow-up presentation – The initial Focus Group results around the Woodland Strategic Planning focus group meetings were reviewed and next steps discussed. The Board will review the proposed survey and approve a final version at the December Board of Directors meeting.
- VIII. Public Comment – Comments included the use of surveys, when best to deliver the strategic plan survey to families, and who should be included in exit interviews.
- IX. Custodial Board Report – Kathy Kreykes – Kathy's report included a recap of the Hike-a-thon, Open House dates for February, the upcoming Learning (history) Fair that the 6-8 students will facilitate, the status of the 30-year Anniversary celebration, the new hydroponics and recycling programs, lunchroom needs, and a review the recent Veterans Day celebration.

- X. Correspondence – SVSU sent confirmation that our insurance is in compliance.
- XI. Items from Administration
- A. Director's report- The Directors report included the firearm safe storage program, the new Personnel Annual Salary Disclosure requirement, the recent Professional Development workdays, Parent-teacher conferences, and the Middle School basketball program.
- XII. Old Business – None at this time.
- XIII. New Business
- A. 31AA Resolution – This State grant was reviewed and discussed. A motion to opt-out of receiving the Section 31aa State Funding, at this time, was made by Mary Wodzien, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.
- B. Snowplow bid approval – Three bids for this service were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the bid offered by NorthShore Dock was made by Julie Nesky, seconded by Bethany Peek, and passed unanimously.
- C. Board member resignation – The resignation of Board member Amy Fewless was accepted by Bethany Peek, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously. This position is to be filled at the regular scheduled spring selection time with SVSU.
- D. Board committee updates –
- The Board Recruitment Committee will begin work with the recent opening on the Board sooner than they had anticipated. Mary was added to this committee following the resignation of Amy.
 - Vision & Mission Committee presented the first part of the proposed Board guidelines for this committee. They are looking for Board member feedback in the next couple of weeks following a final version to be approved at the December Board meeting.
 - Parent Survey Committee is working on a process structure to facilitate, not manage, the survey process.
 - Governance Committee is meeting next week.
- E. Board President's report- the President discussed the required SVSU annual Board member training requirements and reporting process; the next, and last, scheduled Board training with SVSU via Zoom; that the SVSU Board evaluation report, which is approx. quarterly, be shared with staff; and reviewed the upcoming Custodial Board and Coffee & Parents meetings to ensure Board attendance.
- XIV. Public Comment – Comments were shared on supporting the Strategic Planning process and all the work it is/will require.
- XV. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm with a motion by Bethany Peek, seconded by Julie Nesky, and passed unanimously.


Mary Wodzien, secretary

Dec. 10, 2025
Date