

**Woodlands School  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting**

**Minutes  
December 20, 2012**

<p><b>Attending:</b></p>	<p><b>Officers:</b>            Chair – Loretta Cephus – Y            Vice Chair – David Abelson - Y            Treasurer – Brad Hoeschen - Y            Secretary – Matt O’Neill - Y            Ex-Officio – Maureen Sullivan, Principal – Y</p> <p><b>Trustees:</b>            Bay, Susan - Y            Coby-Beaver, Jacqueline - N            Suozzi, Paula – N            Hartwig-Rahmani, Brenda – Y            Leazar, Naryan - Y            Maney, Jennifer – Y            Mueller, Jennifer – N            Smokovitz, Jan - N</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Jim Foster, Patty Rogers</p>
<p><b>1. Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Prior to the meeting, the Board received copies of and reviewed the minutes from the December 14, 2012 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion</b> by Brad Hoeschen to approve the 12/14/12 minutes, second by Brenda Hartwig-Rahmani, motion approved unanimously.</p>
<p><b>2. Woodlands II – Formal Name</b></p>	<p>The charters need to be done by Jan 1, 2013, and we need to have a name for the schools. The Board needs to consider what the final name will be for Woodlands II. The charter requires that we use the name for 5 years. Brad Hoeschen explained that there is a process whereby we could ask for UWM approval to change the name from the initial name in the charter.</p> <p>Board members agreed we need to use the name “Woodlands” – it is the known model, it is the brand, and we have an investment in the name.</p> <p>One concept is to use Woodlands for both, and use East/West, or Bluemound/State. Or we could keep the current school as Woodlands School, and add a descriptive term after the new school, such as Woodlands-Concordia or Woodlands East.</p>

	<p>Motion by Matt O’Neill to leave Woodlands School the same as it currently is, and name Woodlands II, for purposes of the new charter, “Woodlands East,” second by Narayan Lazear, motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Brad noted that he will check with UWM on the process for a change in the name, if we so desire.</p>
<b>3. Woodlands II Charter</b>	<p>Brad Hoeschen explained that he, Jan Smokowicz, and Sue Bay have completed a draft charter for Woodlands East. It is substantially the same as our current charter. The primary difference is we need to provide a lot more documents 90 days prior to the start-up. The draft will be circulated to the Board.</p> <p>Motion for approval of charter for Woodlands East, allowing the Principal and Board Chair to make minor adjustments as recommended by the committee; motion by Matt O’Neill, second by Jennifer Maney, motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>4. UWM Site Visit</b>	<p>Chair Loretta Cephus updated the Board regarding the recent UWM site visit. The visit took place on December 4, 2012, and went off without a hitch. Loretta had the opportunity to attend the entire day, and thinks all would be extremely proud by the preparedness, thought and organization that went into making this a successful day. The UWM representatives were impressed by the students that they met with (Student Council) and were really excited as to what Woodlands has to offer. UWM liked our approach to character education and discipline, and told us “not to change a thing.”</p> <p>Some points they would like us to address include continuing to work on increasing the diversity of the faculty at the school, improvements in technology (they reviewed the strategic plan and noted no significant investments made in technology), and fundraising.</p>
<b>5. Administrative/Staffing Matters</b>	<p>Motion by Brad Hoeschen to go into closed session, second by Brenda Hartwig-Rahmani, motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>6. Adjourn</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Brad Hoeschen, second by unanimous consent, passed unanimously.</p>

Prepared by:  
Matt O’Neill