

**Woodlands School  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Woodlands School Mission**

Creating the character of the community through diverse education.

**Vision External**

The best of what an urban education can be.

**Minutes**

**March 22, 2022- DRAFT**

<p><b>Attending:</b></p>	<p><b>Officers:</b> Chair – Keesha Jones-Sutton – Y Vice Chair —Margaret Tate-Techtmann Y Treasurer – Qasim Khan – N Secretary – Tornelia LaTae Mitchell – Y</p> <p><b>Trustees:</b> Adams, Kenge – Y Borgealt, Julie-Y Claypool, Krista – Y Hartman, Jamie- N Parsons, Don – N Richards, Jon – Y Tackes, Margaret – Y</p> <p>Ex-Officio – Ms. Vickie Brown-Gurley Executive Director</p> <p>Staff Appointees –Diana Sokolewicz, Bluemound Campus Appointee Tina Way, State Street Campus Appointee</p>
<p><b>1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2022</b></p>	<p>Ms. Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm to discuss the mask recommendation and the Annual Board Meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Jones-Sutton asked for an approval of minutes from March 22, 2022, that Ms. Mitchell prepared.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To approve the meeting minutes from March 22, 2022, Woodlands School Board Meeting, stand approved.</p>

<p><b>2. Board Updates— Keesha Jones-Sutton, Chair</b></p>	<p>Ms. Jones-Sutton turned the meeting over to Ms. Brown-Gurley to discuss the mask recommendation.</p>
<p><b>3. Staff Updates – Vickie Brown-Gurley, Executive Director</b></p>	<p>Mask Mandate- Toward the end of February the CDC has made a change to the COVID-19 guidance for schools to align with the updated guidance that no longer requires for universal indoor masking in K-12 schools, which is based on community levels. The CDC is using Low, Medium and High. Masking Survey- over 50% of staff and parents recommend that Woodlands move to an optional masking indoors for our campuses and occur as soon as possible. The change will happen on March 28, 2022.</p>
<p><b>4. Approval of Mask Recommendation</b></p>	<p>Mr. Richards moved to accept the recommendation to make masks optional indoors, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell. The motion carried with 8 in favor by saying “I”.</p>
<p><b>5. Staff Report-</b> Ms. Vickie Brown-Gurley, Mr. Michael Pointer Mace, Bluemound Principal; Ms. Amy Fare, State Street Principal</p>	<p>NO REPORT.</p>
<p><b>6. Report from Finance Committee on FY 2021-2022—Qasim Khan, Chair Finance Committee</b></p>	<p>NO REPORT.</p>
<p><b>7. Public Comments/Questions</b></p>	<p>Public Comment was given. Parents and others asked about current transmission rates in the schools (zero at the time), expressed their concern regarding the masking recommendation, as well as, not having a plan in place if cases rise, and some expressed their agreement with the recommendation. What are the current caseloads at both campuses? Ms. Brown- Gurley stated both campuses are at a zero level.</p>
<p><b>8. Call for the Question</b></p>	<p>Mr. Richards called for the question after discussion. Motion: I move that we accept the Administration’s recommendation to make masks optional indoors, motion carried with majority vote.</p>
<p><b>9. Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Ms. Jones Sutton adjourned at 6:52pm.</p> <p><b>The next Board Meeting is scheduled on May 24, 2022.</b></p>
<p><b>10. Board Annual Meeting</b></p>	<p>The annual meeting of the Woodlands School Board of Trustees was held on March 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.</p> <p>In Attendance: <b>Officers:</b></p>

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Prepared by: Tornelia L. Mitchell