

**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

May 23, 2023

<p>Attending:</p>	<p>Officers: Chair – Keesha Jones-Sutton – Y Vice Chair —Margaret Tate-Techtmann - Y Treasurer – Don Parsons – N</p> <p>Trustees: Adams, Kenge – Y Borgealt, Julie-Y Hartman, Jamie- Y Menefee, Mackenzie - Y</p> <p>Ex-Officio – Ms. Vickie Brown-Gurley Executive Director - Y</p> <p>Staff Appointees –Diana Sokolewicz - Y, Bluemound Campus Appointee Erin Donnelly - Y, State Street Campus Appointee</p>
<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October and December 2022</p>	<p>Ms. Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.</p> <p>Ms. Jones-Sutton asked for an approval of minutes from April 18, 2023, prepared by Ms. Jones-Sutton.</p> <p>Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from April 18, 2023 Woodlands School Board Meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved.</p>
<p>1. Board Updates— Keesha Jones-Sutton, Chair</p>	<p>Ms. Jones-Sutton discussed the board working on current year financials, next’s year budget, facility options and talking with staff for feedback.</p>
<p>2. Finance Committee Report – Karen Obukowicz, Woodlands, Dir. Of Business Services</p>	<p>Ms. Obukowicz updated the Board on budget shortfalls and that plans are being finalized to address the deficits.</p>

<p>3. Fundraising Committee – Julie Borgealt, Committee Chair</p>	<p>Ms. Borgealt informed the board about the outcome of the Golf Outing and gave thanks to Kim Michels and Liz Kayzar for their help.</p>
<p>4. Academic Excellence Committee - MacKenzie Menefee, Committee Chair</p>	<p>Ms. Menefee informed the board that she has accepted the role of Chair for the Academic Excellence committee and will be meeting with Vickie to discuss goals and next steps.</p>
<p>5. Staff Report- Ms. Vickie Brown-Gurley, Ms. Elizabeth Kayzar, Bluemound Principal; Ms. Amy Fare, State Street Principal</p>	<p>Ms. Brown-Gurley discussed challenges in staffing, but thanked the staff for being diligent in securing students. Offers have been made and admin is waiting to confirm. Brown-Gurley encouraged everyone to continue to promote Woodlands to help fill the remainder available seats. Brown-Gurley also thanked Ms. Gazzana for her service to the Woodlands community. Brown-Gurley also congratulated Ms. Fare on receiving her doctorate. Brown-Gurley shared the survey results of possibly changing the school start time. The feedback was in favor of keeping the start time of school at 8:00 am. Brown-Gurley also discussed the changes to balance the budget and discussed efforts to continue to bring in new families to Woodlands. She also informed families that yard signs are available and the increased recess times. Ms. Fare and Ms. Kayzar discussed all the great things happening on both campuses.</p>
<p>6. Public Comments/Questions</p>	<p>Parents asked about the loss of staff at State St. Brown-Gurley addressed the community and said teachers were asked for reasons and they ranged from a new job or changing careers. A parent ask about submitting a negative budget to UWM. Karen will be talking with UWM to see what that answer is. Parents asked about new board members. The Board chair shared that applications have been submitted and review will take place over the summer. new building search, and how they can help with enrollment. A parent asked about combining the schools. The Board chair said that the board is looking at its options and will update the community next school year. The Board thanked the community and adjourned the meeting.</p>
<p>7. Adjourn</p>	<p>Ms. Jones Sutton adjourned at 7:10 pm.</p> <p>The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 2023.</p>

Prepared by: Keesha Jones-Sutton