

**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  
Sept 11, 2023**

<b>Attending:</b>	<p><b>Officers:</b> Chair – Keesha Jones-Sutton – Y Vice Chair —MacKenzie Menefee - Y</p> <p><b>Trustees:</b> Adams, Kenge – 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>
<b>Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 2023</b>	<p>Ms. Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.</p> <p>Ms. Jones-Sutton asked for an approval of minutes from May 23, 2023, prepared by Ms. Jones-Sutton.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To approve the meeting minutes from May 23, 2023 Woodlands School Board Meeting.</p> <p>Motion approved.</p>
<b>1. Board Updates—</b> Keesha Jones-Sutton, Chair	<p>Ms. Jones-Sutton discussed the board working on current year financials, school budget, and facility options.</p>
<b>2. 2023-2024 Elections</b>	<p>Mackenzie Menefee nominated Joseph Rogall for Treasurer of the Woodlands Board of Trustees, Seconded by Kenge Adams.</p> <p>Joseph accepted the Board Trustee position but declined the</p>

	<p>Treasurer position. It was moved and properly seconded to accept Joseph Rogall as a Woodlands Board Trustee. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Mackenzie Menefee nominated Nicole Knox as Secretary of the Woodlands Board of Trustees, Seconded by Kenge Adams. Mrs. Knox accepted the office of Secretary for the Woodlands Board of Trustees. It was moved and properly seconded to accept Nicole Knox as the Secretary of the Woodlands Board of Trustees. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Mackenzie Menefee nominated Amy Miller as a Woodlands Board Trustee, Seconded by Kenge Adams. Mrs. Miller accepted the Woodlands Board Trustee position. It was moved and properly seconded to accept Amy Miller as a Woodlands Board Trustee. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Mackenzie Menefee nominated Rodrigo Marangon as Treasurer of the Woodlands Board of Trustees, Seconded by Kenge Adams. Mr. Marangon accepted the office of Treasurer for the Woodlands Board of Trustees via phone call. It was moved and properly seconded to accept Rodrigo Marangon as the Treasurer of the Woodlands Board of Trustees.</p>
<p><b>2. Finance Committee Report</b> – Karen Obukowicz, Woodlands, Dir. Of Business Services</p>	<p>Ms. Obukowicz updated the Board on budget status and audit progress. It is expected all financials and audits will be reported out during the Annual Meeting in January 2024.</p>
<p><b>3. Staff Report-</b> Ms. Vickie Brown-Gurley, Ms. Elizabeth Kayzar, Bluemound Principal; Ms. Amy Fare, State Street Principal</p>	<p>Ms. Brown-Gurley discussed efforts of filling staffing positions at both campuses, staff professional development and staff handbook changes. She discussed Woodlands educational focus and efforts to ensure students can meet state standards. Cross campus collaboration will continue to include professional development, teacher partnering, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of learning will begin working with Woodlands middle school students. Brown-Gurley encouraged everyone to continue to promote Woodlands to help fill the remainder available seats and discussed efforts to continue to bring in new families to Woodlands. Before turning it over to the principals, Ms. Brown-Gurley informed the body that there will be a sfacilities update in October for the Woodlands community. Ms. Fare and Ms. Kayzar discussed all the great things happening on both campuses.</p>

<p><b>6. Public Comments/Questions</b></p>	<p>A parent asked about the budget deficit. The board has promised to raise money to combat the deficit and stated that an increase in per pupil fees helped decrease the deficit. Parents wanted additional information about the facilities meeting. The Board chair said that the board is looking at its options regarding facilities and will update the community in October on the plans for the school. The Board thanked the community and adjourned the meeting.</p>
<p><b>7. Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Ms. Jones Sutton adjourned at 7:20 pm.</p> <p>The board went into closed session to discuss updates on facility options.</p> <p><b>The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 2023.</b></p>

Prepared by: Nicole Knox