

Woodlands School Board of Trustees Special 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

December 20, 2023

Attending	<p>Officers Chair: Keesha Jones-Sutton Y Vice Chair: MacKenzie Menefee Y Treasurer: vacant Secretary: Nicole Knox Y</p> <p>Trustees Kenge Adams Y Amy Miller Y Heather Rubio-Cockroft Y</p>	<p>Ex-Officio, Executive Director Vickie Brown-Gurley Y</p> <p>Staff Liaisons Diana Sokolewicz, Bluemound, N Ariel Huber, State Street, N</p>
Call to Order	Jones-Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. She welcomed Rubio-Cockroft to her first board meeting.	
Agenda Amendment	The twenty (20) year State Street Campus lease has been tabled. This allows the community additional time to ask questions and attend a State Street Campus tour. Work is continuing to complete the FAQ document.	
1. Approval of Minutes	Miller moved to accept the September 11, 2023, and October 3, 2023 minutes; seconded by Menefee. Motion carried.	
2. 2023-2024 Elections	Menefee nominated Amy Miller for the position of Woodlands Board Interim Treasurer; Miller accepted; seconded by Adams. Motion carried.	
3. Board Updates	Jones-Sutton provided updates on the potential merger of campuses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A decision to delay the move by one (1) year has been made. – The twenty (20) year State Street Campus lease vote has been moved to the Annual Meeting. – A parent group, represented by an attorney, requested an exorbitant number of documents in an Open Records Request. The Woodland School attorney has been notified. The goal is for a meeting of the board and parent group to occur, addressing needs without continued legal representation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A petition, prepared by a parent group, has been reviewed. The board wishes to collaborate to discuss the mentioned concerns. Updates will continue to be added to the FAQ document. – A concern about the petition was raised, as student names were present without permission. – Brown-Gurley provided an update on the 2024-25 State Street lease. While a few changes are required, the lease will be a replicate, including the same rent, of the current year.
4. State Street Lease Vote	Miller moved to accept and sign the State Street Campus extension lease for the 2024-25 school year; seconded by Menefee. Motion carried.
6. Open Comment	Numerous questions relative to the potential campus merger were posed. Jones-Sutton thanked the community for their questions and concerns, confirming that questions have been recorded and will be formally addressed in a FAQ document. For efficiency and accuracy of information, the FAQ will be posted to the website for review prior to January’s Annual Meeting.
Adjourn	Jones-Sutton adjourned at 7:18pm.
Upcoming Meeting	The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024, 6:00pm, at the Woodlands State Street Campus.

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