

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees**  
**Executive Committee**  
**February 11, 2010**

**PRESENT:** S. Fredrickson, K. Caron, P. Paquette (arrived at 6:50), K. Page, S. Rosendahl (left at 6:55), D. Teed

**ABSENT:** L. Champany, J. Gerardi-Voccio, P. Kelly, J. Rauh

**GUEST:** Kristen Willis

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Chairperson Sandra Fredrickson.

**2. Citizens Participation**

None

**3. Secretary's Report from January 6, 2010**

**MOTION:** (Teed, Page) To accept the minutes of January 6, 2010.

**Abstained – Rosendahl**  
**All Others in Favor**

**4. Correspondence**

Review of Correspondence from: a. Woodstock Public Schools RE: Community Forum from A. Walker, b. Teri Stohlberg, Academy Parent RE: Junk Food served at the Academy, c. Board Letter to Jeri Musumeci RE: Thank you, d. Board Letter to Gary Garabrant RE: Thank you, e. Board Letter to Ron Rhault RE: Thank you. All correspondence will be included in February Board Packet.

**5. Agenda Building**

- a. Policy – First and Second Readings – There will be second readings from last month and a revision of the class size policy. It is important to have this policy to ground future decisions on best practices and board policy.
- b. 2010-11 Budget – Will be ready for February meeting; Dave Teed expressed concern that we look closely at the eighth grade presentation in future years.
- c. Presentation to Gary Garabrant: To thank him for his service.
- d. Introduction of New Director of Pupil Services Brian Klimkiewicz

**6. Headmaster Updates**

- a. WA Special Education & EastConn Contract: Mr. Caron has been approached by Area Superintendents to review why the Academy contracts out Special Education. He completed a financial analysis and because of an administrative fee from East Conn it is more cost effective (\$20-25K Savings) to provide service in house. It also provides an educational advantage to make it more integrated in the daily education of students. Steps that need to be taken will include: a discussion with WAEA to determine how to fold the teachers into Woodstock Academy and a discussion with EastConn to terminate the relationship. Mr. Teed stressed that we must ensure the quality of the program will remain good. If we wrap Special Education into the Academy, the Special Education study is just a billing procedure.

**MOTION:** (Teed, Page) To recommend we move Special Education into Woodstock Academy rather than East Conn.

Discussion: Mr. Rosendahl fully disclosed that he is a member of the EastConn Board and he will recuse himself from the vote. Mr. Rosendahl expressed concern about the program and what EastConn can offer that small schools cannot. Mr. Caron explained that the core programs should exist in house and the specialized services would still be provided by EastConn. Mr. Caron indicated the change would be transparent to students and families with educational and organizational

benefits. Mr. Rosendahl asked about the two programs that EastConn provide: one for Special Education and one for intellectually disabled students. Mr. Caron stated that the only change would be for the standard Special Education program.

**Recused – Rosendahl**  
**All Others in Favor**

- b. Strategic Re-Alignment of Board and Committee Members: Mr. Caron would like the board to start thinking about this: The foundation will take significant amounts of time for trustees and administrators; he would like to see the board focused on strategic planning rather than operations; Trustees should focus on Budget, Curriculum, Policy, and Fundraising. For example, he suggested that the Board be less involved in expulsions and administration contract negotiations. But, again, just something he would like the Board to begin thinking about.
- c. Department Head Reorganization: Mr. Caron spoke with WAEA; we will need to negotiate the impact, but did not see any concerns.
- d. Homecoming: Mrs. Willis presented an overview of the Homecoming Scheduling options for next year. The Committee recommended that we use the week of 10/18-10/23 to highlight different teams from last year.
- e. Budget Development: The 2010-2011 Budget will be difficult due to declining enrollment; with many difficult decisions to be made. We may need to make culture adjustments to reduce staffing. Mr. Caron recommends a budget workshop before the full board meeting on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 to Noon in the cafeteria.
- f. Framework for Advancement: Mrs. Carraher is working on Board information. Resource Development has been meeting weekly. We continue to wait on sewer project.

**MOTION at 7:16 pm:** (Paquette, Page) To go into executive session to discuss negotiations with Local 1303-444 of Council 4 (Campus Supervisors Union).

**UNANIMOUS**

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:18 pm.

**MOTION at 7:18 pm:** (Paquette, Page) To adjourn the meeting.

**UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Fredrickson  
Recording Secretary