

Minutes  
Woodstock Board of Education  
High School Contract Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee  
Monday, August 16, 2021 8:00pm  
Place: Zoom

Ad Hoc Committee Members Present: Megan-Bard Morse, Holly Dearborn, Adam Keser  
BOE Members Present: Hans Frankhauser, Alan Barker  
Citizens: Brad Favreau

- I. Meeting was called to order at 8:04pm.  
II. Approval of minutes February 4, 2021: Adam Keser 1st, Holly Dearborn 2nd. Discussion: None. Adam Keser and Holly Dearborn voted to approve minutes.

Approval of minutes June 15, 2021: Adam Keser 1st, Holly Dearborn 2nd. Discussion: Mrs. Dearborn pointed out the following corrections: date correction from Wednesday, June 16th to Tuesday, June 15th, In regards to the tuition cap should be, In regards to tuition credit, and financial needs of schools should be financial needs of Woodstock Public Schools. Adam Keser and Holly Dearborn voted to approve the minutes with correction.

III. Negotiations Update:

Mr. Toth met with Mr. Sanford twice during the summer months to continue discussions. Their discussions focused on the following:

1-Tuition Cap: Initial proposal from BOE was a 2% cap on increase in tuition, WA came back with a 10% cap increase in tuition. Discussions between Mr. Toth and Mr. Sanford led to a possible 5% cap increase in tuition. The BOE would like it closer to the 2% cap.

2-Tuition Credit: The Woodstock Academy proposed a tuition credit at \$50.00 per student for each Woodstock student attending the Academy. Mr. Keser stressed the total credit is still much lower than the the average tuition cost of students living on campus attending WA. He suggested the amount be closer to the break even total. Mr. Keser also asked if we could find out if the other endowed academies charge the town the school is located in tuition for students living on campus.

3-Ability to provide benefits to WA lump sum payments quarterly or twice a year instead of monthly.

4-Increasing BOE representation on the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees from one to two representatives. If the Woodstock Academy entertained this suggestion it would need to change its by laws and could take between 6 months to 2 years before this could occur.

IV. Next Steps: Mr. Toth will ask Mr. Sanford for an itemized list of what is important to them to have in a contract. Mr. Toth will also investigate if there are any legal challenges to paying the academy in lump sum payments versus monthly payments.

V. Citizens Comments: None

VI. Motion to Adjourn: Adam Keser 1st, Megan Bard Morse 2nd. Discussion: None. Megan Bard Morse, Adam Keser, and Holly Dearborn voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Dearborn

High School Contract Negotiation Ad Hoc Committee, Chair