

Minutes  
Woodstock Board of Education  
High School Contract Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 6:00 PM  
Place: Zoom

Ad Hoc Committee Members Present: Holly Dearborn, Sonia Greene, Adam Keser  
BOE Members: Alan Barker  
Administration: Viktor Toth  
Citizens: Amy Favreau

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

II. Approval of Minutes August 16, 2021:

Adam Keser 1st, Holly Dearborn 2nd. Discussion: None. Adam Keser and Holly Dearborn voted to approve the minutes. Sonia Greene abstained.

III. Negotiations Update:

Mr. Toth stated the BOE is waiting for the Town of Woodstock to approve the Woodstock Academy Assessment fee. The willingness of the Woodstock town government to separate tuition payments to The Woodstock Academy in bi-annual or quarterly payments is not encouraging. Therefore discussions with headmaster, Chris Sanford are at a stalemate in regards to the following:

1. Tuition cap
2. Adding a second BOE representative to the WA Board of Trustees
3. Tuition credit for students living on The Woodstock Academy campus.

IV. Next Steps:

Mr. Toth recommended the Woodstock BOE High School Contract Negotiation committee request a meeting with The Woodstock Academy Contract Committee. Committee members agreed this was the appropriate next step. Mrs. Dearborn suggested the letter include a date to respond by in order to continue moving negotiations forward. Mr. Toth will send the letter.

V. Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Favreau questioned how the meeting location was communicated. The meeting originally was scheduled as a hybrid meeting. Mrs. Dearborn stated the in person component had to be cancelled. Mr. Toth followed FOIA procedures regards to notification of location change.

Mrs. Favreau pointed out The Woodstock Academy are also in teacher contract negotiations at and this could affect the meeting timeline.

Mrs. Favreau expressed concern the schools don't forget what the students are losing out on with us not having a contract. Mrs. Dearborn agreed and stated she clearly expressed this sentiment at an earlier meeting.

Mr. Keser asked Mrs. Favreau if she was speaking as a citizen or on behalf of The Woodstock Academy.

Mrs. Favreau stated she was speaking as a citizen.

VI. Adjourn: Adam Keser 1st, Sonia Greene 2nd. Discussion: None. Adam Keser, Holly Dearborn, and Sonia Greene voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Dearborn

High School Contract Negotiation Ad Hoc Committee, Chair