

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

N.J. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the Woodland Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on the door of the Woodland Park Board of Education Administration Building and was provided to the North Jersey Record & Herald News

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Glen Grimes, Joe Giammarella, Shannon Marren, Jairo Rodriguez, MaryAnn Perro, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Christine Tiseo

Also Present – Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard

222-275 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 special, March 14, 2022 regular and the March 28, 2022 workshop meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 14, 2022 regular and the March 28, 2022 workshop meetings.

Roll Call: 9 YES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

April 1st kicked off Autism Awareness and Acceptance month. Preschoolers listened to a Sesame Street story about a character with Autism, learning about friendship, similarities and differences. Then students had a bubble day to "Burst the Bubble about Autism." There are many different activities happening throughout the school district. Thank you to everyone who helped with planning and implementing all of the wonderful programs we have planned. For the first time ever, our Woodland Park community joined in the national celebration of The Week of the Young Child. Mayor Kazmark and Borough Council recognized this celebration and honored our Preschool Program with a proclamation. The Week of the Young Child is a fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. Each day represented a new theme. On Music Monday students danced and learned about instruments with PVHS Marching Band. On Tasty Tuesday, the children enjoyed a picnic style snack with a story from Mrs. Hoffman and Ms Rappa. Work Together Wednesday provided time for students to work together as construction workers to create dinosaur traps. On Artsy Thursday, students worked together to create a mural. Two public events took place, too. School 1 held its first open house to the public and Family Friday was sponsored by the Alfred Baumann Library for National Library Week. Families and their young children enjoyed singing and dancing with Miss Jolie. The students also enjoyed a Dino Dig sponsored by our HSA. Spring Coaching and PD sessions in the Preschool Program are in full swing this month for our families, teachers and their assistants. Master Teacher, Kim Leary, hosted our lunch and learn session for families last week. The topic was "What does my child learn in centers?"

Parents learned about the curriculum and academic, social and emotional development of preschoolers during this time of day. Parents also walked away with tips to help their children at home. Weather permitting, the Playground Project for School 1 is set to begin in late April. CO School continues to work with the United We Create Project (UWC) which aims to promote understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim students for the benefit of building a stronger, inclusive society. UWC programs are entry points for schools to increase positive perceptions of Muslim identities and build connected communities. Parents and students at BG School were treated to a fantastic 5th Grade Band Showcase. The students' hard work and efforts really showed, as did the talents of Mr. Schaefer. Mr. Krakower and Mrs. Seavy will be hosting The Battle of the Books. All students at BG are eligible to participate. NJSLA Testing begins at BG School the week following Spring Break. The students are ready to Show What They Know. No additional studying or preparation required. Fourth grade students will begin the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program this week.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy stated that due to technical issues, there would not be a Secretary's and Treasurers report, as well as transfers and a bills list. They will be on the 4/25 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items have been deemed to be non-controversial in a matter of routine business and will be voted on by one motion.

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MARREN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 222-276 and 222-277.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-276- HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #2022-14, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

222-277 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – R. MCGUIRE

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the resignation of Regina McGuire, lunch aide at CO, effective April 29, 2022.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be voted on by separate motion for each item.

PERSONNEL:

222-278- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – T. GUY

Motion by GIAMMARELLA, Seconded by MARREN.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Tiyahna Guy, as a lunch aide at CO, \$17.50/hr., 2 hrs. per day, not to exceed 10 hrs./wk, effective pending receipt of proper paperwork-June 2022.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-29A– ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – H. MATARI

Motion by VARGAS, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Haya Matari, pre-k aide, effective May 6, 2022.

Roll Call: 9 YES

FINANCE:

222-279 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT-NRESC-PHYSICAL THERAPY – ESY PROGRAM-2022

Motion by MARREN Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC, to provide physical therapy services for the ESY program, three days a week, at a rate of \$95/hr. Effective July 5, 2022-August 31, 2022.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-280 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT-NRESC-SPEECH THERAPY – ESY PROGRAM-2022

Motion by PERRO Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC, to provide speech therapy services for the ESY program, at a rate of \$95/hr., effective July 5, 2022-August 31, 2022, Roll Call: 9 YES

222-281 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT-NRESC-EVALUATION SERVICES-2022

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC, to provide evaluation services (see attached), at a rate of \$400 per evaluation. Effective July 5, 2022-August 31, 2022. Roll Call: 9 YES

222-282 - ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion by GRIMES, Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the settlement agreement between the WPEA, former employee ID#4568 and the Woodland Park BOE, as attached. Roll Call: 9 YES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations: Mrs. Perro reported the negotiations committee met with the WPPSA and exchanged terms. They are waiting to hear back from them and will continue from there.

Education Foundation – Dr. Giammarella reported since the beginning of February, the foundation has made great strides in organization, planning and public relations.

The trustees have elected officers-

President--Reem Eshra, Vice President--LaTysha Gaines, Secretary--Tony Espaillat, Treasurer--Marie Estrella

They have adopted a logo, developed a banner, created an email account, wpeducationalfoundation@gmail.com, established a Facebook page, “Woodland Park Educational Foundation“ and with the support of Dr. Pillari, and the assistance of Matt Cielo and Christa Limone, have developed and populated a website which can be accessed from the school district’s homepage. The foundation is in compliance with all federal and state statutes with respect to its status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a result, the foundation opened a checking account with PNC Bank West Paterson. The foundation’s kick-off event was participation in Bunny Breakfast and Health Fair on April 9. An ongoing fundraiser, the engraving of pavers at Memorial Middle School, was introduced and a guest book to start a distribution list was also available.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Open Public Meeting Act, authorizes a public body to meet in Executive or Private Session under limited circumstances and WHEREAS said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such Executive or Private Session. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK THAT:

- 1) It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session to discuss a personnel and/or litigation matter or contract matter.
- 2) The matter(s) discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.
- 3) Meeting will be resumed at conclusion of Executive Session.

4) The board does/does not expect to take action after Executive Session.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. by CHAABANE, seconded by GIAMMARELLA
Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m. by VARGAS, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 9 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. by VARGAS, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 9 YES

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- The Superintendent discussed HIB case #2022-15
- The Board discussed new Pre-K lease update
- Superintendent discussed curriculum/health standards/diversity & inclusion
- Board discussed individual employee contract negotiations