

**WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

**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 Herald News.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present – Maria Flynn, Tom Bolen, Mark Salemi, Maryann Perro, Dina Bargiel, Jairo Rodriguez, Laura Vargas, Lisa Marshall

Members Absent – Jo-Anne Mitchell

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri, Dennis McKeever (filled in for Mr. Merlino)

**PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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No one wished to be heard.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

**219-101 - SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2017-2018 SY**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the submission of the school self-assessment for determining HIB grades for each school for the 2017-2018 SY.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**219-102 - APPROVAL OF STAFF CLASS CHANGES**

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve staff class changes as follows, retroactive to September 1, 2018:

Robert Romeo- From Class II, Step 5-6, \$64,570 to Class III, Step 5-6, \$69,120.00

Jennifer Caputo- from Class II, Step 9, \$67,700 to Class III, Step 9, \$72,250.00

Daniela Skibinski from Class I, Step 4, \$57,200 to Class II, Step 4, \$63,650.00

Katie Beatty from Class I, Step 3, \$57,050 to Class II, Step 3, \$63,500.00

Roll Call: 8 YES

**219-103 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE- ART TEACHER – G. RUA**

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Gigi Rua, as a middle school art teacher, BA Step I, \$56,050, effective January 14, 2019 or sooner if released by current employer.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW Of THE 11/19/18 MEETING**

The Board discussed items to be voted on at the 11/19/18 meeting.

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Scott Nayda – 7 Valley Dr.

Mr. Nada stated his disapproval of the changing to school uniforms. He noted that with everything that's posted on the school district's social media pages, why wasn't anything posted regarding the proposed school uniform, as to better inform the parents.

Jason Snyder – 36 Garden Ave.

Mr. Snyder also stated his disapproval of changing to school uniforms. He noted the results of the PARCC testing that were posted on the State's website. He feels that the Board's focus should be on educating the students not on what they are wearing. He said he feels a new administration needs to be put into place.

Parent of school aged children:

This parent asked what was wrong with the current dress code, why the need for change and if there is a problem, why is it not addressed as to the current policy being enforced.

Krista Price – 697 Riflecamp Rd.

Ms. Price, a student at Memorial stated that she and her fellow classmates thought the survey was talking about the current dress code, not something new.

*Mrs. Marshall stated that no one tried to trick anyone regarding the survey. She said the survey specifically addressed uniforms which is different from a dress code. She also stated that the Board has no special interest in any uniform company and that they will go with whomever has the best prices.*

*Dr. Pillari added that there was no intentional misleading of information. The reason the clarification was posted to the website was to point out that the survey stated uniforms, not dress code. She stated that the education of the students has always been her number one priority and we have been making strides over the years. The reason for the change to uniforms is that the dress code is too vague. The administration does its best to enforce it but the policy is not specific enough.*

**Committee Reports:**

**Policy-** Mrs. Vargas stated that the policy committee met and discussed the Uniform Policy. She pointed out the changes from the dress code to a uniform. Dr. Pillari went into more detail.

The Board discussed the proposed policy as a whole. Mrs. Perro stated that you do not have to wait until a meeting if you have questions or concerns. She told parents to email as to get a quicker response and not feel as frustrated. Dr. Salemi reiterated that stating you'll get the answers you're looking for by calling or emailing as opposed to posting your grievances on Facebook. Dr. Pillari added that we should be using social media to promote the good things that are happening in our district.

**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 7:52 pm by BARGIEL, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:05 pm by VARGAS, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by VARGAS, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- The Superintendent discussed two possible HIB cases.