

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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 – Jo-Anne Mitchell, Maryann Perro, Tom Bolen, Maria Flynn, Ron Pascrell, Lisa Marshall, Dina Bargiel, Mark Salemi

Members Absent – Bob Kassai

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

PRESENTATION - Jim Cerullo, of Ferroli, Wielkoltz, Cerullo & Cuva, discussed the 2015-2016 Financial Audit results with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

217-89 - 2016-2017 COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

Motion by SALEMI, seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, as attached.

Roll Call: 8 YES

217-90 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

Motion by SALEMI, seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Harolina Menchon, part time aide at CO.

Roll Call: 8 YES

217-91- APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME AIDE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by SALEMI, Seconded by BARGIEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Gerardina Carnemolla, as a part time classroom aide at CO, \$14.92/hr., no benefits, not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, effective November 15, 2016- June 30, 2017.

Roll Call: 8 YES

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN - Preview of the 11/21/16 meeting

The Board discussed action to be taken at the 11/21/16 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Because the ballot question to re-open School #1 didn't pass, Ms. Flynn suggested we fix the overcrowding problem by increasing class size to open up classroom space. She also asked if the board can get a report of classroom enrollment numbers. Dr. Pillari said she had discussions with Mr. DiFluri and Mr. Silverstein about such. She also discussed the possibility of moving the board office to School #1 and renting out the second floor for professional development. She also had the idea of opening a tuition based pre-school. The board agreed Dr. Pillari should get information on the pre-school.

The Board agreed to change the date of the reorganization meeting originally scheduled for January 2, which is a legal holiday, to January 5, 2017, at 7:00pm. Mr. Bolen suggested that the board go back to holding workshop meetings at all three schools, on a rotating basis. Mrs. Mitchell also asked to be cognizant of holidays when scheduling meetings for next year.

The Board discussed dress code versus uniforms. A lengthy discussion was had and the Board took a consensus vote and the majority agreed they wanted to pursue the option of school uniforms.

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Daniella Price – Riflecamp Rd.

Ms. Price asked if there were any grants that would allow us to open School #1. She was told the money needed was for operating costs and that grant money could not be used for that. Then she asked if classroom sizes were made bigger to ease the overcrowding, would it be just at Memorial or throughout the district. She was told it would be throughout the district. She then asked if we went to school uniforms, would the district be required to pay for low income student's uniforms. Dr. Pillari said in her previous school, there was multiple criteria that determined if the student was in need. She also said the HSA's ran a uniform swap and that companies that supply uniforms usually donate some for those in need.

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 8:35 pm by PERRO, seconded by BOLEN
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 9:00 pm by SALEMI, seconded by FLYNN
Voice Vote: 8 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by SALEMI, Seconded by FLYNN
Voice Vote: 8 YES

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- The Superintendent discussed HIB cases 2017-01 & 2017-02