

**WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 12, 2021**

**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, Christine Tiseo, MaryAnn Perro, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Laura Vargas

Members Absent – Chris Mania, Jairo Rodriguez (arrived at 7:44pm)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

**PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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No one wished to be heard.

**PERSONNEL:**

**221-213 - RATIFY APPROVAL MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE- K. ELMAN**

Motion by VARGAS, seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of medical leave of absence, under the Federal Family Leave Act, for Katherine Elman, special education teacher, without pay, effective 3/30/21-6/21/21.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**221-214 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – L. CARIOTI**

Motion by VARGAS, seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the resignation for retirement purposes, of Lidia (Lee) Carioti, district aide of 23 years, effective June 30, 2021.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**221-215 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT –MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT - BEHAVIORIST**

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Brett DiNovi & Associates, L.L.C., to provide behaviorist services, as a maternity leave replacement, effective April 12, 2021-June 24, 2021, 5 days a week, 5.5 hours per day, at a rate of \$140/hr.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**FINANCE:**

The bills list was revised as follows:

**221-216 - APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion by PERRO, seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$47,843.84, approved by finance committee chairperson, Jairo Rodriguez.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#70	\$47,843.84

Roll Call: 7 YES

**221-217 - TRAVEL EXPENDITURE**

Motion by GRIMES, seconded by GIAMMARELLA

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education policy numbers 0147, 3440, and 0440, and NJAC 6A:23A-1.2 provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-22 school year.

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education appropriated \$58,550 for travel during the 2020/21 school year and has spent \$18,519 as of March 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Park Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021/2022 school year at the sum of \$58,550 and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

**221-218 - APPROVAL OF LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENT**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize Coppa Montalbano Architects to prepare and submit amended Long Range Facilities Plan and application documents to the NJ Department of Education, Office of Facilities, for required approval of the following projects:

NJDOE-Facilities State Project No. 5690-X02-21-1000: New Pre-K

NJDOE-Facilities State Project No. 5690-065-21-1000: Charles Olbon Accessible Lift

Roll Call: 7 YES

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF APRIL 19, 2021 MEETING**

The Board previewed action to be taken at the regular meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Chaabane reported the B&G committee met and discussed the following:

Lease at Modell’s which brought up some concerns

Repairs at BG caused by drainage problem

Sidewalk in front of BG to be repaired by the Streetscape project through the borough

Repairs at School #1

Use of CARES money – air conditioning on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of BG and all gyms

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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 7:15 pm by PERRO, seconded by CHAABANE  
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:55 pm by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by TISEO  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by GIAMMARELLA  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Settlement agreement
- Modell's lease