

**WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 17, 2023**

**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, Shannon Marren, Laura Vargas, Jairo Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, Mark Salemi, Joe Giammarella

Members Absent – MaryAnn Perro, David Amanullah

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

**PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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No one wished to be heard.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

**PERSONNEL:**

**223-269-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – O. HEATH**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Oliva Heath, as a part time special education aide, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate of \$25/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, no benefits.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**223-270- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE-MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT-E. HONDROS**

Motion by MARREN Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Eleftheria Hondros, as a maternity leave replacement, \$175 per diem, effective pending receipt of proper paperwork through the end of the school year. No benefits.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**223-271-APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to rescind the appointments of the following previously approved lunch aides; Natasha Brooks, Emily DeMarco and Natearah Rouse.

Roll Call: 7 YES

**223-272 -WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL & RATIFY APPROVAL**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve and ratify approval the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2022-2023 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel	Total
Stacy Perry	WRS Certified Teachers Conference	7/12 & 13 2023	\$369	NA	\$369
Carmela Triglia	Multi-tiered Systems of Support	5/5/23	\$125	\$46.06	\$171.06
Meghan Glenn	The Goodness Model of Education	5/4/23	\$99.99	\$20.68	\$120.67
Karen Marabondo	NJASBO Accounts Payable Program Overview	5/23/23	\$125	\$14.29	\$139.29
Jessica Mastropalo	Affirmative Action Officer (Online)	Self Paced	\$500	NA	\$500
Jamie Katzenberger	NJPSA Anti Bullying Specialist (Online)	Self Paced	\$500	NA	\$500
Nicole Espinosa	NJSHA Annual Convention	4/20/23	\$180	\$54.52	\$234.52
Sabrina Qanaah	NJSHA Annual Convention	4/20/23	\$280	\$54.52	\$334.52
Katelyn Urgo	2023 NJ Pyramid Model State Leadership Team Conf.	5/5/23	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00

Roll Call: 7 YES

### **223-273-APPROVAL OF INQUIRY RESEARCH PROJECT – A. PETRULLO**

Motion by MARREN Seconded by SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Alyson Petrullo to conduct an Inquiry Research Project, as part of her William Paterson College course. Inquiry Project to be conducted within the Early Childhood Education department, during non-contractual hours.

Roll Call: 7 YES

*Mrs. Vargas motioned to table the following resolution to be discussed in executive session. All were in favor.*

### **223-274-RATIFY APPROVAL OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval for paid administrative leave for employee ID #4599, effective 3/31/2023 until further notice.

Roll Call:

### **EDUCATION:**

#### **223-275 - HIB DECISION**

Motion by MARREN Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #'s 2023-20, 2023-21, 2023-26, 2023-28 & 2023-30, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

Roll Call: 7 YES

#### **223-276-APPROVAL OF 2023 SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2023 Summer Academic Program, July 10<sup>th</sup>-August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Programs are Monday-Thursday 8:45am-12:00pm. (Personnel and costs to be voted on at a later date)

Roll Call: 7 YES

### **FINANCE:**

#### **223-277 – RATIFY APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – ST. CLARE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of contract with St. Clare's Behavioral Health, to provide instruction for student ID#34281, from 11/24/22-2/10/23, at a rate of \$55/hr. for total of 57 hour.

Roll Call: 7 YES

### **NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF 4/26/23 BUDGET/REGULAR MEETING**

The Board discussed action to be taken at the 4/26/23 meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education – Mrs. McQuin stated the committee discussed the implementation of the new Health standards. Dr. Pillari stated the plans for the implementation of the standards within grades 2, 5 & 8, are still on track for late Spring.

Community Relations – Ms. Marren stated the committee discussed differences between HSA governing bodies across different schools. They also discussed the addition of workshop meetings to be held at the schools. Dr. Pillari will reach out to the Principals to request involvement of students at these meetings.

Dr. Pillari discussed calendar revisions for the end of the year, having 6/16 as the last day of school with 6/14, 6/15 & 6/16 being one session days. It will be voted on at the 4/26/23 meeting.

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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 7:14 pm by SALEMI, seconded by VARGAS  
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:19 pm by GRIMES, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 7 YES

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Roll Call: 7 YES

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by VARGAS, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 7 YES

## **WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION** **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Board discussed a personnel matter
- Board discussed a student matter
- Superintendent discussed HIB case #'s 2023-33, 2023-34, 2023-35, 2023-36, 2023-37, 2023-38, 2023-40.
- Attorney client privilege was discussed