

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2019

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 – Tom Bolen, Mark Salemi, Adam Chaabane, Christopher Mania, Lisa Marshall, Dina Bargiel, Jairo Rodriguez, Laura Vargas, MaryAnn Perro
Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri

PRESENTATION: Dr. Pillari & Mr. DiFluri presented the 2019-2020 School Budget

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Sanjay Desai – 186 Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Mr. Desai had several questions about the budget;

How much are we saving by eliminating aides and how many teachers' jobs will be created with this savings?

Where is the extra money we save when hiring the Principal going to go?

Why can't we eliminate contract for tech services if we have in-house employees?

Are the cameras at CO going to be new or additional?

Did we ask the State for monetary aide for asbestos removal?

What's the current and projected enrollment?

What is the legal maximum amount of student's allowed in a classroom?

What are we paying for a security officer?

Dr. Pillari responded to his questions. The money from reduction of aides will be reallocated to hire more teachers. The extra savings when hiring a new Principal will be put back into the general fund. Our current tech employees are not in-house and the additional services provided from NRESC is why we contract out. The cameras at CO will be replaced with new updated equipment. He was shown the slide from the presentation with the enrollment figures as well as the estimated amount of students per class. The security officers are shared services with the Borough, which we pay only a portion of the \$77,000 that he stated.

219-226 - ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by PERRO Seconded by SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, County of Passaic, that the 2019-2020 School District Budget be approved as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$19,477,373	\$16,582,110
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 551,721	NA
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 561,195	\$ 561,194
Totals	\$20,590,289	\$17,143,304

FURTHER RESOLVED: Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs and other Capital Projects, is \$709,892 that is for other capital projects including the renovation of 5 classrooms, 2 bathrooms

and hallway, including air conditioning and asbestos floor abatement at Charles Olbon School. The total cost of this project is \$709,892, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that in addition to the facility efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.
Roll Call: 9 YES

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Mr. Desai asked again why the Board can't change the public session to 5 minutes per person as opposed to 3 minutes. *Mrs. Perro stated that 3 minutes are in place as to give everyone a chance to speak. She said the committee will discuss changing it back to 5 minutes.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by PERRO, Seconded by MANIA

Voice Vote: 9 YES