

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

ADDENDUM TO THE ADEQUATE NOTICE PUBLIC STATEMENT DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

In view of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the emergency orders and directives at the federal, State and local levels, and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., as amended by P.L.2020, c.11, (“OPMA”) the Woodland Park Board of Education is conducting this meeting, originally designated to take place at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING, remotely using video and/or telephone conferencing technology. The public has been advised of this venue and format change and instructions have been provided in order to access the meeting and to participate during the public comment section(s) of the meeting. You will need to dial-in/login to the remote meeting platform(s) in order to attend the remote meeting. P.L. 2020, c.11, which permits remote conduct of meetings, was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Friday, March 20, 2020, effective immediately. The Board recognizes the importance of open transparency and public access and participation in its work. In view of the current crisis and the brave new world in which we live, the Board asks all citizens to bear with us as we work to meet the health, safety, welfare, and educational needs of our students, staff and all members of the Woodland Park community

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Chris Mania, Adam Chaabane, Christine Tiseo, Joe Giammarella, Maryann Perro, Jairo Rodriguez, Lisa Marshall, Laura Vargas

Members Absent – David Amanullah (signed it at 7:04pm)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON 2020-2021 BUDGET

Dr. Pillari, Mr. DiFluri and Mr. Murphy presented the 2020-2021 proposed budget.

PUBLIC HEARING-BUDGET HEARING ONLY

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No one wished to be heard. Closed at 7:27.

220-257 - ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MANIA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, County of Passaic, that the 2020-2021 School District Budget be approved as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$20,018,589	\$17,097,768
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,204,682	NA
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 561,795	\$ 561,795
Totals	\$22,785,066	\$17,659,563

FURTHER RESOLVED: Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs and other Capital Projects, is \$900,000 that is for other capital projects including the renovation of 5 classrooms and 1 kitchen, including air conditioning and asbestos floor abatement at Charles Olbon School and subdivision of classroom at Beatrice

Gilmore. The total cost of the project is \$900,000, 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED: General fund budget includes a \$180,408 tax levy adjustment for increased enrollment.

Roll Call: 9 YES

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

220-258 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 workshop and the March 23, 2020 regular meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 9, 2020 workshop and the March 23, 2020 regular meetings.

Roll Call: 9 YES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pillari addressed two questions that came in. She said field trip refunds have been issued and parents should be receiving them shortly. Lunch balances will either roll over or at parent's request a refund will be issued.

Our Preschool lottery was a huge success. Registration for the selected students is well underway. We are in the final stages of planning schedules and staffing for the 2020-2021 School Year. This includes all of the planning needed for the opening of School #1. The Technology Department has been working hard configuring all the technology needed for student use at home. They were instrumental in ensuring the laptops were ready to be sent home as well as ensuring that all software and filters were properly installed for student use. Fiber optics needed for School #1 were installed.

Our Special Services, Guidance Department and CST is publishing a weekly newsletter to families with services, supports, and resources for emotional well-being. All 8th grade special education student transition meetings with PV have been completed and the IEPs sent to parents. All meetings were completed virtually.

All therapies (OT, PT, Speech and counseling) are being provided virtually through teletherapy. All therapists completed specific training for providing services through this new mode. Annual IEP meetings are occurring in accordance to the timelines; re-evaluations and initial evaluations that do not require face-to-face testing are occurring in accordance to the timelines. ESY invitations have been sent out to eligible students. ESY plans include a plan for on campus learning or virtual learning depending on the Governor Murphy's mandate. Virtual PD is being conducted with our math supervisor, Ms. Calderon, regarding various tools to use during math instruction while utilizing G Suite and other programs for virtual learning. The Financial Literacy curriculum is in the final stages of completion for grades 6-8.

Professional Development for our new math series is in the process of being planned in order to support our teachers for the upcoming school year. National Junior Honor Society virtual induction was held on Friday, April 24. All 22 students participated. Our 2019-2020 Memorial School yearbook has been completed and sent to publisher. Washington DC and Boston refunds are completed. Other field trip refunds are in process. We will be participating in a Virtual Field Day which is scheduled for May 8. Thank you to our PE Department and Mr. Scholtz for putting this together.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Weiss stated that his firm has been sending out emails with updates on state regulations relating to COVID-19. He wished everyone continued good health.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items have been deemed to be non-controversial in a matter of routine business and will be voted on by one motion.

Motion by MANIA Seconded by TISEO to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 220-259 through 220-260.

Roll Call: 9 YES

220-259 - APPROVAL OF REGISTER REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the March 2020 Register Report.

220-260 - APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$369,713.08, approved by finance committee chairperson, Jairo Rodriguez.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#71	\$337,534.97
#L45	\$ 32,178.11

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be voted on by separate motion for each item.

PERSONNEL:

220-261 - APPROVAL OF 2020 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM & PERSONNEL

Motion by TISEO Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Extended School Year Program(ESY) (autistic preschool, child with disabilities and LLD) and personnel in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.3 © as listed:

Roll Call: 9 YES

1 Preschool Disabilities Program (ages 3-5) Teacher	(Monday – Thursday)
July 6, 2020 – July 30, 2020	
Site: Memorial School*	1. Samira Khalil
8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	
4 days per week – 3 ½ hours daily	
Compensation: \$40.00/hour	
Session: 9:00a.m.12:00p.m.	
2 Autistic Program Teachers	(Monday – Thursday)
July 6, 2020 – August 13, 2020	
Site: Memorial School*	1. Samantha Patiro
8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	2. TBD
4 days per week – 3 ½ hours daily	
Compensation: \$40.00/hour	
Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
5 LLD Program Teachers	(Monday – Thursday)
July 6, 2020 – July 30, 2020	
Site: Memorial School*	1. Dustin Walters
8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	2. Zainab Shafi
4 days per week – 3 ½ hours daily	3. Michele Brunini
Compensation: \$40.00/hour	4. Gina D’Astolfo
Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	5. TBD

220-262 - ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT – S. DECORTE

Motion by TISEO Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Susan DeCorte, Special Education teacher of 38 years, effective June 30, 2020.

Roll Call: 9 YES

EDUCATION:

220-263 - PURCHASE NEW iREADY MATH PROGRAM

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve purchase of new iReady math program, grades K-8. Includes online subscription and annual replenishment of all related books and materials over a 4 year period.

Total cost - \$190,875.00

Roll Call: 9 YES

FINANCE:

220-264 - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 150 CHROMEBOOKS

Motion by PERRO Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to authorize purchase of 150 Chromebooks, at a cost of \$ 43,549.50 and 150 Chromebook licenses, at a cost of \$3,825.00, from CDW, under Co-op contract #ESCNJ18/19-03. Total Cost: \$47,374.50

Roll Call: 9 YES

220-265 - 2020-2021 ESY TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT RENEWAL – JOSHUA TOURS

Motion by PERRO Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve renewal of Transportation Contract with Joshua Tours for 5, in district, ESY bus routes, at state transportation CPI increase of 1.7%, for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

*Subject to school buildings being open to accept students.

Route #	Contractor	Route Per Diem	Aide Per Diem
ESY 1	Joshua Tours	\$148.74	\$34.71
ESY 2	Joshua Tours	\$148.74	\$34.71
ESY 3	Joshua Tours	\$148.74	\$34.71
ESY 4	Joshua Tours	\$198.31	\$34.71
ESY 5	Joshua Tours	\$148.74	\$34.71

Roll Call: 9 YES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

220-266 - AWARD OF CONTRACT- CHARLES OLBON SCHOOL PHASE II - 5 CLASSROOMS RENOVATIONS, AIR CONDITIONING, 1 KITCHEN RENOVATION, BEATRICE GILMORE CLASSROOM SUBDIVISION PROJECT

Motion by TISEO Seconded by PERRO

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator to the **Woodland Park Board of Education (“Board”)** to seek a contract for construction services and materials for renovations at the CHARLES OLBON SCHOOL 5 CLASSROOMS, AIR CONDITIONING, 1 KITCHEN & BEATRICE GILMORE CLASSROOM SUBDIVISION (hereinafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 26, 2020, the Board received the following bids from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1, et seq.:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Molba Construction	\$677,159
Brahma Construction	\$697,000
Northeastern Interior	\$709,000
Accurate Construction	\$710,000
Mark Construction	\$754,000
SMAC	\$787,000
Reifleo Construction	\$797,000
Salazar & Associates	\$875,000

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Molba Construction has been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with New Jersey Public Contract Laws, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq. and the Bid Specifications, and

WHEREAS, the Board, has considered the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator, and the Construction Professionals and approves same;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to Molba Construction in the amount of \$677,159.00, base bid as the lowest responsive bidder in accordance with New Jersey Public Contract Laws, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq. and the Bid Specifications.

Roll Call: 9 YES

POLICIES & REGULATIONS:

220-267 - APPROVAL OF EXISTING POLICIES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Motion by PERRO Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve revisions of the following existing policies & regulations:

<u>POLICY/REGULATION #</u>	<u>POLICY/REGULATION</u>	<u>MANDATED/RECOMMENDED</u>
0152	Board Officers	Recommended
1581	Domestic Violence	Mandated
2422	Health & Physical Education	Mandated
5330& R5330	Administration of Medication	Mandated
7243	Supervision of Construction	Mandated
8210	School Year	Recommended
8220	School Day	Mandated
8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children	Mandated

Roll Call: 9 YES

220-268 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – FIRST READING

Motion by PERRO Seconded by MANIA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the first reading of the following new policies & regulations:

<u>POLICY/REGULATION #</u>	<u>POLICY/REGULATION</u>	<u>MANDATED/RECOMMENDED</u>
R1581	Domestic Violence	Mandated
3421.13 4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations	Recommended
R8220	School Closings	Recommended

Roll Call: 9 YES

220-15A – APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CLOSURE VIRTUAL, REMOTE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Motion by PERRO Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the District’s school closure virtual, remote instruction program.

Roll Call: 9 YES

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Marshall asked if there is any way to reach out to the people who haven't responded to the Pre-K lottery and if they would be able to bring paperwork to the board office. Dr. Pillari said we have emails & phone numbers and will reach out to the families.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Perro wanted to know if we are providing families with resources for programs in helping to deal with this stressful situation. Dr. Pillari stated that the guidance department, via newsletters, has provided families with various resources for many different programs.

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Scott Nayda – 7 Valley Dr.

Mr. Nayda emailed the following questions, which were answered in the Superintendent's report

- 1) With the anticipated cancellation/rescind of all school field trips on the agenda, I assume this includes 7th and 8th grade trips to Boston and DC, when and how when will parents receive refunds of deposits/paid balances.
- 2) If school does not return this school year, will the lunch program refund balances from student's accounts.

Mr. Chaabane left the meeting before executive session.

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 8:08 p.m. by MANIA, seconded by PERRO

Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:52 p.m. by MANIA, seconded by GIAMMARELLA

Voice Vote: 8 YES

220-16A - HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigations #2020-06 & 2020-08 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

Roll Call: 8 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. by MANIA, Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

Voice Vote: 8 YES

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Superintendent discussed HIB case #'s 2020-06 & 2020-08
- Board discussed different alternatives as to celebrating the outgoing 8th grade class.