

**WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 10, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**N.J. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW**

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. All public comments should be submitted via email to pmurphy@wpschools.org before or during the meeting and will be included in the record. 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 –Lisa Marshall, Joe Giammarella, Christine Tiseo, Jairo Rodriguez, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Chris Mania, Laura Vargas

Members Absent – Mrs. Perro (lost connection prior to the start of the meeting)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

**PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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Trish & Joe Ryan – The Ryan’s had concerns about the temporary cancelation of busing.

A parent had concerns about in-school classes only being a half day. She stated that working parents would have no choice but remote learning if school isn’t in session all day. She also asked how the remote learning was going to be set up.

A parent asked what the maximum amount of students per class was going to be. She also had concerns about internet not being at full capacity in parts of town. She also commented that the website does not show a schedule for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Dr. Pillari responded that the Board would be having the discussion regarding busing during the meeting. If not resolved, she would reach out to that parent. She confirmed that in-school learning would be a one session day and although she knows this could be a hardship on parents, they are doing the best they can in a difficult situation. There is no maximum number of students per class, as long as we follow protocol with barriers and masks. Dr. Pillari stated she is aware that some parts of town have internet connectivity problems and is working with the provider, as it is an issue on their end. She also stated the schedules online are just samples.*

**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 RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 221-44 through 221-46.  
Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-44 - APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$451,355.17, approved by finance committee chairperson, Jairo Rodriguez.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#61	\$440,087.77
#L47	\$ 11,267.40

**221-45 - APPROVAL OF FAMILY LEAVE – V. SEAVY**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, for Veronica Seavy, effective on or about December 7, 2020 – March 5, 2021, utilizing accumulated sick days. Upon completion of FFLA, leave will be taken under the NJ Family Leave Act for 12 weeks. Expected return to work, May 25, 2021.

**221-46 – RESCIND APPOINTMENT – A. VIGORITO**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to rescind the appointment of Alexandra Vigorito, as a part time aide, previously approved at the 6/8/20 meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**PERSONNEL:**

**221-47 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – MEMORIAL PRINCIPAL – S. SCHOLTZ**

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GIAMMARELLA  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Stephen Scholtz, as Principal of Memorial School, \$105,000.00, pro-rated, as per WPPSA agreement, effective August 11, 2020-June 30, 2021.  
Roll Call: 7 YES, 1 ABSTENTION-MARSHALL

**221-48 - APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFERS**

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GIAMMARELLA  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve transfers of the following staff members, as listed:  
Roll Call: 8 YES

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>From School</u>	<u>To School</u>	<u>Grade and Position</u>
Dizzia	Christina	CO	BG	Growing Minds 3-5
Elman	Kate	BG	CO	Growing Minds K-2

**221-49 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – D. MAXWELL**

Motion by TISEO, seconded by GIAMMARELLA  
BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Dawn Maxwell, as a part time aide at School 1, \$23/hr., as per current WPEA agreement, not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, no benefits. Effective 9/1/20-6/30/21.  
Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-50 - APPOINTMENT OF LUNCH AIDES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by TISEO, Seconded by MANIA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of lunch aides for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

Roll Call: 8 YES

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Salary and Hours</u>
Erazo	Connie	School 1	\$17.00-2 hrs. per day not to exceed 10/wk.
Afaneh	Areej	School 1	\$17.00-2 hrs. per day not to exceed 10/wk.
Rosario	Pamela	School 1	\$17.00-2 hrs. per day not to exceed 10/wk.
Baccaro	Lucia	School 1	\$17.00-2 hrs. per day not to exceed 10/wk.

**EDUCATION:**

**221-51 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT ADDENDUM- PRO CARE THERAPY- SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES**

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MANIA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract addendum with ProCare Therapy, to provide speech therapy, previously approved through September 30, 2020, to reflect extension of time, from October 1, 2020-November 30, 2020, or extended if requested by WPBOE, at a rate of \$68/hr.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-52 - APPROVAL OF REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Motion by TISEO Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the revised school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**FINANCE:**

**221-53 - APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – PLEXIGLASS DESK DIVIDERS & DESK PROTECTORS**

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by MANIA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve purchase of an additional 600 plexiglass student desk dividers and staff desk protectors, to be paid with ESSER funds under the Federal Cares Act, from Emco Industrial Plastics, Inc., at an approximate total cost of \$35,000.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-54 -AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 100 STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by MANIA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to authorize purchase of 100 student Chromebooks, at a cost of \$25,675.00 and 100 Chromebook licenses, at a cost of \$2,550.00, from CDW, under Co-op contract #ESCNJ18/19-03. Total Cost: \$28,225.00, to be paid with ESSER funds under the Federal Cares Act

Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-55 - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 140 iPads**

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to authorize purchase of 140 Apple iPads, from Apple Inc., for Pre-K students, at a cost of \$41,160.00, to be paid with ESSER funds under the Federal Cares Act.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-56 –REDUCTION IN STATE AID**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Woodland Park School District will receive a decrease of \$75,441 in state equalization aid for the 2020-21 school year. To account for this change, Woodland Park Board of Education will reduce the 2020-21 budgeted appropriations for textbook licenses. This adjustment, which will be reflected as a mid-year adjustment to the 2020-21 budget, allows for the Board of Education to manage the reduction in general fund state aid while maintaining a 2020-21 budget that is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient (T&E) education for students.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**221-57-APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES W/ PEPPM COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NATIONAL CONTRACT PROGRAM**

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by VARGAS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and  
WHEREAS, the PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing National Contract Program, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;  
WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020, the governing body of the Woodland Park Board of Education County of Passaic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

**TITLE**

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Woodland Park Board of Education.

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), N.J.S.A. 18A:18A et seq, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) and per Local Finance Notice No. LFN 2012-10, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Roll Call: 8 YES

*Mrs. Perro rejoined the meeting at this point. (7:39pm)*

**221-58 - APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COURTESY BUSING**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve temporary suspension of courtesy busing until further notice.

Roll Call:

*A lengthy discussion was had regarding the temporary cancelation of busing. Mr. Rodriguez motioned to rescind and table the resolution until the next meeting. Mrs. Tiseo seconded it.*

*Roll Call: 9 YES*

**POLICIES & REGULATIONS:**

**221-59 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – SECOND READING & ADOPTION**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

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

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act	Mandated
R533.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote	Mandated

Roll Call: 9 YES

**221-60 - APPROVAL OF DISTRICT RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN TO REOPEN SCHOOLS**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the first reading of the District’s Restart and Recovery Plan to reopen schools in September, as attached.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**221-61 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICY– FIRST READING**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the first reading of the following new policy

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
1648	Restart and Recovery Plan	Mandated

Roll Call: 9 YES

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Policy – Mr. Amanullah stated the committee met and discussed the dress code policy. The question was brought up regarding remote learning students adhering to the dress code. The committee recommended, for consistency purposes, that the dress code policy be revised to include remote learning students be required to adhere to dress code.

Mr. Murphy gave an update on all facilities. Mr. Chaabane asked the status of the gym floor at Memorial. Mr. Murphy is waiting on updated quotes to proceed.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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Lynn Roehrich – 6 Zendzian Ave. – Ms. Roehrich asked who would enforce the dress code policy for remote learning students.

WPEA – Congratulated Mr. Scholtz on his new position.

Mr. Murphy stated, via Facebook, there was a lot of negative feedback on the dress code being enforced for remote learning students.

*Mrs. Vargas recommended that Dr. Pillari add a question to the survey regarding implementing the dress code for remote learning students.*

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the process of the Board Self Evaluation. The Board agreed to meet to go over the results and to establish a process for the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. by TISEO , Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

Voice Vote: 9 YES