

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2018

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, Maryann Perro, Jairo Rodriguez, Laura Vargas, Lisa Marshall

Members Absent – Jo-Anne Mitchell, Maria Flynn, Dina Bargiel(arrived at 7:07pm)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri

Presentation from United Way Representatives

Representatives from the United Way spoke about a 3 year partnership with Memorial School, working on the climate culture within the building. Surveys will be sent to students, parents and staff. The results of the surveys will dictate how we move forward with planning and professional learning and activities to grow in a positive direction.

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

PERSONNEL:

219-30 - APPROVE CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION & SUPPORT SERVICES-

J. ZEOLI

Motion by SALEMI, Seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve confirmation of Jennifer Zeoli as Director of Special Education and Support Services, at a salary of \$102,500/yr., effective July 25, 2018-June 30, 2019. (All pending paperwork was received on 7/25/18)

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-31 – APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – C. AYALA

Motion by SALEMI, Seconded by BARGIEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Cynthia Ayala, as a full time Language Arts teacher at Memorial School, Class II, Step I, \$62,500. Effective September 4, 2018-June 30, 2019.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-32 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – E. KRAMER

Motion by SALEMI, Seconded by BARGIEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Emily Kramer, teacher at CO, effective September 28, 2018 or until a replacement can be found.

Roll Call: 6 YES, 1 NO-VARGAS

219-33 - APPOINTMENT OF LUNCH AIDES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by SALEMI, Seconded by BARGIEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Sherin Fahmi, as a lunch aide at Memorial, for the 2018-2019 school year, 1 3/4 hrs./day, not to exceed 8.75 per week, \$16.07/hr., no benefits

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-34 - APPROVAL OF PART TIME AIDES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by BARGEIL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following people as part time kindergarten aides, not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, at a rate of \$20/hr., no benefits. Effective 9/4/18-6/30/19.

Laura Schwartz, Jacqueline Novoa, Stacey LaGatta, Janel DeLuca

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-35 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE-GUIDANCE COUNSELOR- TABLED

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jessica Mooney, as a full time guidance counselor at BG/Memorial, MA, Step I, \$62,500, as per WPEA agreement, effective September 4, 2018-June 30, 2019.

Roll Call:

A motion was made by Mrs. Perro to table resolution 219-35, Mrs. Bargiel seconded it.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-4A- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – A. MELNICK

Motion by SALEMI, Seconded by BARGIEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Ashley Melnick, as a teacher at CO, BA, Step I, \$56,050, as per WPEA agreement, effective pending receipt of required paperwork.

Roll Call: 4 YES, 3 NO – BOLEN, BARGIEL, VARGAS - RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS

FINANCE:

219-36 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - BG

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to authorize the business administrator to replace fire alarm system at BG, damaged by lightning strike on 8/7/18. (Will seek possible reimbursement from insurance company)

Roll Call: 7 YES

POLICY:

219-37 - APPROVAL OF EXISTING POLICIES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by BOLEN

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

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
1550 & R1550	Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination	Mandated
5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying	Mandated
R5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying	Abolished-Mandated

Roll Call: 7 YES

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF THE 8/20/18 MEETING

The Board discussed action to be taken at the 8/20/18 meeting.

Mr. Bolen made a motion to post for an ESL teacher. Mrs. Marshall seconded it.

Roll Call: 7 YES

The Board discussed sending out a survey regarding the dress code for students, to be implemented for 2019-2020 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Mrs. Bargiel said the committee met on 8/6. They discussed the need for an ESL teacher and the Math Supervisor position. They discussed the summer program and what they can do to improve it for next year.

Personnel: Dr. Salemi reported that the committee discussed hiring an additional ESL teacher and the Math Supervisor position.

Mrs. Marshall made a motion to post for the position of Math Supervisor. Mrs. Perro seconded it.

Roll Call: 7 YES

Policy: Mrs. Vargas stated the committee discussed the student dress code and surveys to be sent out. The staff dress code was revised to remove the wearing of jeans. If a special occasion occurs (fundraisers, etc.) the principal must report it to the superintendent first. They discussed some mandated policies that will be voted on. They also discussed the hand scanner policy. For safety reasons the policy states that if you leave the building during the school day (lunch) you have to scan out and back in again. They also discussed the revision of the charge lunch policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed OT services. Dr. Pillari provided the Board with quotes from different vendors and told the Board they need to make a decision as to have someone in place for the beginning of the year. They decided to stay with Innovative Therapy.

Mrs. Vargas reminded the Superintendent to make sure all teachers read IEP's and adhere to them.

Mr. Bolen asked we survey the parents, kids and teachers on the summer program as to how to improve it for next year.

Mr. Rodriguez asked for an update on CRG and the mapping of the schools. Mr. DiFluri issued the purchase order and the company just needs to tweak a few things before starting. Mrs. Bargiel requested that the new Police Chief look over the plans since she wasn't present during the original meeting.

Mrs. Marshall asked the Board to look over the goals included in their packets. If all are in agreement they will be voted on at the next meeting.

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Terri Carbonelli – Co-President WPEA

Mrs. Carbonelli commented on the hand scanner policy. She stated that if it's for safety reasons, then for example, do the gym teachers have to scan before they take the students out of the building. Same for custodians who might need to drop something off at another building, etc. Also, if teacher's have to wait in line to scan out for lunch, they will not be getting their contractual lunch time. She also commented on the removing of wearing jeans on special occasions. She stated that Memorial School raised over \$3,000 last year, all of which went directly to families in need within our schools. She asked for an update on handicap bathrooms for the schools. She also told the Board if they want to see what the guidance counselor actually does, they should come and spend the day with Mrs. McClame. They don't realize the broad spectrum of issues she covers. *A lengthy discussion was had regarding the hand scanner policy. It was decided that if it becomes a problem, they should go to the building Principal and the Board will discuss options.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. by MARSHALL, Seconded by BOLEN
Voice Vote: 7 YES