

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 2024

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 – Kim Galbraith, Shannon Marren, David Amanullah, Glen Grimes, Julissa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, MaryAnn Perro, Joe Giammarella

Members Absent – Mark Salemi

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Dwayne Ortiz, Adam Weiss

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Dr. Pillari reported the SSDS report for January-June 2024.

SSDS report: For the Reporting period 2 Jan-June 2024 these were the incidents:

- 1 act of violence (simple threat)
- 12 confirmed HIBs and 15 alleged HIBs
- The nature of the HIBs included:
 - 1 for national origin
 - 3 for religion
 - 8 for race
 - 15 for other distinguishing characteristics
- In all cases, parent conferences were requested
 - (1) student given (5) days out-of-school suspension
 - (3) students given 1 day out-of-school suspension
 - (1) of the student was deprived of a school event
 - (1) student who committed a third offense were also given an HIB intervention plan.
- Recommended remedial measures for all cases included restorative practices, changes to schedules when necessary, and follow ups with guidance counselors by offenders and targets imposed to reduce HIBs.
- Donna Farraye and Kathryn Williams were investigators on the cases.
- The status of all investigations are closed.

For training: There were 8 programs and 9 trainings offered in the district

Dr. Pillari also updated the Board of the re-registration and where we are for the opening of schools.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

PERSONNEL:

The following personnel items have been deemed to be non-controversial in a matter of routine business and will be voted on by one motion. Any item deemed controversial can be removed and voted on as a separate agenda item. Motion by PERRO Seconded by GALBRAITH to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 225-68 through 225-80.

Roll Call: 8 YES

225-68 - APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – C. CHANDRAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Christina Chandras, previously approved at the 8/5/24 meeting.

225-69 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – F. MAGLIO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Frances Maglio, pt aide, effective September 13, 2024.

225-70 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – G. POLLICINO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Giuseppe Pollicino, ELA teacher at Memorial, effective October 18, 2024 or sooner if a replacement is found.

225-71 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – G. LAMBERT

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Gabrielle Lambert, as a Pre-K teacher, BA, Step 1, \$60,560, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

225-72-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – J. LOGAN-MAGNUSSON

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jessah Logan-Magnusson, as a Pre-K teacher, BA, Step 1, \$60,560, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

225-73-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE –MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT- D. KOTOB

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Dyana Kotob, as a maternity leave replacement at BG, effective September 3, 2024-December 20, 2024, at a rate of \$175 per diem.

225-74 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – A. BRITO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Ayla Brito, as a part time aide, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$26.85, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

225-75 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – D. HARRINGTON

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Danean Harrington, as a part time aide, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$26.85, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

225-76 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – T. GUY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Tiyahna Guy, as a part time aide, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$26.85, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

225-77 - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT – SCHOOL NURSE – L. SAUNDRY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Linda Saundry, (retired nurse, as applicable under NJS 18A:66-53.2), as a school nurse, at \$63,000/yr, no benefits, for the 2024-2025 school year.

225-78 - APPROVAL OF PATERNITY LEAVE – L. ZENELI

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve paternity leave, under the NJ Family Leave Act, for Luftar Zeneli, from September 16, 2024 – December 6, 2024. Expected return to work, December 9, 2024.

225-79 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN – J. SORIANO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jessier Soriano, as an on call substitute custodian for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$20/hr., no benefits.

225-80 - WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve/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 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Elis Francisco	Legal One: Hot Issues in School Law	8/22/24	\$150/ea	NA	\$150

225-6A-APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTE LIST - NRESC

Motion by GALBRAITH, Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Nancy Maglio to the current active substitute teacher list for September of the 24-25 school year, as per the Northern Regional Educational Services.

Roll Call: 8 YES

225-7A – APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL HOURS – T. CARBONELLI

Motion by PERRO, Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additional summer hours for Teresa Carbonelli, to complete medical portions of registration, from August 16, 2024-September 2, 2024, not to exceed 30 hours, at a rate of \$47/hr.

Roll Call: 8 YES

EDUCATION:

225-81 - APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Motion by PERRO, Seconded by GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following establishment of Special Education Programs as follows:

Establish a LLD-mild/moderate Program at Memorial Middle School.

Establish an Autism Program at Memorial School.

Roll Call: 8 YES

FINANCE:

225-82 - FY-2025 IDEA BASIC & PRESCHOOL GRANT-(REVISED)

Motion by AMANULLAH Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, accepts FY 2025 IDEA grant award of funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2025 IDEA application

IDEA Basic \$334,221

IDEA Preschool \$10,854

Roll Call: 8 YES

225-83 - FY-2025 ESEA GRANT (REVISED)

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, accepts FY 2025 ESEA grant award of funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2025 ESEA application, as follows:

Title I \$380,785

Title II \$37,832

Title III \$13,342

Title III-Immigrant \$5,781

Title IV \$30,540

Roll Call: 8 YES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

225-84 - ACCEPTANCE OF NON-MONETARY DONATION

Motion by PERRO Seconded by GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept donation of furniture & supplies, from Dr. Pillari, Superintendent of Schools, to support curricular programs for students.

Roll Call: 8 YES

POLICY:

225-85 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – 2nd READING & ADOPTION

Motion by MARREN Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 2nd reading & adoption of the following new policies & regulations:

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
P2001	Early Childhood Education/Preschool	Mandated

Roll Call: 8 YES

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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 7:41 p.m. by MARREN, seconded by PERRO

Voice Vote:

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:55 p.m. by PERRO, seconded by GALBRAITH

Voice Vote: 8 YES

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote: 8 YES

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- The Board met with the WPEA to discuss a DCRP pension issue.