

**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 29, 2023**

**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 – Glen Grimes, Shannon Marren, Laura Vargas, Jairo Rodriguez, MaryAnn Perro, David Amanullah, Mark Salemi, Joe Giammarella

Members Absent – Gina McQuin

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy Aron Mendel

Presentation – WIDA Access Test Scores for the 2022-2023 school year were presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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No one wished to be heard.

**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 7:20 p.m. by PERRO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:50 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by VARGAS  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

**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 VARGAS Seconded by RODRIGUEZ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 224-66 through 224-90.  
Roll Call: 8 YES

**224-66-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – L. MASEFIELD**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Laura Masefield, elementary teacher, effective 8/31/23.

**224-67-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. VOINOV**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Monica Voinov, elementary teacher, effective 8/31/23.

**224-68-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – C. STURDY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Christina Sturdy, middle school science teacher, effective 8/31/23.

**224-69-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – K. MUNOZ**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Kiara Munoz, part time aide, effective immediately.

**224-70 - APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve change in assignment for the following staff members:

Name	From	To	Salary/ Change
Sharon Tomback	BG Principal	Director of Curriculum	\$143,597.00
Jessica Mastropaolo	Supervisor of Extra Curricular Activities	BG Principal	\$105,250 (as per WPPSA Contract)
Debra Nussbaum	CO Principal	ECC Principal/Supervisor of ELA	No Change
Stephen Scholtz	Memorial Principal	CO Principal	No Change
Suzanne Socha	ECC Principal/Supervisor of ELA	Memorial Principal	No Change
Susan O'Donnell	Teacher at Memorial	Teacher at BG	No Change

**224-71 - APPROVAL CHANGE OF SALARY – G. IRIZARRY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a change in salary for Giovanna Irizarry, Director of Special Education and Student Services, from \$141,113 to \$143,613.

**224-72 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – M. RIVERA**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Mark Rivera, as an elementary teacher at BG, MA, Step 1, \$64,530, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-73 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – M. CRUZ**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Michael Cruz, as a middle school teacher at Memorial, (previously hired as a long term sub) BA, Step 1, \$58,080, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-74 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – L. GIRON**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Lorna Giron, as an elementary teacher at BG, MA, Step 1, \$64,530, to be paid through ESSR funds, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-75 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – K. FINAN**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Kevin Finan, as an elementary teacher at BG, MA+30, Step 1, \$69,080, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-76 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – M. FERRARA**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Matthew Ferrara, as a middle school teacher at Memorial, BA+30, Step 1, \$64,530, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-77 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – C. FOERCH**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Christina Foerch, as a SpEd teacher at BG, MA, Step 1, \$64,530, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-78 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LEAVE REPLACEMENT/LONG TERM SUB – B. FERRER**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Brandon Ferrer, as a leave replacement from September 5, 2023-January 12, 2024, then a long term sub from January 15, 2024 – the last day of school, at \$175 per diem, not benefits.

**224-79-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LEAVE REPLACEMENT/LONG TERM SUB – D. POLIANDRO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Dawn Poliandro, as a Social Worker leave replacement from September - December, then a long term sub from January – June, at \$175 per diem, not benefits.

**224-80- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – FT CUSTODIAN – D. CLARK**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Daniel Clark, as a full time custodian (currently PT), for the 2023-2024 school year, effective 9/1/23, Step I, \$47,195, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-81-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT CUSTODIAN – P. LOPEZ**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Pedro Lopez, as a part time custodian, for the 2023-2024 school year, \$27/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

**224-82 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following, as on call, substitute custodians, for the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate of \$20/hr., effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.  
Alfred Smith, Diane Anderson, Patrick Quigley

**224-83-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE- PART TIME AIDE –C. MONGELLI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Catrina Mongelli, as a part time classroom aide at ECC, for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$25/hr., no benefits. (Guide movement and/or salary increment changes are pending the settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement)

**224-84-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE- LUNCH AIDE – S. SISCO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Sarah Sisco, as a lunch aide at BG, for the 2023-2024 school year, \$18/hr., not to exceed 10 hrs. per week. (Guide movement and/or salary increment changes are pending the settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement)

**224-85- APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – M. O’NEILL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Morgan O’Neill, leave replacement, previously approved at the 8/14/23 meeting.

**224-86- APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS & REVISIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend & **revised** stipend payments for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed: (Stipend amount changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

ACTIVITY	SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT
Bus Duty – AM ONLY	CO	Khetam Fauz Hajbi	\$775
Animal Club	Memorial	Lynn Donato	\$550

**224-87-WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel	Total
Jessica Mastropaolo	Hot Issues in School Law	8/24/23	\$125	NA	\$125

**224-88- APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE – M. BRUNINI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve leave under the Federal Family Leave Act for Michele Brunini, from November 16, 2023 through January 1, 2024, using accumulated sick days. Expected return to work January 2, 2024.

**224-89- APPROVAL OF PATERNITY LEAVE – J. HARTMANN**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve paternity leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, for James Hartmann, from on or about October 10, 2023-October 20, 2023, using accumulated days. Expected return to work, October 23, 2023.

**224-90- APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL HOURS PRE-K PART TIME AIDES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additional hours for the following pre-k part time aides from 27.5 hours per week to 28 hrs. 20 minutes per week.

Geovana Curl	Bonnie McGovern
Lindsay Coffey	Eman Ibrahim
Maisoun Muhammed	Monika Ferenc
Laura Cuntrera	Noura Mohd
Janel DeLuca	Tina Masfield
Caitlin Rogers	Dawn Dorando
Serafina Balduzzi	

**224-8A-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – A. MANGINE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Alyxx Mangine, middle school teacher, effective 8/31/23.

**224-9A -ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. MUHAMMED**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Maisoun Muhammed, part time aide, effective immediately.

**224-10A - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE- PART TIME AIDE –A. LORUSSO KALOKITIS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Andrea Lorusso Kalokitis, as a part time classroom aide, for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$25/hr., no benefits. (Guide movement and/or salary increment changes are pending the settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement)

**224-11A - APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed: (Stipend amount changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

ACTIVITY	SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT
Morning Duty	CO	Dawn Poliandro	\$1550

**FINANCE:****224-91 - TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – 2022-2023**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the transportation contract for the following 2022-2023 bus routes:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (+ surcharge)	Starting Date
Q2857	Charles Olbon	Ace School Bus Tran	2	4,050.00+162.00	5/30/23-June 2023

Roll Call: 8 YES

**224-12A- APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY CONTRACTING – IN AND OUT CONSTRUCTION**

Motion by VARGAS , seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the emergency contracting with In and Out Construction, for the land clearing, drainage and paving of parking lot at ECC.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**224-13A - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – H&H LEADERSHIP, LLC**

Motion by MARREN , seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with H&H Leadership, to provide 2-week program at CO that focuses on leadership, health and fitness at no cost to the district.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS****224-92- -APPROVAL OF REVISED PRE-K WAIVER APPLICATION TO THE NJDOE**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the revised waiver application regarding classroom sizes at School 1, Charles Olbon and the ECC.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Community Relations- Ms. Marren stated the committee met on 8/23. They discussed a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting at the ECC.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by VARGAS, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

## **WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION** **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Emergency contract
- Negotiations update