

**WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 3, 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 – Chris Mania, Jairo Rodriguez, David Amanullah, Joe Giammarella, Lisa Marshall, MaryAnn Perro, Christine Tiseo, Laura Vargas, Adam Chaabane

Members Absent –

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

**Review Reopening of School Plan for September.**

Dr. Pillari reviewed and outlined the plan for reopening schools in September. She went over the latest parent survey, addressed safety protocols, in-school and remote learning schedules and staffing. Mr. Murphy explained the setup of the plastic desk barriers and will present a diagram in the near future.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Please remember that this is a public meeting. Anything you say will be public record. As a result, pursuant to law, the Board Members cannot respond to you publicly concerning certain matters, such as those regarding an individual student. If there is a matter that you wish to remain private concerning personnel or students, please contact the Superintendent’s office. In accordance with Bylaw 0167, statements will be limited to 3 minutes in duration.

Numerous questions came in via Facebook and email prior to the presentation, but were answered within the presentation.

WPEA – asked if a full copy of the plan and the Powerpoint would be made available on the website? They also asked if all staff would be provided with microphones.

*Dr. Pillari said the plan and Powerpoint will be posted on the website. The microphone question was previously answered.*

Via Facebook, will accommodations and/or modifications be made for special ed students? *Mr. Weiss responded that all accommodations in a student’s IEP will be adhered to. He added that, depending on whether the student will be remote or in school, a new IEP might have to be made or an amendment to the current IEP might have to be made.*

Via Facebook, if a student has to be quarantined, can they come back to school once quarantine time is over. Also, if the student is quarantined is a plan in place to transition to remote learning?

*Dr. Pillari stated that a student can come back after quarantine and plans are in place for remote learning for such students.*

Is there a date that parents have to have their final decision as to sending their child to school or remote learning?

*Dr. Pillari said she will send out one final survey in August, once the board settles on an opening date.*

Will the nurses have aids this year?

*Dr. Pillari stated that was not on the table for discussion but can be looked into.*

## **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 9:21 pm by TISEO, seconded by MANIA

Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 9:37 pm by TISEO, seconded by GIAMMARELLA

Voice Vote: 9 YES

### **221-5A – APPROVE DENIAL OF GRIEVANCE**

Motion by GIAMMARELLA, seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, to deny 2020-2021 Grievance I.

Roll Call: 9 YES

### **221-6A – APPROVE DENIAL OF GRIEVANCE**

Motion by PERRO, seconded by MANIA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, to deny 2020-2021 Grievance II.

Roll Call: 9 YES

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. by TISEO, Seconded by PERRO

Voice Vote: 9 YES

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

### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Board discussed 2020-2021 Grievance I & II