

**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 17, 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 – Jo-Anne Mitchell, Maria Flynn, Tom Bolen, Maryann Perro, Jairo Rodriguez, Lisa Marshall  
Members Absent – Dina Bargiel(arrived at 7:03) Laura Vargas(arrived at 7:05) Mark Salemi(arrived at 7:10)  
Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri, Jeff Merlino

Plaques were presented to exiting members Jo-Anne Mitchell for her 10 years and Maria Flynn for her 6 years of service as Board Members.

Some students volunteered to model samples of proper clothing that adheres to the dress code.

**PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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Maria Billson – 43 Rockland Ave.

Ms. Billson noted that most school districts in Passaic County have a dress code and do not specify color of clothing. The district that have a uniform do specify color. She wanted to know if a specific color requirement or a logo make it a uniform.

Ruth Paterson – 895 McBride Ave.

Ms. Paterson thanked Jo-Anne Mitchell and Maria Flynn for all the work they have done for the children and taxpayers of Woodland Park. She knows how much time and effort it takes to be on a board and wanted them to know how much it is appreciated.

Karen Criscione & Terri Carbonelli – Co-Presidents WPEA

Mrs. Criscione & Mrs. Carbonelli also thanked, on behalf of themselves and the staff, Mrs. Mitchell & Ms. Flynn for their many years of service. They stated that they always had the students best interest at heart and fought for what was right.

Angela Shafer – 49 Vetrone

Ms. Shafer stated that the skirts that the younger students modeled will not be worn by the middle school students. She feels the Board is not listening to the parents and students of the Memorial School.

Scott Nayda – 7 Valley Dr.

Mr. Nayda also thanked Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Flynn for their service. He asked the Board to table the resolution again as to have better options of what to wear. He also stated the code of conduct needs to be changed too. He asked when it will be taking effect because it's not posted anywhere.

Lynn Roehrich –

Ms. Roehrich stated her opposition against the dress code.

Daniella Price – 697 Riflecamp Rd.

She stated that she does not see a difference in skinny pants and jeggings with back pockets for girls.

Dawn Villardi – Lackawanna Ave.

Ms. Villardi stated that the Board should think of the comfort of girls when they are going through their monthly cycle when deciding on pants that are allowable.

*Mr. Merlino responded to the question as to uniform or dress code. He stated that the requirement of using a specific vendor would then require the offer of financial assistance. If a specific vendor is not required than no financial assistance needs to be offered. Dr. Pillari stated that they tried to purchase a variety of sizes and materials when purchasing samples. She feels that the children will be comfortable with the purchase. She also said the code of conduct will be changed. She also said that none of the sample items resembled jeggings. Mrs. Perro stated that she has a daughter that is not of average size and understands that the child wants to feel comfortable. She promised that there are many different materials and that parents will be able to find something that their child will be comfortable in. Mrs. Marshall thanked all who participated in the dress code policy committee. She feels both sides compromised and came to a mutual agreement.*

#### **219-120 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 workshop and the November 19, 2018 regular meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the November 12, 2018 workshop and the November 19, 2018 regular meetings.

Roll Call: 6 YES

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- CO & BG IEP progress reports will be available on the portal on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- All Special Education Directors in our region have met to discuss and plan for the grade 8 students transitioning to high school.
- The building principals and Director of Special Education continue to meet and discuss scheduling and placements for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- NJTSS-ER Grant Work update:
  - Core Analysis of Foundations completed and now beginning Core Analysis of K-3 Reading and Writing Units of Study...next will be Grades 4-8
  - Dec. 17 - Diagnostic Data Review of NJTSS-ER
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Progress Reports for Memorial School are available on the portal.
- First-trimester report cards will be available on the Parent Portal on Friday, December 21, 2018. All parents/guardians are encouraged to view and review the narratives completed by the teachers. Please reach out to our teachers with any questions or concerns.

- Memorial winter concert will be held on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Thank you to Mr. Schafer for sharing the talents of his students at a performance at the library and for our senior group this past week.
- CO winter concert is on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to all who have contributed to the many collections we have held over the past few weeks. Memorial School has collected food for Eva's Kitchen as well as toiletries and dry goods for our military.
- Ms. Capo once again led the charge of having all BG students create Cards for Hospitalized Kids. Over 200 cards were sent out.
- Ms. Webb and Mrs. Wilson continued the BG tradition of the Giving Tree. All collections will benefit the Family Reach Foundation. Thank you to all who donated; our tree is covered in ornaments!
- Mr. Schaefer and the BG Choir once again amazed us with their talents and put on a phenomenal Winter Concert! Mrs. Toole's fourth grade students added to the night with their beautiful snowflakes made from old sheet music.
- Mrs. Yesenosky has been preparing both students and staff for our winter sing-along. All have been learning to sign Frosty the Snowman.
- Mr. Pomante has been integrating the West African Dance into his lessons. He has been working with a mentor from Young Audiences and has been successfully turn keying his learning to all of his students.
- Mrs. Farraye and students participated in a Mix It Up Lunch this month. Students are encouraged to get to know others better during this time.
- Mr. Krakower at BG School and all students participated in the Week of Code.
- CO and BG students attended the annual holiday show at PVHS.
- During PLC's, teachers are engaged in professional discussions during a book study of the text Owning It.
- Teacher at CO School have been facilitating professional learning opportunities for their peers, focused on mathematical instruction and technology.

### **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Merlino stated an executive session will be needed to discuss the Charter School amendment request.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. DiFluri stated that we received approval from the NJDOE for the renovations at Charles Olbon and the architects can now proceed with plans to put out for bid. The CO stream was scoped and jet cleaned but debris remains. The engineer will survey the land and once findings come back we will have more answers. The outdoor classroom at CO is completed. The generator at CO that the municipality installed is just about complete. He noted that the State is delaying information that school auditors need to complete their audits. If our auditor receives the information soon, he will present it at the January meeting.

### **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 MITCHELL Seconded by FLYNN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 219-121 through 219-128.

Roll Call: 9 YES

*The Board discussed having more meetings at the Municipal Building so they are televised or set up so we can televise ourselves. It will be discussed at the January meeting.*

**219-121 - APPROVAL OF REGISTER REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the November 2018 Register Report.

**219-122 - SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, receives and accepts the attached reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of October 2018 and November 2018 “Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of October 31, 2018 and November 30, 2018 the Board Secretary’s monthly financial reports (appropriations section) did not reflect any over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected on this report and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year”

**219-123 - 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 \$239,466.14 , approved by finance committee chairperson, Jairo Rodriguez.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#66	\$209,088.21
#66A	\$ 3,902.17
L29	\$ 26,475.76

**219-124 - TRANSFERS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of transfers for the months of October 2018 and November 2018.

**October 2018**

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Acct. Description</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>New Balance</u>
11-000-213-600-00-065	Supplies & Materials	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
11-000-217-100-00-00-060	Salaries One to One Aides	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
11-000-218-104-00-00-060	Salaries Guidance Serv	\$ 31,825.00	\$30,675.00	\$ 62,500.00
11-000-218-104-00-00-065	Salaries Other Profess	\$ 31,825.00	\$31,825.00	\$ 63,650.00
11-000-262-300-00	Purch Prof & Tech Svc	\$ 32,378.00	\$28,710.00	\$ 61,088.00
11-000-262-520-00	Insurance	\$ 98,200.00	(\$8,650.00)	\$ 89,550.00
11-000-266-420-00	Security Repair Maint	\$ 63,501.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 65,501.00
11-000-291-248-00-00	Deferred Pers Pymt	\$ 7,782.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 7,904.00
11-130-100-101-00-00-070	Grades 6-8 Sal of Teach	\$2,256,325.00	(\$129,550.00)	\$2,126,775.00
11-190-100-610-20-00-065	General Supplies	\$ 71,100.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$ 69,600.00
11-240-100-101-00-00-065	Salaries of Teachers	\$ 50,101.00	\$67,050.00	\$ 117,151.00
12-000-230-730-00	Computer Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,528.00	\$ 3,528.00

**November 2018**

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Acct. Description</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>New Balance</u>
11-000-217-100-00-00-060	Salaries One to One Aides	\$ 3,000.00	\$19,800.00	\$22,800.00
11-214-100-106-00-00-060	Other Salaries-Autism	\$69,480.00	(\$19,800.00)	\$49,680.00
20-233-200-100-00	T I SIA Salaries of Prog	\$ 6,105.00	\$18,042.00	\$24,147.00
20-233-200-200-00	T I SIA Benefits	\$ 1,895.00	\$ 5,593.00	\$ 7,488.00

**219-125 - HIB DECISION**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigations #2019-02, 2019-03 and 2019-04, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the student’s parents.

**219-126 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. MALKOU**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the resignation of Meeray Malkou, lunch aide at Memorial School, effective November 27, 2018.

**219-127 - APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the new substitute teacher list for December of the 2018-2019 school year, per the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission.

**219-128 -APPROVAL OF 2019 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 2019 Board meeting calendar as follows:

January 3, 2019	Reorg	Municipal Building
January 14, 2019	Regular	Memorial
February 4, 2019	Workshop	CO
February 11, 2019*	Regular	Memorial *7:30pm
March 11, 2019	Workshop	BG
March 18, 2019	Regular	Memorial
April 8, 2019	Workshop	Memorial
April 15, 2019	Regular	Memorial
April 29, 2019	Budget Hearing	Municipal Building
May 13, 2019	Workshop	CO
May 20, 2019	Regular	Memorial
June 10, 2019	Workshop	BG
June 17, 2019	Regular	Memorial
July 22, 2019	Regular	Memorial
August 12, 2019	Workshop	Memorial
August 19, 2019	Regular	Memorial
September 9, 2019	Workshop	CO
September 16, 2019	Regular	Memorial
October 21, 2019	Regular	Memorial
November 11, 2019	Workshop	BG
November 18, 2019	Regular	Memorial
December 9, 2019	Workshop	Memorial
December 16, 2019	Regular	Memorial

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Personnel:**

**219-129 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – SUPERVISOR OF MATHEMATICS – B. CALDERON**

Motion by MITCHELL Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Bronwen Calderon, as Supervisor of Mathematics, at an annual salary of \$85,000, prorated, effective February 19, 2019 or sooner if released from current employer- June 30, 2019.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 2 NO-MITCHELL, FLYNN

**Education:**

**219-130 - WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

Motion by BARGEIL Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the following travel reimbursements for the 2018-2019 school year:

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/*Lodging&Meals
Erin Wilson	Dynamic Teaching for Deeper Reading	12/6/18	\$200	\$6.70
Gaetano Pomante	2019 NJAHPERD Annual Convention	2/25-2/26 2019	\$125	\$97.28
*Michele Pillari *Carmela Triglia *Sharon Tomback *William Krakower *Matt Cielo(majority to be reimbursed by NRESC)	Techspo 2019	1/31-2/1 2019	\$450/ea	\$268.53/ea.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**219-131 - APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve field trip for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade STRIVE students to, Buenler Challenger & Science Center, Paramus, NJ. Total cost of trip \$1,118.60, funded by the district’s budgeted STRIVE account.

Be It Further Resolved, this trip be added to the Field Trips List.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**Buildings & Grounds:**

**219-132 - APPROVAL TO HIRE FULL TIME CUSTODIAN**

Motion by BOLEN Seconded by MITCHELL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve posting to hire one full time custodian for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**Policy:**

**219-133 - APPROVAL OF EXISTING POLICIES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS**

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the revision of the following existing policies & regulations:

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
5511	Dress and Grooming	Board Recommended

Roll Call: 7 YES, 2 NO-MITCHELL, FLYNN

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Perro reminded everyone about the holiday concerts coming up at the schools. She also thanked Mrs. Marshall for her service as president this past year.

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Jason Snyder – 36 Garden Ave.

Mr. Snyder thinks parents and the board are coming together with the dress code. He also inquired why hoodies are not allowed. He also commented that at concerts and such, the students have to wear black pants so either they should be able to wear them to school or wear the uniform pants to afterschool events.

*Dr. Pillari said that hoodies were omitted from the dress code for 3 reasons;*

- 1. Students were taking items from the cafeteria, without paying, and hiding them in the pocket.*
- 2. For safety reasons. Students were grabbing other students by the hood.*
- 3. A student can hide vapes in the string hole of hoodies and vape without anyone realizing.*

*As far as the black pants at afterschool events, she said a discussion can be had about that.*

***Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Flynn both left the meeting prior to executive session.***

### **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 8:00 p.m. by MARSHALL, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. by BOLEN, seconded by SALEMI  
Voice Vote: 7 YES

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by BOLEN, Seconded by SALEMI  
Voice Vote: 7 YES

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

### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Mr. Merlino discussed the amendment request from the John P. Holland Charter School.