

**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 9, 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, Julisa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, MaryAnn Perro, Mark Salemi, Joe Giammarella  
Also Present - Michele Pillari, Dwayne Ortiz, Adam Weiss

**PRESENTATION:**

The Memorial School Choir preformed at the meeting. Mr. Schaeffer invited everyone to the Holiday Concert on 12/18.

The Board acknowledged MaryAnn Perro with a plaque for her 9 years of service on the Board.

Mr. Ortiz read the election results for 11/5/24

**WOODLAND PARK BOE ELECTION RESULTS FOR 11/5/24**

Raed Issa	927
Sanjay Desai	946
Mark Salemi	2,783
Andrew Mingione	2,549
Shannon Marren	2,585

**PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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Karen Criscione – WPEA Co-President

Mrs. Criscione thanked Mrs. Perro for her dedication to the children of the district during her 9 years on the Board.

**225-188 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by MARREN Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 workshop and the November 18, 2024 regular meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the November 4, 2024 workshop and the November 18, 2024 regular meetings.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Pillari stated there are many events coming up in all schools and will send out a list of dates to the Board members. She announced the recipients of the Governor’s Teachers/Support Staff of the Year and stated they will be acknowledged in the Spring for their achievement. Dr. Pillari said her first “official” week as acting Principal at Memorial is going well and they are making progress. She thanked the staff for all working together to help make things run smoothly. She told the Board at some juncture, they will need to discuss the potential of needing support in order for her to do both the Superintendent & Principal roles successfully.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Ortiz stated the audit is just about completed and the audit report will probably be presented in January. He stated we are currently working on next year’s budget, along with the regular duties of the business office. He also congratulated Mrs. Perro for her years of service to the Board.

**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 AMANULLAH Seconded by MCQUIN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 225-189 through 225-192.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**225-189 - 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 2024 “Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of October 31, 2024 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”

**225-190 - TRANSFERS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of transfers for the months of October 2024.

**225-191 - 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 \$554,672.31, approved by finance committee chairperson, MaryAnn Perro.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#67	\$507,079.64
#L67	\$ 47,592.67

**225-192 - HIB DECISION**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation #2025-23, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the student’s parents.

**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 RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GALBRAITH to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 225-193 through 225-200.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**225-193-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – S. BRINK**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Savannah Brink, teacher at Beatrice Gilmore School, effective January 31, 2025.

**225-194- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – S. LINK**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Sadie Link, School Nurse, effective December 20, 2024.

**225-195- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – D. DOMICOLO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Daniela Domicolo, pt aide, effective December 6, 2024.

**225-196- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – L. BACARRO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Lucia Bacarro, pt aide, effective December 15, 2024.

**225-197 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – SUBSTITUTE TEACHER – L. BACARRO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Lucia Bacarro, as a per diem substitute at Memorial, at a rate of \$175 per diem, no benefits, effective December 16, 2024.

**225-198 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LEAVE REPLACEMENT – C. ABOUZIED**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Charles Abouzied, as a leave replacement Phys. Ed teacher at BG, at a rate of \$175 per diem, no benefits, effective January 2, 2025 – April 11, 2025.

**225-199 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LEAVE REPLACEMENT – J. PLATA**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jesus Plata, as a per diem substitute, at a rate of \$175 per diem, no benefits, effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

**225-200-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
Dwayne Ortiz	NJASBO-Ethics and the BA	12/10/24	\$145	NA	\$145

**225-9A- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – H. KANG**

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ Seconded by: GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Hannah Kang, as an Art Teacher at Memorial, MA, Step 1, \$67,010, prorated, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective January 2, 2025 or pending receipt of proper paperwork. Roll Call: 9 YES

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Marren stated that as part of the Community Relations committee initiative, to bring more school activates to the meetings, she is happy to see that happening. She thanked Mr. Schaefer for the great job he’s doing with the music department. Dr. Pillari added that Sweets with the Super is also still taking place.

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No one wished to be heard

Dr. Giammarella stated that as he is ending his second term as Board President he wanted to thank everyone, past and present members, for their help and support along the way. He said that it is a team effort and he couldn't have done it without their help. He specifically thanked Mr. Weiss and Dr. Pillari for all their help along the way. Dr. Pillari thanked Dr. Giammarella for his time, patience, & understanding during his time as President.

## **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 6:47 p.m. by MARREN, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 6:54 p.m. by AMANULLAH, seconded by GALBRAITH  
Voice Vote: 9 YES

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. by PERRO, Seconded by MCQUIN  
Voice Vote: 9 YES

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

### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Dr. Pillari discussed HIB #2025-24