

**WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 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-Ann Mitchell, Maria Flynn, Tom Bolen, Mark Salemi, Maryann Perro, Dina Bargiel, Jairo Rodriguez, Laura Vargas, Lisa Marshall  
Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri, Jeff Merlino

**PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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Karen Criscione — Co-President WPEA

Mrs. Criscione had questions about resolutions 218-168 & 218-169. On 218-169 she asked if application was submitted for funds. She stated that available funds from this can be used for afterschool help for students, as well as coaching and PD for staff. Mrs. Criscione expressed concern regarding 218-169. She asked what this consultant can bring to the table. She wanted to know what background and prior experience she has in elementary education. She also asked if this person is the best fit for the staff & students, since she is not a specialist in ELA or Math and have we done due diligence, funding the money in the right manor. Mrs. Criscione wanted to know what approach the plan would be taking. She said through data analysis, we can find specific areas where help is needed. She stated one model does not fit everyone; that different subgroups have different needs. She also wanted to know if the staff and administration had a say in what is best and needed for their schools. She also said that BG staff has asked about having afterschool academic help, like Memorial has.

*Mrs. Marshall stated that resolution 218-169 was being pulled from the agenda. She said that she thought the academic support at BG was a good idea. She stated that since only two teachers signed up at Memorial, she thought that there wasn't any interest.*

Mrs. Criscione added that since this was offered mid-year, most teachers have made other commitments; other tutoring jobs, taking classes, etc. She suggested that if they continue this next year to let it be known at the beginning of the school year.

Terri Carbonelli — Co-WPEA President

Mrs. Carbonelli stated that the teachers at BG have approached her about the afterschool extra help and are interested in implementing it.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION I**

### **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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- 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*
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- 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 7:30 pm by BOLEN , seconded by MITCHELL

Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:20 pm by MITCHELL , seconded by MARSHALL \_\_\_\_

Voice Vote: 9 YES

**Second executive session was called for HIB appeal case.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION II**

### **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:21 pm by SALEMI , seconded by FLYNN

Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 9:45 pm by MITCHELL , seconded by FLYNN

Voice Vote: 9 YES

## **NEW BUSINESS — ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

### **218-162 - APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION**

Motion by MITCHELL Seconded by FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for student ID #31583 in Language Arts, for 4 hours per week, starting January 29, 2018-TBD. Instruction to be provided by Michele Behnken at a rate of \$40/hr.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 2 ABSTENSTIONS-BOLEN, VARGAS

### **218-163 - APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION**

Motion by MITCHELL , Seconded by FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for student ID #31583 in Math, for 2 hours per week, starting January 29, 2018-TBD. Instruction to be provided by Philip Eliya at a rate of \$40/hr.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 2 ABSTENSTIONS-BOLEN, VARGAS

**218-164 - APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT — N. KARPOWICZ**

Motion by MITCHELL , Seconded by FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Noreen Karpowicz, as a temporary ESL maternity leave replacement, effective 3/28/18-last day of school, at a rate of \$175 per diem, no benefits.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 2 NO-BOLEN, BARGIEL

**218-165 -APPROVAL OF AFTER-SCHOOL ESL ACADEMIC SUPPORT- N. KARPOWICZ**

Motion by MITCHELL Seconded by FLYNN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Noreen Karpowicz, as After-School Academic Support Teacher at Memorial, effective 2/20/18-TBD, 3:00pm-4:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's, at a rate of \$40/hr.

Roll Call: 8 YES, 1 NO-BOLEN

**218-166 -APPROVAL OF STAFF CLASS CHANGE- P. ELIYA**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by MITCHELL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve staff class change for Philip Eliya, from Class I, Step 9-10, \$60,670 to Class II, Step 9-10, \$67,120, retroactive to February 1, 2018, as per the WPEA salary guidelines.

Roll Call: 8 YES, 1 NO-BOLEN

**218-167 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE-LUNCH AIDE-R. BATRAKI**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by MITCHELL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Rana Batraki, as a lunch aide at Memorial, 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hrs. per day, at a rate of \$15.68/hr., no benefits.

Roll Call: 9 YES

**218-168 - APPROVAL OF ESSA TARGETED SCHOOL ACTION PLAN**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by MITCHELL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the district's ESSA Targeted School Action Plan.

Roll Call: 8 YES, 1 NO-BOLEN

*Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to formally remove action 218-169 from the agenda. Mrs. Vargas seconded it.*

*Roll Call: 9 YES*

**218-169 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FUNDED WITH 2018 ESSA GRANT (FORMERLY NCLB)**

*Motion by-- Seconded by*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve professional services contract with Waibel Educators, to be funded with 2018 ESSA Title I, SIA Grant, from 2/13/18-6/30/18, as follows;*

| <i>VENDOR</i>           | <i>SERVICE</i>               | <i>CONTRACT AMOUNT</i>          | <i>TITLE I SIA FUNDED</i> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Waibel Educators</i> | <i>Academic Intervention</i> | <i>67 days @ \$350 per diem</i> | <i>\$23,450</i>           |

**218-170-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE — PART TIME AIDE- B. POLISH**

Motion by MARSHALL Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Brett Polish, as a part time aide at BG, not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, @ \$19/hr., no benefits, as per current WPEA contract. Effective February 13, 2018-June 30, 2018.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 2 NO-BOLEN, BARGIEL

## **NEW BUSINESS — ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF THE 2/26/18 MEETING**

The Board previewed the 2-26-18 regular meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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No one wished to be heard.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION III**

#### **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:00 pm by MARSHALL , seconded by FLYNN

Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 10:21 pm by MARSHALL , seconded by FLYNN

Voice Vote: 9 YES

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 10:21 p.m. by MARSHALL , Seconded by FLYNN

Voice Vote: 9 YES

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

### **Executive Session I**

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Board discussed personnel matters on the agenda

### **Executive Session II**

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Board discussed HIB appeal case. Parent was present during most of the meeting.

### **Executive Session III**

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Superintendent discussed HIB cases 2018-05 & 2018-06