

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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, Joe Giammarella, Shannon Marren, Jairo Rodriguez, MaryAnn Perro, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Christine Tiseo

Members Absent – Laura Vargas

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

Presentation- Mrs. Triglia presented NJ Strong Start data.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

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- 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 7:43 p.m. by TISEO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:01 p.m. by GIAMMARELLA, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

222-217 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by PERRO Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 reorg and the January 31, 2022 regular meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the January 31, 2022 regular meeting.

Roll Call: 8 YES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As you know, Governor Murphy lifted the mask mandate in schools beginning on March 7th. I sent a letter home on Friday afternoon noting the same and indicating that the Woodland Park School District will lifting the mask mandate in the schools as well. Masks and all other PPE will be optional for all students, staff and visitors who opt to use these things during the school day. Preschool students and staff celebrated the color of the month, pink, today in school. Students and staff dressed in pink and worked on several preschool learning objectives featuring this color in art, patterning, math, and writing. Thank you to our HSA for the Valentine grams. Our preschool teachers have created new, engaging dramatic play areas in the classrooms. These include: a Sports Store, Ice Skating Rink, Auto Shop, Post Office and a Space Station. Role play encourages creativity and imagination, enhances communication skills, develops social and emotional skills and enhances physical development all while having fun. Our ECAC (Early Childhood Advisory Council) met to discuss next steps in building our program. We have three main committees established: Community Engagement, Needs Assessment, and Transition in Early Childhood Education. These committees are composed of various stakeholders throughout our community. We are excited, preparing and planning for the Spring and next school year. Our Preschool Lunch and Learn series continues. Last month, we discussed Behavior in the Preschool Years. Our next Lunch and Learn is titled "What is my Child Learning in Centers? Preschool teachers have partnered with Montclair State University for a special 5 part series called "Reframing Autism." Friendly reminder - Parent Teacher conferences are at School 1 tomorrow from 2-4PM and 5-7 PM. Preschool virtual registration for the 22-23 school year begins next Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. Please visit the district website for more information or call Mrs. Castrovinci to learn more about our program. Kindergarten Registration will begin online on February 22nd. 100th Day of school for students is Thursday, Feb. 17th! Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 22nd-25th. Mrs. Sanducci and Ms. McGinnis at CO School are partnering together during our SEL classes to read a story entitled, I AM LOVE. They will also have activities which support this very important message. Mrs. Sanducci has been working with the United We Create representative to schedule virtual assemblies focusing on educating our students regarding the Muslim culture. We are excited to begin. Thank you BG Families. We collected 2,156 cans/items during our SouperBowl! Items have been given to St. Agnes' Food Pantry. Thank you, Mrs. Seavy, for coordinating this very important event. Congratulations to Sebastian Huelmo! His artwork was selected for the Passaic County Poster for 2022 for the month of October! Please join us in congratulating Sebastian and Mrs. Toole! Thank you to the Municipal Alliance for supporting BG's One School One Book initiative! Thank you to Mrs. Seavy and Mrs. Perry for organizing the Trivia questions and the contests. Nine winners received books while other students received Buddy Bucks. Thank you to Pomptonian Food Services who will be providing the seven winning homerooms with a snack on Thursday. The BG School Culture and Climate Committee, Mrs. Yesenosky, Mrs. Farraye, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Seavy, Mrs. Giannino, Ms Roehrich and Mrs. Tomback have been meeting regularly to plan and prepare for the expansion of this group. 25 student leaders who will be identified as BG Influencers were accepted into the program this week. There were 65 applicants in all. BG Parent conferences are Wednesday from 2-4pm and 5-7pm. iREADY ELA and Math Winter Diagnostics went very well at BG and Memorial Schools. Grades 6-8 report cards and data reports were sent home with all students. Standards based report cards for students at Memorial School are now posted on our school website. Please review as MP2 report cards now show state standards in math and ELA. Parent conferences for Memorial School are tomorrow from 2-4 PM and 5-7 PM. Our Student council at Memorial School completed a Superbowl food drive. Thank you to all who donated! Each donation was entered in as a raffle. Please join me in congratulating Hamzy, a grade 8 student, who won the raffle prize. Dr. Pillari reported the HIB Self Assessment Scores for September – December 2021. Memorial had a score or 75/78, with 4 confirmed HIB cases, 2 alleged cases, BG 76/78, with 4 confirmed cases, 1 alleged case, Charles Olbon 73/78, School 1 73/78. Dr. Pillari also stated that they are putting together "Tea Time with the Super" where members of the community will meet with the Super about an hour prior to the meetings, in hopes that more people will attend the meetings.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy discussed the results of a federally mandated Procurement Review of Woodland Park's Food Service Program for FY 2019-2020. The purpose of the procurement review is for the NJDA to ensure that the procurement process conducted by a school food authority (SFA) complies with program and government-wide procurement standards. Federal, state and local laws and regulations specify the procurement methods that SFAs must follow to competitively procure goods and services, award contracts, and oversee contractor performance. The review was satisfactory in that purchases made using federal funds were done so economically and in a manner providing full and open competition. However, there is a monitoring form that was not filed during the FY 2019-2020 school year. He was told that this oversight was commonly found throughout the entire procurement review process throughout the state. However, a

corrective action plan was submitted indicating that we are to conduct an on-site review of our contracted food service management company twice a year, beginning this school year. The following items were given to the Board for review;

- Letter describing the procurement review
- Corrective action plan
- Form 330 - Monitoring form

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 GIAMMARELLA Seconded by GRIMES to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 222-218 through 222-223.

Roll Call: 8 YES

222-218 - 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 \$181,421.78, approved by finance committee chairperson, Jairo Rodriguez.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#68	\$146,247.06
#L64	\$ 35,174.72

222-219 - APPROVAL OF EARLY MATERNITY/MEDICAL LEAVE – C. SCILLIERI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve early maternity/medical leave for Christina Scillieri, under the Federal Family Leave, from 2/14/22-5/15/22, using accumulated sick days. Following the FFL, leave will be taken under the NJ Family Leave Act, from 5/16/22 through the end of the school year. Expected return to work, September 2022.

222-220 - APPROVAL OF NJDOE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER THREE YEAR PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the NJDOE English Language Learner Three Year Plan, as attached.

222-221- HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #2022-06, 2022-07 & 2022-08, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

222-222 – RESCIND APPOINTMENT – R. ABEDRABBO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to rescind the appointment of Ronya Abedrabbo, as a district school psychologist, previously approved at the 11/15/21 meeting.

222-223 - APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTE LIST

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the new substitute teacher list for February of the 2021-2022 school year, as per the Northern Regional Educational Services.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

PERSONNEL:

222-224 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – FT CUSTODIAN – R. DEPRIZIO

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Richard DePrizio, as a full time custodian,(currently PT custodian) Step I, \$45,895, pro-rated, as per current WPEA agreement, effective February 22, 2022 – June 30, 2022.

Roll Call: 8 YES

222-225 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PART TIME AIDE- K. BERTINO

Motion by RODRIGUEZ seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Kimberlee Bertino, as a part time classroom aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, \$24/hr., as per current WPEA agreement, not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, no benefits.

Roll Call: 8 YES

222-226 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PART TIME AIDE- C. ERAZO

Motion by MARREN, seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Connie Erazo, as a part time classroom aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, \$24/hr., as per current WPEA agreement, not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, no benefits.

Roll Call: 8 YES

222-227 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PART TIME AIDE- F. INZONE

Motion by GIAMMARELLA, seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Francesca Inzone, as a part time classroom aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, \$24/hr., as per current WPEA agreement, not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, no benefits.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 1 ABSTENTION-PERRO

222-228 – APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL HOURS WORKED – SCHOOL NURSES

Motion by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve monetary compensation for additional hours worked by school nurses, beyond contracted hours, in assisting with contact tracing, school preparedness, and other matters related to managing health & safety of students and staff in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, at a rate of \$40/hour. Total compensation not to exceed \$16,000, to be paid with funds from ESSER II - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA). Hours per staff member not to exceed the total number as listed below:

- Lauren Avallone - 75 hours
 - Teresa Carbonelli - 145 hours
 - Katie Meyer - 90 hours
 - Lynn Roehrich - 90 hours
- Roll Call: 8 YES

The following item was pulled from the agenda.

222-229 – APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – COORDINATOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITES – N. SEGARRA

Motion by _____, seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Noel Segarra, as Coordinator of Student Activities, (currently LA teacher at Memorial), at \$85,000/yr., pro-rated, effective on or about March 15, 2022-June 30, 2022.

Roll Call:

222-27A - APPOINTMENT OF LUNCH AIDES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by MARREN.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Nicole Orgo, as a lunch aide at CO, \$17.50/hr., 2 hrs. per day, not to exceed 10 hr. per week, effective pending receipt of proper paperwork-June 2022.

Roll Call: 8 YES

POLICY:

222-230 -APPROVAL OF POLICY & REGULATION REVISIONS

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the revisions of the following existing policies & regulations:

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
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2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment	Mandated
2622	Student Assessment	Mandated
3233	Political Activities	Mandated
8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts	Mandated
9560	Administration of School Surveys	Mandated

Roll Call: 8 YES

222-231-APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – 1ST READING

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 1st reading of the following new policies & regulations:

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
2431.4 & R2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries	Mandated
R2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services	Mandated
R2622	Student Assessment	Mandated
5541	Anti-Hazing	Mandated
R8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts	Mandated

Roll Call: 8 YES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations: Ms. Marren reported the committee met on 1/31/22 and discussed the following:

- Spreading positivity through artwork
 - The committee discussed an initiative to incorporate uplifting, motivating, and positive quotes on bathroom stalls in our school buildings. This initiative will allow for students to paint positive messages on bathroom stalls to brighten our schools and spread positivity.
- Special Police Officers Highlight to E-news/District website
 - The School E-News as well as the district website will incorporate profiles highlighting each of our 4 special police officers who are stationed at our schools daily.
- Alumni Day
 - The committee discussed the idea of an “open house” type of event for former students and the community to be taken on tours of our school buildings. This event would allow for WP School district alumni and the community to see the many upgrades made to the facilities in the past few years.
- Memorials for former staff members
 - Prior to Community Relations meeting, this topic was discussed at the Buildings and Grounds meeting. That committee is discussing different way to honor staff members and students.
- Update from Public Info o District E-news will continue to be sent out weekly highlighting the many exciting things going on within the district.

Negotiations Committee: Mrs. Perro reported the committee met on 2/1/22, with the WPPSA. The initial negotiation process was started and another meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

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Karen Criscione – 48 Wallace Lane

Mrs. Criscione stated that she was speaking as a taxpayer, not an employee. She stated that rumors were circulating about the BOE purchasing Magic Years Pre-School, and wanted to ask directly, as opposed to adding to the rumors.

She asked if we are planning to buy and/or lease the property. If so, where is the money coming from for rent, purchase, renovations, etc., the Pre-School Grant, the local budget, a referendum? If there is a purchase, will it be totally funded by the grant or will it come from taxpayer money? She also asked if we would be hiring additional teachers, nurse, custodians, secretary, to staff the school. She asked how do they project the enrollment and would we have enough students to warrant obtaining another building. Mrs. Criscione also asked if the grant we receive is indefinite and if it sunsets, what do we do then?

Mr. Weiss stated that they are not at liberty to discuss anything at this time regarding the lease and/or purchase. Dr. Pillari stated that there will not be a referendum and they will not be asking taxpayers for any additional money. She stated that they have been looking for another location for over a year, as School 1 can't handle the universal number set by the state. The state bases the funding on 2x the current first grade. Dr. Pillari said the grant money is used for staffing, resources, furniture, renovations, though the grant is specific as to what kind of renovations the money can be used for. Any renovations not covered by the grant will come from capital reserve funds. As far as the need for an additional property, she explained that even though we are currently using CO, it is not an optimal situation but was a good, temporary solution. Dr. Pillari stated that she has not heard of any district where the grant has sunset, she cannot guarantee that it never will, but history tells us that there is no projection for the grant to sunset.

Keith Kazmark – 871 McBride Ave.

Mr. Kazmark commended the Board on pursuing the pre-school grant money that was offered by the state. He feels having a tuition fee pre-k available to the residents is a huge help, financially, to parents. He also stated that he cannot think of a better place to use the grant money than to maintain the legacy of Magic Years in this town. Mr. Kazmark stated that he is extremely disappointed that the Board pulled the resolution to hire a Coordinator of Student Activities. He stressed the importance of this person in order to collaborate with the new recreation director, to get rec activities up and running again. He strongly urged the Board to put this resolution on the next agenda and vote it through.

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Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. by PERRO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 9:21 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by PERRO
Voice Vote: 8 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by CHAABANE
Voice Vote: 8 YES

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Attorney client privilege was discussed

EXECUTIVE SESSION II

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Superintendent discussed HIB cases 2022-09 & 2022-10
- Attorney client privilege was discussed
- Update on WPPSA negotiations