

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2019

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 – Mark Salemi, Adam Chaabane, Lisa Marshall, Dina Bargiel, Jairo Rodriguez, Laura Vargas, MaryAnn Perro

Members Absent – Chris Mania

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri

Senator Kristen Corrado presented Mr. Silverstein with a Legislative Resolution from the NJ Senate & Assembly, thanking him for his lifelong commitment to education.

The Board presented a plaque and fishing pole to retiring Memorial School Principal, Mr. Charles Silverstein, for 24 years of service to the district.

Presentation: Mrs. Alves Castrovinci, Supervisor of ELA, Mrs. Triglia, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Mrs. Bender, NJTSS-ER State Coach updated on the progress with the NJTSS Grant.

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Mrs. Pena – 24 Bush Ave. – President BG HSA

Mrs. Pena asked for use of BG Parking Lot and field behind the school for a Back to School Carnival fundraiser.

Karen Criscione – President of WPEA

In reference to resolution 219-279, Mrs. Criscione stated that it was agreed upon that the ESY aides would be working 3 1/2 hours daily.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

219-268-ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD RESIGNATION – T. BOLEN

Motion by PERRO, Seconded by VARGAS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the resignation of Board Member, Thomas Bolen, effective June 1, 2019.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-269 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

Motion by PERRO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ

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# 32378. Instruction provided by Jessica Riviera, at a rate of \$40/hr., 2 hrs. per week in each subject, Math and Science, from May 21, 2019 – TBD.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-270 - APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFER

Motion by PERRO Seconded by BARGEIL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve transfers of the following staff members, as listed:

Roll Call: 7 YES

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From School</u>	<u>To School</u>
Svorec	Michelle	SPED Teacher	Beatrice Gilmore	Memorial School

219-271 - APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST – J. MOORE

Motion by PERRO Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jenna Moore, as districtwide Library Media Specialist, at her current salary of \$68,200, effective September 1, 2019.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-272 – APPROVAL OF ESY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER – J. NEVILLE

Motion by PERRO Seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jessica Neville, as a substitute ESY teacher, on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$40/hr.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-273 – APPOINTMENT OF MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT – K. MARREN

Motion by PERRO Seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Kelsey Marren, as a maternity leave replacement at CO, at a rate of \$150 per diem, effective 6/11/19-6/19/19 and 9/3/19-12/20/19, no benefits.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-274 – APPOINTMENT OF HIRE-SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER – Z. SHAFI

Motion by PERRO Seconded by BARGIEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Zainab Shafi, as a full time special education teacher at Memorial School, MA, Step I, \$62,500, effective 9/1/19-6/30/19.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-275- APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD AND LABOR RELATIONS ATTORNEY

Motion by PERRO Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the appointment of Adam Weiss of Busch Law Group, as Board and Labor Relations Attorney, for the 2019-2020 school year, at \$165 per hour, as per attached agreement.

Roll Call: 6 YES, 1 NO-SALEMI

219-276 -APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION - CEP

Motion by PERRO Seconded by RODRIGUEZ.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to authorize the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the needs assessment and develop a comprehensive equity plan.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-277 - APPROVAL OF THE 3 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN - 2019-2022

Motion by PERRO Seconded by BARGIEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3 year Comprehensive Equity Plan - 2019-2022.

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-278 - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS 2019-2020

Motion by PERRO Seconded by SALEMI.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following staff members as Affirmative Action Officers and District Office of Equity Issues of the district for the 2019-2020 school year:

District	Jennifer Zeoli
District Alternate	Giovanna Irrizary
Beatrice Gilmore School	Erin Wilson
Charles Olbon School	Susan DiFluri
Memorial School	Meghan Glenn

Roll Call: 7 YES

219-279 APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – ESY AIDE – I. DONOVAN

Motion by PERRO Seconded by VARGAS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment Irene Donovan, as an ESY aide (to replace G. Ruzicka, previously appointed but since retired), from July 8, 2019-August 1, 2019, 4 days per week, 3 1/2 hours per day, at a rate of \$20/hr.

Roll Call: 7 YES

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF JUNE 17, 2019 MEETING

The Board discussed items to be voted on at the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Marshall asked how we go about replacing the empty board seat. Mr. DiFluri will advertise, collect the resumes and the Board will discuss and choose the best candidate. Mrs. Marshall also brought up the petition from John P. Holland Charter School to the State, to open up a K-8 school in Woodland Park. Dr. Pillari said the only thing the Board can do at this point is write a letter to the State as to why we oppose it.

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Scott Nayda – 7 Valley Dr.

Mr. Nayda wished Mr. Silverstein well on his retirement. He thanked all the staff involved in putting on the play. He asked if there were any updates on the principal search. He also asked if there was a possibility in bring back the Homework Helpers program. Mr. Nayda said he hasn't seen the new code of conduct posted anywhere. He also stated that we get many email and social media postings of events going on at PV but nothing about PCTI. He asked if we can form a relationship with them to get information for parents and students who might be interested in going there.

Jeff Iannacone – 38 Pitts Ave.

Mr. Iannacone expressed his opinion regarding the Pre-K lottery. He felt that the children would be better served if it were 20, 4 yr. olds as opposed to 10, 4 yr. olds and 10, 3 yr. olds. He feels that at age 3 it's more of a day care service than school.

Dr. Pillari addressed the questions. She said she will work with the new Principal as to data proven programs to help the students. The code of conduct is a project to be worked on over the summer and will be in place for September. She stated that we do have a relationship with PCTI but they do not send too much information for her to pass along. She said that data has shown that starting Pre-K at age 3 is beneficial to the child and that it will be a curriculum based program.

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 8:10 pm by PERRO, seconded by SALEMI
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:40 pm by PERRO, seconded by BARGIEL
Voice Vote: 7 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by PERRO, Seconded by BARGIEL
Voice Vote: 7 YES

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Dr. Pillari updated the Board on Principal search