

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2023

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, Shannon Marren, Jairo Rodriguez, MaryAnn Perro, Gina McQuin, David Amanullah, Mark Salemi, Joe Giammarella

Members Absent – Laura Vargas

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Aaron Mandel

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

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 MARREN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 223-424 through 223-430.

Roll Call: 8 YES

223-424 - RESCIND APPOINTMENT – C. PRIORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to rescind appointment of Christina Priore, previously approved at the May 15, 2023 meeting.

223-425 - RESCIND APPOINTMENT – J. KISER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to rescind appointment of Joshua Kiser, previously approved at the June 13, 2023 meeting.

223-426- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. ASSAF

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Sabreen Assaf, as a SpEd teacher at BG, MA, Step 1, \$64,530, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. (Salary changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

223-427 - APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed: (Stipend amount changes are pending settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement).

ACTIVITY	SCHOOL	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT
Yearbook Advisor	Memorial	Samantha Ament	\$400
National Jr. Honor Society	Memorial	Samantha Ament	\$800
Bus Supervisor	BG	Gaetano Pomante	\$1,550
Bus Supervisor	Memorial	Christina McGarrity	\$1,550
Morning Duty	BG	Christopher Melton	\$1,550
Asst. Play Director	Memorial	Brittany Brickner	\$1,000
Science Fair	Memorial	Kate Elman & Samantha Ament	\$275 each
Breakfast Duty	CO	Jasmine Antunez	\$800
Youth Month	Memorial	Joanne Kelly & Meghan Glenn	\$150 each

223-428 -APPROVAL OF PER DIEM RATE INCREASE – SUBSTITUTE NURSE - B. WELLS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the per diem rate increase for Barbara Wells, substitute nurse, from \$175 per diem to \$200 per diem, for the 2023-2024 school year.

223-429 -APPROVAL OF PER DIEM RATE INCREASE – SUBSTITUTE NURSE – L. SAUNDRY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the per diem rate increase for Linda Saundry, substitute nurse, from \$175 per diem to \$200 per diem, for the 2023-2024 school year.

223-430- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – K. MAIER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Kimberlee Maier, Physical Ed. teacher at Memorial effective June 30, 2022.

223-44A – APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIANS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the reappointment of districtwide part time custodian Stefano Esposito for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$27/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, no benefite, in accordance with current WPEA contract as listed: (Guide movement and/or salary increment changes are pending the settlement of the new WPEA collective bargaining agreement)

Roll Call: 8 YES

EDUCATION:

This resolution was tabled until after executive session.

Motion by Perro, seconded by Rodriguez. Roll Call: 8 YES

223-431-HIB DECISION

Motion by Seconded by

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #'S 2023-52, 2023-53, 2023-55, 2023-56, 2023-57, 2023-58, 2023-60, 2023-62, 2023-63, 2023-64, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

Roll Call:

FINANCE:

223-432- APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER-ESY

Motion by MARREN Seconded by SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve of the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide a Special Class II Officer to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the 2023 ESY program, effective July 10, 2023-August 17, 2023, at a cost to the Board of Education not to exceed \$4,370, as per attached shared services agreement.

Roll Call: 8 YES

223-433 -APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide a Special Class II Officer to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year, at an annual cost to the Board of Education of \$28,793.00 each, as per attached shared services agreement.

Roll Call: 8 YES

223-434 - APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS III OFFICERS

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide up to five Special Class III Officers to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year, at an annual cost to the Board of Education of up to \$23,381.00 each, total, up to, \$116,905.00 as per attached shared services agreement.

Roll Call: 8 YES

223-435- APPROVAL CAPITAL RESERVE WITHDRAWAL

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to increase the 2022-2023 Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs and other Capital Projects for the purpose of funding construction/renovations for an additional Pre-K school, as had originally been estimated to be \$300,000 on April 25, 2022. The revised amount for this withdrawal is \$877,912.30, which had been previously recorded and approved by the Woodland Park Board of Education by way of an expense transfer of \$440,095 on January 20, 2023, and by way of change orders totaling \$137,817.30 on April 26, 2023.

Roll Call: 8 YES

PUBLIC HEARING

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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 RODRIGUEZ, seconded by GRIMES

Voice Vote: 8 YES

Mr. Amanullah excused himself from executive session at 7:25p.m. due to a conflict of interest regarding the discussion.

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:44 p.m. by SALEMI, seconded by MARREN

Voice Vote: 7 YES

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Roll Call: 8 YES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 2023-57, 7 YES, 1 ABSTENTION-AMANULLAH

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. by MARREN, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

Voice Vote: 8 YES

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed HIB case
- Parent of student involved in HIB case spoke to Board
- Additional HIB cases were discussed.