WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES JUNE 27, 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, Laura Vargas, Jairo Rodriguez, David Amanullah, Mark Salemi, Christine Tiseo, MaryAnn Perro (via Zoom)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Karen Criscione – 49 Wallace Lane

Mrs. Criscione asked about the resolution to lease the property at Magic Year. She stated when originally discussed, it was to purchase the property but the resolution says to lease. She also asked what the cost of the lease is. *Mr. Weiss explained that the original intent was to purchase, but the BOE did not have the funds to do so at this time. The lease is written that we get first right of refusal to purchase. The Board hopes to be able to purchase the property in 2 years. Mr. Murphy stated the lease amount is \$20,000 a month, which would be funded by the DOE Pre-school Grant*

Mrs. Criscione had follow up questions. She asked what is the total amount of the grant and is that amount enough to cover the lease, salaries, benefits, supplies, renovations, etc. She just wanted to make sure that nothing was coming from taxpayer money.

Mr. Murphy explained the amount changes on a yearly basis, depending on enrollment. He stated the grant for this year was \$3,217,000, which would cover everything, excluding renovations. Renovations would be paid with capital reserve funds.

Mrs. Perro asked to make a statement. She stated that she wanted it to be known that she didn't agree with salaries being withheld from the public agenda, that the public should not have to seek out public employee salaries and was glad the salaries were posted on this agenda. Mrs. Perro stated, at the close of the 6/13 meeting, without any previous discussion, Mrs. Tiseo gave the board members a paper with realigned board committees. After reviewing, Mrs. Perro saw she was not only removed as chairperson of the negotiations committee, but also removed from the committee completely, as well as other committees she sat on. She stated that she was on those committees for the last 7 years and fully executed her responsibilities. She feels it has nothing to do with her performance, as the Board is moving forward with her recommendations. She stated that she has not been contacted to see what has been discussed up to date with negotiations and to her knowledge, there has been no negotiations committee meetings since her removal. Mrs. Perro wanted it to be known that she is there to cooperate and assist any new negotiation committee members to ensure that the students, staff and residents best interests are served.

Mrs. Tiseo replied that she, with direction of our counsel, realized that she was able to change committees as she saw fit. Negotiations is moving forward and it's not based on what was happening in the previous negotiations. She

stated that with Dr. Salemi coming on board and with a few concerns bought to her attention by the attorney, she felt it ethically responsible to make the committee changes.

Mrs. Perro wanted to know what the ethics were based on.

Mrs. Tiseo stated it was based on how some of the committee meetings were handled.

Mrs. Perro responded that she wanted to go on record to say that there were no ethics problems with the committee or any negations.

REGULAR AGENDA

PERSONNEL:

222-388 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – J. RENGULBAI

Motion by GIAMMARELLA , Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jessica Rengulbai, as a middle school math teacher, for the 2022-2023 school year, BA, Step I, \$58,080, as per current WPEA agreement.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-389 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - T. BYRNES

Motion by <u>MARREN</u>, Seconded by <u>RODRIGUEZ</u>.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Tara Byrnes, as a special ed teacher at BG, for the 2022-2023 school year, BA, Step I, \$58,080, as per current WPEA agreement.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-390 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - S. ROTHCHILD

Motion by <u>GIAMMARELLA</u>, Seconded by <u>MARREN</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Sarah Rothchild, as a teacher at BG, for the 2022-2023 school year, BA, Step I, \$58,080, as per current WPEA agreement.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-391- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – K. BESCHASTNOVA

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 Kristina Beschastonova, as an inclusion teacher at BG, for the 2022-2023 school year, MA, Step I, \$64,530, as per current WPEA agreement.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-392- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - S. QANAAH

Motion by VARGAS, Seconded by GIAMMARELLA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Sabrina Qanaah, as a districwide speech teacher, for the 2022-2023 school year, MA, Step I, \$64,530, as per current WPEA agreement.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-393 - APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u>, Seconded by <u>MARREN</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed:

Roll Call: 9 YES

| ACTIVITY | SCHOOL | STAFF MEMBER | AMOUNT |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Bus Advisor | BG | Gaetano Pomante | \$1,550 |
| Morning Duty | Memorial | Kimberlee Maier | \$1,550 |
| Morning Duty | СО | Nicole Webb | \$1,550 |

| Morning Duty | BG | Christopher Melton | \$1,550 |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Health Club | Memorial | Terri Carbonelli | \$250 |
| Asst. Play Director | Memorial | Eric Schaefer | \$1,000 |
| Play Director | Memorial | Pam Yesenosky | \$3,000 |
| Science Fair | Memorial | Samantha Ament & Kate Elman | \$550 (to be split) |
| Student Government | Memorial | Guiseppe Pollicino | \$400 |

222-394-APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFER

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u>, Seconded by <u>MARREN</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the transfer of Krista Jacobson, from districtwide ESL to Grade 2 at CO.

Roll Call: 9 YES

<u>222-395- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – F. MONTESINO</u>

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u>, Seconded by <u>GIAMMARELLA</u>.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Franny Montesino, part time aide, effective 6/23/22.

Roll Call: 9 YES

FINANCE:

222-396 - SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u>, Seconded by <u>GIAMMARELLA</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, receives and accepts the attached reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months of April 2022 & May 2022. "Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of April 30, 2022 & May 31, 2022, 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"

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-397 - TRANSFERS

Motion by GRIMES , Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of transfers for the months of April 2022 and May 2022.

Roll Call: 9 YES April 2022

| Account # | Acct. Description | Old Amount | Adjustment | New Balance |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 11-000-100-566-00 | Tuition Priv Sch Disab | \$ 49,128.00 | \$11,000.00 | \$ 60,128.00 |
| 11-000-216-320-00-00-060 | Students-Speech Rel Serv | \$ 398,354.00 | \$26,000.00 | \$ 424,354.00 |
| 11-000-217-100-00-00-065 | Salaries | \$ 119,540.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 122,540.00 |
| 11-000-219-600-00 | Supplies & Materials | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 11-000-230-331-00 | Legal Services | \$ 70,300.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 79,800.00 |
| 11-000-230-610-00 | General Supplies | \$ 3,649.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 4,149.00 |
| 11-000-251-592-00 | Miscl Purch Services | \$ 19,375.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 20,375.00 |
| 11-000-261-420-00 | Clean Repair & Maint Svc | \$ 130,800.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$ 140,800.00 |
| 11-000-261-610-00 | General Supplies | \$ 42,823.00 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 48,323.00 |
| 11-000-262-107-00-00-000 | Sal Lunch/Playgr/Aides | \$ 85,050.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$ 105,050.00 |
| 11-000-262-300-00 | Purch Prof & Tech Svc | \$ 64,733.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$ 74,773.00 |
| 11-000-262-420-00 | Clean, Repair, Maint | \$ 15,500.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 17,500.00 |
| 11-000-262-610-00 | General Supplies | \$ 117,100.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$ 132,100.00 |
| 11-000-263-420-00 | Grounds Repair Services | \$ 30,830.00 | \$11,000.00 | \$ 41,830.00 |

| 11-000-270-518-00 | Trans ESCS & CTSAS | \$ 385,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$ 415,000.00 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 11-000-291-270-00 | Health Benefits | \$2,484,372.00 | (\$143,500.00) | \$2,340,872.00 |
| 11-110-100-101-00-00-065 | Kindergarten Sal of Teach | \$ 359,350.00 | (\$40,000.00) | \$ 319,350.00 |
| 11-190-100-610-00 | General Supplies | \$ 210,775.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$ 220,775.00 |
| 11-204-100-106-00-00-060 | Other Sal for Instr | \$ 139,924.00 | (\$17,500.00) | \$ 122,424.00 |
| 11-204-100-106-00-00-070 | Other Sal for Instr | \$ 138,792.00 | (\$17,500.00) | \$ 121,292.00 |
| 11-216-100-101-00-00-065 | Sal Teach FT Pre Disab | \$ 128,750.00 | \$52,000.00 | \$ 180,750.00 |
| 20-218-200-104 | PEA Sal of Other Prof | \$ 131,040.00 | (\$10,000.00) | \$ 121,040.00 |
| 20-218-200-176-00-00-000 | PEA SS Master Teachers | \$ 125,390.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 127,390.00 |
| 20-218-200-200-00-00-000 | Health Benefits Pre-K Ed | \$ 278,041.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 286,041.00 |
| 20-487-400-732 | ARP-ESSER Noninstr Equip | \$2,093,280.00 | (\$20,000.00) | \$2,073,280.00 |
| 20-490-200-100 | ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evide | \$ 37,157.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$ 57,157.00 |

May 2022

| Account # | Acct. Description | Old Amount | Adjustment | New Balance |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 11-000-213-100-00-00-065 | Salaries | \$ 70,810.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 72,810.00 |
| 11-000-222-100-00-00-060 | Salaries Media Center | \$ 60,757.00 | (\$4,000.00) | \$ 56,757.00 |
| 11-000-222-100-00-00-065 | Salaries | \$ 48,633.00 | (\$2,000.00) | \$ 46,633.00 |
| 11-000-222-100-00-00-070 | Salaries | \$ 48,633.00 | (\$13,000.00) | \$ 35,633.00 |
| 11-000-230-331-00 | Legal Services | \$ 79,800.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 82,800.00 |
| 11-000-251-592-00 | Miscl Purch Services | \$ 20,375.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 21,375.00 |
| 11-000-262-107-00-00-000 | Sal LunchR/Playgr/Aides | \$ 105,050.00 | \$19,000.00 | \$ 124,050.00 |
| 11-000-270-503-00 | Trans Aid in Lieu of Pay | \$ 115,000.00 | (\$15,000.00) | \$ 100,000.00 |
| 11-000-270-511-00 | Cont Svc Transport | \$ 133,200.00 | (\$5,000.00) | \$ 128,200.00 |
| 11-000-270-518-00 | Trans ESCS & CTSAS | \$ 415,000.00 | \$33,000.00 | \$ 448,000.00 |
| 11-000-291-220-00 | Social Security Cont | \$ 235,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 236,000.00 |
| 11-000-291-249-00 | Oth Retire Contrib DCRP | \$ 44,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 49,000.00 |
| 11-000-291-270-00 | Health Benefits | \$2,340,872.00 | (\$71,000.00) | \$2,269,872.00 |
| 11-120-100-101-00-00-065 | Grades 1-5 Salaries | \$1,072,540.00 | \$31,000.00 | \$1,103,540.00 |
| 11-190-100-610-00 | General supplies | \$ 220,775.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 221,775.00 |
| 11-230-100-101-00-00-070 | Salaries Basic Skills | \$ 151,495.00 | \$14,000.00 | \$ 165,495.00 |
| 20-487-400-732 | ARP-ESSER Noninstr Equip | \$2,073,280.00 | (\$20,000.00) | \$2,053,280.00 |
| 20-490-200-100 | ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evide | \$ 57,157.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$ 77,157.00 |

222-398-TRANSFER OF CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u> Seconded by <u>MARREN</u>

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into a Capital Reserve Account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve Account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education has determined that up to \$650,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Roll Call: 9 YES

222-399-FY-2023 IDEA BASIC & PRESCHOOL GRANT

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, accepts FY 2023 IDEA grant award of funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2022 IDEA application

IDEA Basic \$295,441 IDEA Preschool \$10,936

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-400-FY-2023 ESEA GRANT

Motion by MARREN Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, accepts FY 2023 ESEA grant award of funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2022 ESEA application, as follows:

Title I \$427,898

Title II-A \$55.046

Title III \$16,477

Title III-Immigrant \$7,060

Title IV \$21,488 Roll Call: 9 YES

222-401-APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE NJSBA CONVENTION-2022

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u> Seconded by <u>GIAMMARELLA</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attendance of the listed district employees and Board of Education members, to the NJSBA Convention 2022 and the costs of attendance including all registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures.

Roll Call: 9 YES -WITH 3 ABSTENSTIONS JUST FOR THEMSELVES -GRIMES, GIAMMARELLA, PERRO

| | | Employee/Bd. Member | No. | Approx. | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Program Name | <u>Date</u> | <u>Name/s</u> | Attending | Event Cost | <u>Total Cost</u> |
| | | Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy | | Approx. | Approx. |
| NJSBA | 10/24-10/26 | Glen Grimes, Joe Giammarella, | | \$1,000 per | \$5,000 |
| CONVENTION | 2022 | MaryAnn Perro | 5 | person | |

222-402 - OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS 2022-ESY PROGRAM

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u> Seconded by <u>GIAMMARELLA</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the following Special Education Out of District placement for the 2022 ESY program, excluding transportation:

| ID# | SCHOOL | 7/5/2022-7/29/2022 | Aide | Related Services |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 34634 | Union St. School (BCSS) | \$5,500 | \$4,250 | \$65/session as per IEP |

Roll Call: 9 YES

<u>222-403-REVISION OF CONTRACT – TOTOWA BOARD OF ED – TUITION PAID STUDENT</u>

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u>, seconded by <u>MARREN</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to revise contract with the Totowa Board of Education, to accept tuition paid, special education student, effective July1, 2021-June 30, 2022, at a cost to the Totowa BOE of \$26,863. (Previously approved for \$43,159.)

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-404-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – PROCARE/BLAZER WORKS - ESY

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Procare/Blazerworks, to provide a special education LLD teacher for the ESY program, at a rate of \$77/hr., effective 7/5/22-7/28/22.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-405-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – PROCARE/BLAZER WORKS - ESY

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Procare/Blazerworks, to provide a special education Autism teacher for the ESY program, at a rate of \$80/hr., effective 7/5/22-8/11/22.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-406-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – PROCARE/BLAZER WORKS – 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by MARREN Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Procare/Blazerworks, to provide a one to one, registered nurse for the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate of \$78/hr., effective 9/6/22-6/22/23.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-407-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – PROCARE/BLAZER WORKS - ESY

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u> Seconded by <u>MARREN</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Procare/Blazerworks, to provide a special education LLD teacher for the ESY program, at a rate of \$77/hr., effective 7/5/22-7/28/22.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-408- APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER-ESY

Motion by <u>VARGAS</u> Seconded by <u>GRIMES</u>

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 2022 ESY program, effective July 5, 2022-August 11, 2022, at a cost to the Board of Education not to exceed \$4,000, as per attached shared services agreement.

Roll Call: 9 YES

222-53A – APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the lease agreement between Magic Years Enterprises, LLC, and the Woodland Park Board of Education for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on July 1, 2025, with renewal option periods from July 1, 2025, through July 1, 2026, and from July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027. The Board president is hereby authorized and directed to execute the lease agreement that is substantially in the same form as the one attached hereto.

Roll Call: 9 YES

POLICY:

222-409 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS - 2nd READING & ADOPTION

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following new policies & regulations:

Roll Call: 9 YES

| POLICY/REGULATION # | POLICY/REGULATION | MANDATED/RECOMMENDED |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| | Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School | |
| 1648.15 | Buildings – COVID 19 | Mandated |
| 2415.50 | Title I School Parent and Family Engagement | Mandated |
| 2416.01 | Postnatal Accommodations for Students | Suggested |
| | Special Education/Receiving Schools – Amending | |
| | Policies, Procedures, the Services Provided or the | |
| R2461.14 | Location of Facilities | Mandated |
| | Special Education/Receiving Schools – Operation of an | |
| R2461.15 | Extended Academic Year Program | Mandated |

| | Special Education/Receiving Schools – Behavior | |
|----------|--|----------|
| R2461.19 | Modification Program | Mandated |
| R9320 | Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies | Mandated |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Perro felt the ethics comment was uncalled for and wanted to clarify how the negotiations committee meetings were conducted. She stated that all meetings were attended by the Superintendent and held in the Superintendent's office, and the Board was kept up to date with the negotiations, with the exception of one meeting held without the Superintendent. Via Zoom, Mrs. Perro updated Mrs. Tiseo, Dr. Giammarella, Dr. Pillari and Mr. Weiss on the progress of that meeting.

Mrs. Tiseo replied that not all meetings were attended by Dr. Pillari.

Mrs. Perro stated that Dr. Pillari was in attendance but asked to leave one of the meetings by the employee. Mrs. Vargas stated that in previous years, Dr. Pillari was never involved in negotiations. She said for all the years she has been on the Board, they never had to negotiate the single contracts, as the committee was told that they were happy with the increases they received. She stated that if other steps needed to be taken to negotiate single contacts, they should have been informed since this is the first time that this has been done. She said that if Dr. Pillari was not in attendance for a negotiation meeting it was because the employee in question requested she not be there. Since Dr. Pillari has never been involved in negotiations in the past, they did not know it was a violation if she was not in attendance. Until she and Mrs. Perro were removed from the committee, no one said anything to them about any violation, and stated that ethics should not have been bought into this.

Mrs. Tiseo stated there were no ethics charges, but there were Board members who were reaching out directly to employees.

Mrs. Vargas stated that the employees reached out to the committee head to discuss meeting to negotiate, but it was Dr. Pillari who initiated it, as they went to her first to see what steps they needed to take.

Mrs. Perro stated that all negotiations were reported to the Superintendent, the Board, the BA and the attorney. She said nothing took place that everyone was not aware of. If Dr. Pillari was not in attendance it was because the employee requested she not be there. Mrs. Perro said she called NJSBA to make sure this was allowed and was told that the Superintendent does not have to be in attendance at all negotiations meetings. We are being advised by our attorney that the Superintendent could be and should be for our protection but there is nothing legally saying that she has to be present for negotiations.

Mrs. Tiseo stated that for the Superintendent to carry out the day to day contracts, she needs to be in negotiations with her employees, so she can say what is right, what is possible, etc. and there were some things Dr. Pillari had no idea as to what was happening.

Mrs. Perro stated that wasn't true; she was kept informed on all negotiations.

Buildings & Grounds: Dr. Salemi stated the committee met that night, prior to the meeting. They discussed plans for facilities and grounds. They talked about the cleanup and mitigation of the brook behind CO and the aesthetics of the circle. They discussed ways of increasing security measures in the buildings. They discussed improving the parking lots at School 1 in the future, but have the town make the cutouts for entrance and exits, while they are paving Newby Ave. This will save us money when we are ready to work on the parking lot.

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Maria Billson -Rockland Ave.

Mrs. Billson requested that they start a Media Club at Bear Den and Mustang Academy. She suggested the Board looks into any grant opportunities for this type of club

Karen Criscione – 49 Wallace Lane

Mrs. Criscione asked if the purchase price is guaranteed in 2 years and will the lease payments go towards the purchase price.

Mr. Weiss replied that in NJ, a public entity cannot participate in lease to own. He also stated that the price is guaranteed, but there is an escalation if we go beyond 3 years.

Tom Bolen – Supervisor of Facilities & Security

Mr. Bolen asked how the Buildings & Grounds committee had a meeting without the Supervisor there and that he asked for a meeting to be held 3 weeks ago.

Dr. Pillari responded to Mrs. Billson saying there has been discussions for a media club and hopefully can take place through the Bear Den and Mustang Academy. Dr. Pillari stated that they can have any committee meetings, with or without the Supervisor and/or Director present. Mrs. Vargas stated that Mr. Bolen has been at all the B&G committee meetings since he started working here.

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 <u>7:49</u> pm by <u>PERRO</u>, seconded by <u>AMANULLAH</u> Voice Vote: 9 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at <u>10:11_pm</u> by <u>RODRIGUEZ</u>, seconded by <u>VARGAS</u> Voice Vote: 9 YES

Action was not taken after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. by VARGAS, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ Voice Vote: 9 YES

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- The Board discussed HIB cases #2022-16, 2022-17, 2022-18, 2022-19, 2022-20 & 2022-21
- The Board discussed contract negotiations