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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODLAND PARK
NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**In accordance with the
Open Public Meetings Act
P.L. 1975, c. 231, this is to
Advise that the Woodland Park
Board of Education will hold a
Workshop Meeting, June 18, 2012
The meeting will be held in the
Memorial School
Memorial Dr.
Woodland Park, NJ
At 7:00 PM**

Formal action may be taken.

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WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 18. 2012

**MONDAY, 7:00 P.M. MEMORIAL SCHOOL
15 MEMORIAL DR.
WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424**

- Agenda:**
- 1. Opening of Meeting**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Roll Call**
 - 4. Public Hearing**
 - 5. Topics of Discussion**
 - 6. Regular Agenda**
 - 7. Public Hearing**
 - 8. Adjournment**

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED - The Board President states that this meeting of the Woodland Park Board of Education is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was provided to the North Jersey Herald & News and has been posted on the door of the Woodland Park Board of Education Administration Building.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Members Present –Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Kassai, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Salemi, Mrs. Bargiel, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. DaSilva.

Mr. Bolen arrived 7:05pm, Mrs. Hayek arrived 8:15pm

Members Absent –

Also Present -Dr. DiGiovachino, Mr. DiFluri, Mr. Merlino and D. Santulli

PUBLIC HEARING

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Mr. Sanjay Desai, Mt. Pleasant Avenue;

Mr. Desai has questions regarding action#212-270, new Interim Superintendent, contract, can we afford it, how many candidates were interviewed and what is Ms. Baldwin's experience. He also stated that he's opposed to uniforms and asked how many BOE members have children in private or Catholic schools? His third question was regarding the size of classrooms for next year and do we have enough rooms. Could we use School # 1?

Dress Code

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the dress code and the following people were in opposition of the dress code,

Mrs. Janet Russo

Laura Van Winkle

Lou Graziano

Mrs. Russo also feels there is a disconnect in what is coming from the BOE and the Administrators. They need to come together and figure out what the message is from the Administration to the BOE to the public regarding the dress code.

Allison Caratozolla, 24 Cedarhurst,

Mrs. Caratozolla feels that Mr. Sypniewski should not be let go. She stated he is a strong disciplinary figure and well respected by students. She questioned why the Library was in the same condition as last September. She also opposes the dress code and feels it should not be a priority or take precedent over education.

At the close of the first public hearing, Mrs. Mitchell, BOE President, asked Ms. Baldwin if she would like to comment on her experience and background to answer Mr. Desai's comments.

Ms. Baldwin stated that besides a teaching degree she has a Masters in Administration and Supervision. For over 20 years she taught 8th Grade, has over 20 years in Administration. She has been an Interim Superintendent in 4 different district, the last being Rutherford, NJ.

Mrs. Mitchell then responded to Mr. Desai's question regarding school # 1. She informed him that it is leased to a private school and that the building codes are not up to standard for a public school. She also asked Mr. Desai not to address any particular BOE member when speaking at a Public Hearing.

Mrs. Keating stated that a SRO needs to be a certified teacher or administrator and Mr. Sypniewski is not.

BOE members also addressed concerns regarding science lab. Mr. Pascrell mentioned that Mr. DiFluri was working extremely hard to get rooms repaired. It wasn't a matter of choosing the gym over the science lab, it was what work could be completed with school in session. Mr. Salemi explained how all the Red Tape involved takes time to get things completed.

Mr. Pascrell commended the work done by the custodians and administration to get the school ready to be opened after the Flood.

Mr. DiFluri gave the Board an update of work being completed this summer:

- 1) Science Lab completely gutted and re-done
- 2) All floors being replaced with vinyl tiles
- 3) All interior doors being replaced
- 4) All rooms being painted except the gym and cafeteria
- 5) Library being completed.

Most of this work could not be done with students in session.

Mrs. Mitchell stated the REBCO request be implemented during the summer. Mr. Kassai informed the BOE that DEP testing is for material used for plating to make it rustproof.

Mrs. Bargiel asked for an update on the phone system, bells and clocks at Memorial and the video system. She also felt that a Tech should be on site if Matt Cielo is out for medical reasons.

WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE 18, 2012

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- **Rebco Request**
- **Representative from Architectural Metal (Flood Barrier System)**

Bill Coleman spoke to Board Members before the 1st Public hearing. He explained the installation of the barriers and how they work. He also spoke to the Board regarding how the ventilation system would be protected. The Board had concerns regarding the mounting of barriers, storage of same and the garage doors. Mr. Coleman answered all the questions and concerns and explained his company would be handling the installation of the barriers.

- **Review 6/25/12 Agenda**
- **Discussion of proposed Dress Code policy**

The Board agreed to amend the Dress Code Policy and have a reading of the amended Policy at the next BOE Meeting, June 25, 2012. Amended to extend same dress code to all schools and take out the word “designated” in Item A & Item B.

Mr. Merlino and Mr. DiFluri will work on what should be put on district website.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

212-268- TRANSFER OF CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

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 \$275,000 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.

Motion by Keating, Seconded by Bolen

Roll Call Vote- 9 Yes

212-269- GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE INTERCHANGE ACT AGREEMENT

Board approval is sought to enter into a Governmental Employee Interchange Act Agreement, at the request of the New Jersey Department of Education, Acting Commissioner Christopher Cerf, for the services of Chief School Administrator Scott Rixford, from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014.

Motion by Bolen , Seconded by Pascrell

Roll Call Vote- 9 Yes

212-270- CONTRACT APPROVAL – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Resolve to approve the employment contract for Elaine Baldwin, as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period of July1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (See attached contract)

Motion by Bolen , Seconded by Pascrell

Roll Call Vote- 9 Yes

212-271- EMERGENT HIRE PART-TIME CUSTODIAN-ANTHONY TAJERIAN

The Business Administrator, The Interim Superintendent and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recommends approval of EMERGENT hire of Anthony Tajerian, as part-time custodian, at \$20/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, effective July1, 2012. No benefits.

Motion by Hayek , Seconded by Pascrell

Roll Call Vote- 9 Yes

212-272-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE INTERCHANGE ACT AGREEMENT-SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

In regard to the Board’s approval of the previous action item 212-269 approving the Governmental Employee Interchange Act Agreement between the Board, the New Jersey Department of Education, and Scott E. Rixford, the Board approves a waiver of Provision #3 and grants its consent to permit Mr. Rixford to transfer to the direct employment of the New Jersey Department of Education immediately upon his termination of employment with the Board, and removing any preclusion requiring a one year “wait time” requirement in doing so.

Motion by Bolen , Seconded by Pascrell

Roll Call Vote- 9 Yes

212-272A TO AMEDN DRESS CODE POLICY

Motion to Amend Dress Code Policy: all three schools to have same dress code and removing the word “DESIGNATED” from Item A & Item B; also to have the final reading at the June 25, 2012 regular BOE meeting.

Motion by Bolen , seconded by Bargiel

Roll call Vote: 6 Yes

3 No- Keating, Mitchell & Kassai

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**Mrs. Janet Russo
Laura Van Winkle
Lou Graziano
Sanjay Desai**

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 7:20 p.m. by Bargiel, seconded by Bolen.

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. by Keating, seconded by Pascrell.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. by Bargiel, seconded by Salemi.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at _____ p.m. by Bolen, Seconded by Pascrell

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Session #1- Personnel was discussed: non-affiliated administrator contracts for 2012-2013 school year.

Session#2- Litigation was discussed for the Special Education Case statue with the parents /student at the Banyan School.