

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2021

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, Christine Tiseo, MaryAnn Perro, David Amanullah, Chris Mania, Laura Vargas

Members Absent – Jairo Rodriguez, Adam Chaabane

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

Mrs. Vargas apologized that there wasn't audio for the first portion of the meeting held on 3/8. She stated there were technical issues with new equipment that was installed.

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

221-199 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by PERRO Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting.

Roll Call: 7 YES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pillari stated the Board had a copy of her report and that it would be posted on the website, as she wanted to use this time to inform the public of the closing of schools, effective immediately, due to multiple positive cases of COVID within the schools. She also stated that many families would be going away during the spring break, so there will also be a 2 week quarantine after the break, with a planned reopening of April 26, 2021.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy stated that there have been ongoing meetings with the custodial staff to discuss upcoming Spring projects. There will be a Buildings & Grounds committee meeting within the next week and will be reported back at the next meeting.

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 221-200 through 221-204.

Roll Call: 7 YES

221-200 - APPROVAL OF REGISTER REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the February 2021 Register Report.

221-201 - SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, receives and accepts the attached reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month of January 2021 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of January 31, 2021 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"

221-202 - 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 \$414,097.22, approved by finance committee chairperson, Jairo Rodriguez.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#69	\$371,424.07
#L53	\$ 42,673.15

221-203 - TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of transfers for the months of January 2021.

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Acct. Description</u>	<u>Old Amount</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>New Balance</u>
11-000-219-390-00-00-060	Other Purch Prof & Tech	\$ 114,200.00	\$500.00	\$ 114,700.00
11-000-230-100-00-00-000	Salaries Administration	\$ 252,424.00	\$57,000.00	\$ 309,424.00
11-000-230-530-00	Communications/Telephone	\$ 61,190.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 62,190.00
11-000-240-103-00-00-065	Salaries of Principals	\$ 117,025.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 127,025.00
11-000-240-103-00-00-070	Salaries of Principals	\$ 89,838.00	\$46,000.00	\$ 135,838.00
11-000-251-100-00-00-000	Salaries	\$ 312,152.00	\$41,000.00	\$ 353,152.00
11-000-261-610-00	General Supplies	\$ 32,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 33,500.00
11-000-262-300-00	Purch Prof & Tech Svc	\$ 40,923.00	\$27,000.00	\$ 67,923.00
11-000-262-610-00	General Supplies	\$ 110,600.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 120,600.00
11-000-263-420-00	Grounds Repair Serv	\$ 33,830.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$ 32,830.00
11-000-263-610-00	Grounds Supplies	\$ 91,00.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 10,100.00
11-000-291-270-00	Health Benefits	\$2,790,665.00	(\$60,000.00)	\$2,730,665.00
11-105-100-936	Local Contrib Pre-K Inklus	\$ 224,924.00	\$28,270.00	\$ 251,194.00
11-120-100-101-00-00-060	Grades 1-5 of Teach	\$1,440,205.00	(\$256,770.00)	\$1,183,435.00
11-190-100-340-10-00-060	Purchased Technical Serv	\$ 18,400.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 23,400.00
11-204-100-101-00-00-070	Salaries of Teachers	\$ 191,175.00	\$5,0000.00	\$ 241,175.00
11-204-100-106-00-00-060	Other Sal for Inst	\$ 55,540.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 75,540.00
11-204-100-106-00-00-070	Other Salaries for Instr	\$ 114,814.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 134,814.00
20-477-100-600	CARES (ESSER)	\$ 91,102.13	\$47,359.50	\$ 138,412.00
20-477-100-800	CARES (ESSER)	\$ 47,209.87	(\$47,209.87)	\$ 0.00

221-204 - APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the substitute teacher list for February of the 2020-2021 school year, as per the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

PERSONNEL:

221-205 - APPROVAL OF STAFF CLASS CHANGE

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve staff class changes as follows, retroactive to February 1, 2021:

Katherine Elman – from Class II, Step 4, \$65,030 to Class III, Step 4, \$69,580

Roll Call: 7 YES

EDUCATION:

221-206 -APPROVAL OF 2021 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Extended School Year Program (ESY) (autistic preschool, child with disabilities and LLD) in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.3 ©. Preschool disabilities & LLD- July 6th-July 29th, Autism – July 6th-August 12th. Programs are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm, to be held in Charles Olbon School. (Personnel and costs to be voted on at a later date)

Roll Call: 7 YES

FINANCE:

221-207-ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by PERRO Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, County of Passaic, that the preliminary 2021-2022 School District Budget be approved as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$20,138,326	\$17,439,723
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 3,772,480	NA
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 493,000	\$ 491,470
Totals	\$24,403,806	\$17,931,193

FURTHER RESOLVED: Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs and other Capital Projects, is \$500,000 that is for other capital projects, to partially fund construction/renovations for an additional Pre-K school. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,000,000, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that in addition to the facility efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

Roll Call: 7 YES

POLICY:

221-208 - APPROVAL OF EXISTING POLICIES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

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

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal	Mandated
R1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	Mandated
5330.01, R5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Mandated
7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	Mandated

Roll Call: 7 YES

221-209 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – FIRST READINGMotion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by PERRO

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

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
1643	Family Leave	New
R7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	New

Roll Call: 7 YES

221-210- APPROVAL OF EXISTING POLICIES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS - ESSAMotion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve revisions of the following existing policies & regulations regarding Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) ((Formerly NCLB))

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
2415	Every Student Succeeds Act	Mandated
2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities	Mandated
2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations	Mandated
4125	Employment of Support Staff Members	Mandated
6360	Political Contributions	Mandated
8330	Student Records	Mandated

Roll Call: 7 YES

221-211 - APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – FIRST READINGMotion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve first reading of the following new policies & regulations regarding Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) ((Formerly NCLB))

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
2415.20, R2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act	New
9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups	New

Roll Call: 7 YES

221-212 - APPROVAL OF MANDATED, ABOLISHED POLICIES & REGULATIONSMotion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

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

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
3431.1, 4431.1, 3431.3, 4431.3	Federal Family & Medical Leave Act NJ Family Leave Insurance Program	Abolished (replaced with Policy 1643)
7430, R7430	School Safety	Abolished
2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability (ESSA)	Abolished
2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers (ESSA)	Abolished

Roll Call: 7 YES

ADDENDUM**221-24A - APPROVAL OF EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – L. BEIRNE**Motion by VARGAS, Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve extended leave of absence for Lisa Beirne, effective April 1, 2021 – the end of the 2020-2021 school year, using accumulated sick days.

Roll Call: 7 YES

PUBLIC HEARING

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No one wished to be heard.

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 7:16 p.m. by VARGAS, seconded by PERRO
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:35 p.m. by PERRO, seconded by GIAMMARELLA
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Mrs. Vargas asked the Board if they would like to hold the meeting virtually while the schools are closed. The Board said they would stay in-person unless something occurs to have to go remote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. by PERRO, Seconded by GRIMES
Voice Vote:

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Superintendent discussed HIB case #2021-03
- Board discussed COVID closures
- Attorney discussed marijuana laws and implications for school policies
- Attorney discussed with Board signage changes to include marijuana
- Board discussed lease issues for pre-k
- Board discussed date of Budget Hearing