

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 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, Jairo Rodriguez, MaryAnn Perro, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Chris Mania, Laura Vargas
Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

PERSONNEL:

221-194- APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFER

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the transfer of Nicole Espinosa, from Speech teacher, to special education teacher at CO, effective March 8, 2021-on or about March 31, 2021.

Roll Call: 9 YES

221-195- CONTRACT APPROVAL – T. BOLEN

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by CHAABANE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the employment contract for Thomas Bolen, as Supervisor of Facilities and Security, for the 2020-2021 school year, @ \$85,000, pro-rated, effective April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021. The Board president is hereby authorized and directed to execute the employment contract that is substantially in the same form as the one attached hereto.

Roll Call: 6 YES, 2 NO-RODRIGUEZ, MANIA, 1 ABSTENTION-AMANULLAH

FINANCE:

221-196 - APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 PRESCHOOL AID

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2021-2022 Budget for Preschool Education Aid, as attached.

Roll Call: 9 YES

221-197 - ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion by GIAMMARELLA, Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the settlement agreement between the WPEA and the Woodland Park BOE, as attached.

Roll Call: 9 YES

POLICY:

221-198 - APPROVAL OF NEW BYLAW

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

Move the Woodland Park Board of Education suspend Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings to adopt a Bylaw or Policy and adopt Bylaw 0164.6 with one reading to be in compliance with the new emergency regulations regarding remote meetings held during a Governor-declared emergency, N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1 through 1.7 promulgated by Department of Community Affairs.

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
0164.6	Remote Public Board Meeting during a Declared Emergency	Mandated

Roll Call: 9 YES

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF 3/15/21 MEETING

Board reviewed action to be voted on at the regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pre-School – Mrs. Tiseo reported the committee met to discuss the pre-school budget for 21-22. All seemed to be in order with the exception of the enrollment number. Dr. Irizarry will contact the State to rectify the discrepancy.

Policy – Mr. Grimes reported the committee met and discussed all new and revised policies and regulations to be voted on at the regular meeting.

Finance – Mr. Murphy reported the committee met to review the preliminary budget. Revenue projections look good and local tax levy to increase 2% in accordance with the state allowance. State has provided additional COVID funds but can only be used as specified in the funding. Additional funding was obtained to cover pre-school expenses. Board will receive preliminary budget to be discussed at workshop and voted on at regular meeting.

Education – Dr. Giammarella reported the committee met to discuss the following:

1. 8th Grade Graduation
 - All blue gowns to ensure gender neutrality
 - Holding ceremony on Memorial Field. Waiting for updated guidelines from NJDOE
2. Student Progress
 - Data was provided from student performance from latest testing window
 - Mrs. Triglia provided rationale for increases and decreased in student progress
3. Instructional Strengths
 - Discussed programs in place to strengthen core instruction
 - Reading pathways were developed for Virtual Instruction to support academic interventions
 - Ready Classroom was adopted in K-8 to promote conceptual thinking in math
 - Rubrics are in place to measure student progress and available to access on district homepage
4. Needs and Plans for the Balance of the School Year
 - Discussed the need to collect data that is accurate to truly address learning loss and a plan for learning acceleration
 - Developing Student Learning Objectives to align with curriculum standards in Math and ELA
 - Developing plans to revise current criteria for students in need of academic intervention

- Memorial School’s report card will be revised to represent a blend of standards based grading and traditional grading
5. Ed. Foundation
- Due to current state of affairs, it was suggested to wait for a period of time before moving forward with this fundraising organization

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Deyanira Pena - 24 Bush Ave

Ms. Pena asked if sports programs, through the school, could be implemented in the spring and fall.

WPEA- Thanked the custodians for all the work they did with snow removal last month.

Sanjay Desai – 186 Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Mr. Desai questioned the hire of the Supervisor of Facilities & Security. He feels that the money for this should go to the children. He questioned if a security check is done before hiring. He also asked where the money is coming from to cover this salary. Mr. Desai asked when busing would be returning to the district.

Dina Bargiel – 3 Kay Pl.

Mrs. Bargiel thanked the Board for doing the right thing by keeping the students and staff safe. She also addressed Mr. Desai stating his comments were without merit.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by PERRO, Seconded by TISEO

Voice Vote: 9 YES