

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2020

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 – Lisa Marshall, Joe Giammerella, Christine Tiseo, Jairo Rodriguez, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Chris Mania, Laura Vargas

Members Absent –MaryAnn Perro

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri, Paul Murphy

PUBLIC HEARING – BOND ORDINANCE ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

220-230 - APPROVAL OF BOND REFUNDING ORDINANCE

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following refunding bond ordinance.

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$4,652,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$4,800,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$4,800,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID BOARD TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by The Board of Education of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Board" or "School District") is hereby authorized to refund \$4,652,000 aggregate principal amount of the Board's outstanding School Bonds, dated April 15, 2010 and maturing on or after April 15, 2021 (the "Outstanding Bonds").

The Outstanding Bonds bear interest from their date at the rates per annum, payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year until maturity or prior redemption, and mature in annual installments on April 15 in each year, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$375,000	4.00 %
2022	390,000	4.00
2023	410,000	4.00

2024	430,000	4.00
2025	455,000	4.00
2026	475,000	4.00
2027	490,000	4.00
2028	520,000	4.00
2029	535,000	4.00
2030	572,000	4.125

The Outstanding Bonds are subject to optional redemption on or after April 15, 2020 at a redemption price of 100%. The Board may determine by subsequent resolution not to refund a portion of the Outstanding Bonds.

Section 2. The Board has ascertained and hereby determines that the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance have not been paid or discharged and that the Board is authorized by Section 61.2 of the School Bond Law (Chapter 24 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "School Bond Law") to issue its refunding bonds as hereinafter provided to refund the Outstanding Bonds. The object of the refunding is to effect debt service savings for the Board.

Section 3. A sum not exceeding \$4,800,000 is hereby appropriated (a) to refund the Outstanding Bonds set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,652,000 and (b) to pay an amount not exceeding \$95,000 for the cost of the issuance of the refunding bonds, including underwriter's compensation, printing, advertising, accounting, financial, legal or other expenses therefor, as permitted by Section 61.2 of the School Bond Law (collectively, the "Purpose").

Section 4. To finance the Purpose, refunding bonds of said Board in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,800,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the School Bond Law (the "Refunding Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be sold at private sale by resolution of the Board and shall be in registered form and shall contain the word "refunding" in their title and shall recite that they are issued pursuant to the School Bond Law and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date, bear interest at such rate or rates per annum, be payable at such time or times, be in such denominations, carry such registration privileges, be executed in such manner consistent with the provisions of the School Bond Law for bonds of a school district, be payable at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as may be hereafter determined by resolution of the Board within the limitations prescribed by law.

Section 5. The Refunding Bonds shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Board and unless paid from other sources, the Refunding Bonds and the interest thereon are payable from ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property within the School District, without limitation as to rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the Board are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the Refunding Bonds. Each Refunding Bond issued pursuant to this ordinance shall recite that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of the Refunding Bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the Refunding Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the Board, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State.

Section 6. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to execute a certificate addressed to the underwriters of the Refunding Bonds stating that the preliminary official statement to be prepared by the Board with respect to the Refunding Bonds is "deemed final" as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The distribution of such preliminary official statement to potential purchasers of the Refunding Bonds is hereby approved.

Section 7. All matters with respect to the Refunding Bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions to be hereafter adopted by the Board, or the performance or determination thereof delegated by resolution or resolutions, to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that a supplemental debt statement has been filed with respect to the Refunding Bonds in accordance with the requirements of Sections 17 and 61.4 of the School Bond Law.

Section 9. The Board is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements that may be necessary to effect the purchase of securities, as permitted by Sections 61.5 and 61.10 of the School Bond Law, to accomplish the refunding.

Section 10. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Roll Call: 8 YES

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Parent – A parent of a child who does not meet the 10/1 age cutoff for kindergarten registration asked the Board if an exception can be made. She was told she can make an appeal to the Board, to be discussed at a later time, and was asked to communicate with Dr. Pillari beforehand.

FINANCE:

220-231 - ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by VARGAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, County of Passaic, that the preliminary 2020-2021 School District Budget be approved as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$20,018,589	\$17,097,768
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,204,682	NA
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 561,795	\$ 561,795
Totals	\$22,785,066	\$17,659,563

FURTHER RESOLVED: Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs and other Capital Projects, is \$900,000 that is for other capital projects including the renovation of 5 classrooms and 1 kitchen, including air conditioning and asbestos floor abatement at Charles Olbon School and subdivision of classroom at Beatrice Gilmore. The total cost of the project is \$900,000, 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED: General fund budget includes a \$180,408 tax levy adjustment for increased enrollment.

Roll Call: 8 YES

220-232 -TRAVEL EXPENDITURE

Motion by MANIA Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, in accordance with State travel regulations, the maximum travel/workshop expenditures amount for the 2020-2021 school year shall be \$58,550.

Further resolved the Board established \$56,650, as the maximum travel expenditure for the 2019-2020 school year and has expended year to date amount of \$47,778. (Majority of expenditures are for teacher workshops)

Roll Call: 8 YES

PERSONNEL:

220-233 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of home instruction for student ID#32121, Monday – Thursday, 2.5 hours per day. Instruction to be provided by Katharine Elman, Tuesday & Thursday and Christina Dizza, Monday & Wednesday, at a rate of \$40/hr., effective 2/25/2020-TBD.

Roll Call: 8 YES

220-234- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. FERATI- *Withdrawn from agenda*

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the resignation of Mimoz Ferati, lunch aide at BG, effective March 27, 2020.

Roll Call: 8YES

220-235- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – MEDICAL LEAVE REPLACEMENT – S. KHALIL

Motion by CHAABANE Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Samira Khalil, as a leave replacement at CO, \$150 per diem, effective receipt of proper paperwork – June 25, 2020.

Roll Call: 8 YES

EDUCATION:

220-236 - APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP – LIFE TOWN

Motion by TISEO Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve field trip for grades 3-8 Growing Minds classes, to Life Town, Livingston, NJ., on March 26, 2020, at a cost of \$35 per student, at no cost to the district.

FURTHER RESOLVED to add this trip to the approved field trips list.

Roll Call: 8 YES

220-237 - APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP – NJ SEA LIFE AQUARIUM

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by CHAABANE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve field trip for Grade 2 students, to NJ Sea Life Aquarium, East Rutherford, NJ, on May 5, 2020, at a cost of \$20 per student, at no cost to the district.

FURTHER RESOLVED to add this trip to the approved field trips list.

Roll Call: 8 YES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

220-238- DISPOSAL OF AGED/NON-REPAIRABLE AUDITORIUM CHAIRS

Motion by TISEO Seconded by CHAABANE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve disposal of 267 aged/non-repairable student stack chairs at Memorial School.

Roll Call:

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF THE MARCH 23, 2020 MEETING

The Board discussed items to be voted on at the regular meeting.

The Board discussed measures being taken to protect the district from the spread of coronavirus. The custodial staff will be coming in on weekends for deep cleaning of the schools for the next 4 weeks. They also discussed a contingency plan should the school have an emergency closing. The Board also thought it would be in the best interest of the students and staff if all scheduled field trips for the month of March be canceled, with efforts to reschedule. If any monies are not refundable, the Board will incur those costs, as not to be a financial burden to families.

220-14A – CANCELATION OF MARCH FIELD TRIPS

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve cancelation of all scheduled field trips for March 2020, with the Board incurring any non-refundable costs.

Roll Call: 8 YES

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: The committee discussed the summer remedial program and the students who would benefit most from it.

Dr. Pillari stated tickets for the Pre-K lottery can be obtained on the following dates:

April 6, 2020 – 8:30am—4:00pm

April 7, 2020 – 8:30am – 8:00pm

April 8, 2020 - 8:30am - 4:00pm

April 9, 2020 - 8:30am -12:30pm

April 20 & 21, 2020—8:30am - 4:00pm

The lottery will be drawn on April 21, 2020, 6:30pm, at the Municipal Building.

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Karen Criscione: President WPEA

Mrs. Criscione asked if perspective Pre-K families applying for the lottery will be vetted before they receive a ticket as to weed out anyone who does not qualify. *Dr. Pillari said the vetting will be done after the drawing.* She also asked if the whole Board was aware of the requirement Dr. Pillari made that all middle school teachers have to be content certified or they would be transferred to K-5 schools. She stated that most of the veteran teachers have older certifications declaring them highly qualified, as opposed to content certified which according to the State, qualifies them to teach grades 6-8. She also stated that since this was a requirement by administration, the WPEA is requesting the Board reimburse those teachers for costs incurred.

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 resume 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 8:00 pm by TISEO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:12 pm by TISEO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. by TISEO, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- The Board discussed parental request seeking transportation reimbursement.