

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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, Shannon Marren, Gina McQuin, David Amanullah, Joe Giammarella
Members Absent – Laura Vargas, Jairo Rodriguez, MaryAnn Perro, Mark Salemi(arrived at 7:31pm)
Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Tomback, Director of Curriculum, presented the 2022-2023 NJSLA data.

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

PERSONNEL:

The following personnel items have been deemed to be non-controversial in a matter of routine business and will be voted on by one motion. Any item deemed controversial can be removed and voted on as a separate agenda item.

Motion by MARREN Seconded by MCQUIN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 224-167 through 224-182.

Roll Call: 5 YES

224-167 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – K. FINAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Kevin Finan, teacher at BG, effective 12/18/23 or sooner if a replacement is found.

224-168 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – R. HAWKINS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Rosa Hawkins, teacher at Memorial, effective 12/21/23 or sooner if a replacement is found.

224-169 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – S. BARRETT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Shashell Barrett, school nurse, effective 12/21/23 or sooner if a replacement is found.

224-170 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – A. MANTIONE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Alessandra Mantione, school nurse, effective 12/24/23 or sooner if a replacement is found.

224-171 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – E. DEMARCO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Emily DeMarco, part time aide, effective November 1, 2023.

224-172 - RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. ROLLO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of the appointment of Sabrina Rollo, as an elementary teacher at CO, (currently long term sub) BA, Step 1, \$59,385, pro-rated, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective October 21, 2023.

224-173 - APPROVAL OF EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVE – K. URGO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve extended maternity leave for Katelyn Urgo, from January 2, 2024-the end of the school year, with no pay or benefits. Expected return to work, September 2024.

224-174 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LONG TERM SUB -DIANNA GRASSO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Dianna Grasso, as a long term sub, effective November 7, 2023 through December 22, 2023, at \$175 per diem, not benefits.

224-175 - APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the staff transfer of Lorna Giron from BG to Memorial.

224-176 - CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT – S. SISCO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve change in assignment for Sarah Sisco, from lunch aide to part time aide, effective 11/7/23.

224-177 - WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL & RATIFY APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve/ratify the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel	Total
Kimberly Leary	Self-Evaluation of Supports for Emergent Bilingual Acquisition Training	1/18-1/19 2024	\$350	\$15.82	\$365.82
Sharon Tomback	Atlas Regional Workshop	11/2/23	NA	\$53.06	\$53.06
Meghan McGinnis	SPHERO	2/23/2024	NA	NA	NA
Meghan McGinnis	MAKEY MAKEY	3/15/2024	NA	NA	NA
Donna Farraye	Legal One Anti Bullying Professional Advanced Certificate of Mastery	Self-Paced	\$675	NA	\$675
Debra Nussbaum	Mossflower Reading & Writing Project	Virtual	\$100	NA	\$100
Dounia Omran Hannah Arp Michelle Svorec	Teaching Readers Who Struggle using LLI Lessons In the Primary Grades	Virtual	\$519/ea	NA	\$519
Kimberly Leary	The Self Evaluation of Supports for Emergent Bilingual Acquisition Training	11/16/11/17 2023	\$350	\$15.82	\$365.82
Suzanne Socha	ALES Trauma Informed & SEL	11/30/2023	\$75	NA	\$75
Krystina Reilly	NJEA Conference	11/9 & 11/10 2023	\$150	\$57.55	\$207.55

224-178 -APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTE LIST

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the new substitute teacher list for October of the 2023-2024 school year, as per the Northern Regional Educational Services.

224-179- APPROVAL OF STIPEND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISORS FOR ACADEMIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following administrators to supervise the afterschool academies, at a stipend rate \$780 each, effective 11/13/23-12/14/23.

Stephen Scholtz	Charles Olbon
Jessica Mastropaolo	Beatrice Gilmore
Krystina Reilly	Memorial

224-180 -APPROVAL OF MEMORIAL SCHOOL'S MUSTANG ACADEMY STIPENDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve staff to run Memorial School's Mustang Academies, at \$46/hr., as follows:

ACTIVITY	ADVISOR	HOURS PER WEEK	DATES OF PROGRAM
Art Club	Donna Farrell	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Berkeley Experience	Katie Williams	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
eSports Club	Bill Krakower	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Facts & Snacks	Dustin Walters	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Music Club	Eric Schaefer	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Robotics	Samantha Ament	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Volley Ball	Christina McGarrity	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Weight Training/Nutrition	Cynthia Guerrero & Christopher Bates	Up to 4/ea	11/13/23-12/14/23

224-181 -APPROVAL OF BEATRICE GILMORE SCHOOL'S BEAR DEN ACADEMY STIPENDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve staff to run Beatrice Gilmore School's Bear Den Academies, at \$46/hr., as follows:

ACTIVITY	ADVISOR	HOURS PER WEEK	DATES OF PROGRAM
Be Crafty	Christopher Melton & Charlene Nyenhuis	Up to 4/ea	11/13/23-12/14/23
Be Musical	Taylor Andresen	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Be Smart	Samantha Calkins, Chelsea Petrecca, Saldjana Bursac	Up to 4/ea	11/13/23-12/14/23
Brain Games	Gaetano Pomante & Mary Rose Scarpa	Up to 4/ea	11/13/23-12/14/23
Lego Club	Tamara Amos, Tina Perez, Kimberlee Bertino	Up to 4/ea	11/13/23-12/14/23

224-182 - APPROVAL OF CHARLES OLBON SCHOOL'S CHIPMUNK CHAMPION ACADEMY STIPENDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve staff to run Charles Olbon Chipmunk Champion Academies, at \$46/hr., as follows:

ACTIVITY	ADVISOR	HOURS PER WEEK	DATES OF PROGRAM
Fun with Foundations	Krystal Greco, Stephanie Pezzutti, Nicole Webb	Up to 4/ea	11/13/23-12/14/23
Mighty Mathematicians	Crismari Rosario	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23
Substitute Teacher	Meghan Burke, as needed	Up to 4	11/13/23-12/14/23

224-22A- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – R. SAKHAT

Motion by MARREN Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Rita Sakhat, as a part time classroom aide, for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$25.94/hr., no benefits. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

Roll Call: 5 YES

224-23A- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – N. MILKOVA

Motion by MCQUIN Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Nadica Milkova, as a part time classroom aide, for the 2023-2024 school

year at a rate of \$25.94/hr., no benefits. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

Roll Call: 5 YES

224- 24A -RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

Motion by: MARREN Seconded by: MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for student ID#32615. Instruction provided by Elizabeth Boonstra, at a rate of \$46/hr., not to exceed 10 hours per week, retroactive to September 7, 2023-the end of the school year.

Roll Call: 5 YES

EDUCATION

224-183 - APPROVAL OF THE 2024-2025 PRESCHOOL PLAN

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by MARREN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Preschool Plan for the 2024-2025 school year, as attached.

Roll Call: 5 YES

224-184 - APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP – FIELD STATION DINOSAURS

Motion by MARREN Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve field trip to Field Station Dinosaurs in Leonia NJ, for Charles Olbon 1st Grade, on May 9, 2024, at no cost to the BOE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Field Station Dinosaurs be added to the annually approved Field Trips List.

Roll Call: 5 YES

224-185 WAS TABLED UNTIL AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

224-185 -HIB DECISION

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #'s 2024-03, 2024-04, 2024-05, 2024-06, 2024-07, 2024-09, 2024-15, 2024-16, 2024-17, 2024-18, 2024-19, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

Roll Call:

FINANCE:

224-186 -APPROVAL -NRESC –TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the transportation contract with NRESC for the following 2023-2024 bus routes:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (+ surcharge)	Starting Date
Q3086	ECC	FYFA LLC	2	12,650.00+379.50	9/7/23-11/30/23
Q3087	BG	Prestige Xpress	1	10,175+305.25	9/7/23-11/30/23

Roll Call: 5 YES

224-187 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – GOOD TALKING PEOPLE

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Good Talking People, LLC, to provide speech therapy services, to cover leave replacement, up to 5 days a week at \$100/hr.

Roll Call: 5 YES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

224-188 - APPROVAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY

Motion by: GRIMES , Seconded by: MCQUIN

WHEREAS, Woodland Park Board of Education has determined to move forward with the Premiere Marketing LLC dba Transparent Energy to further develop a district wide solar project; and

WHEREAS, Woodland Park Board of Education is committed to promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship

within its educational community; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy sources such as solar power play a vital role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating climate change, and advancing a clean energy future; and

WHEREAS, solar energy systems provide an opportunity for Woodland Park Board of Education to generate clean and sustainable electricity, reduce energy costs, and serve as an educational tool for students, staff, and the community; and WHEREAS, the installation of solar panels on school buildings and other suitable sites can contribute to the overall energy mix of our district, leading to long-term financial savings and a positive environmental impact.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Administrator of Woodland Park Board of Education is hereby authorized, on behalf of Woodland Park Board of Education, to execute a Letter of Authorization and Exchange Agreement for onsite renewable project development with Premiere Marketing LLC dba Transparent Energy.

Roll Call: 5 YES

224-189 - SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION DRILLS FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by: MARREN, Seconded by: MCQUIN

WHEREAS, School Bus Evacuation Drills are to be conducted and documented each school year; and WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC 6A:27 – 11.2) School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills must be organized and supervised by school administrators and conducted twice each school year for all students who are transported to and from school; and WHEREAS, the school bus driver and bus aide shall participate in the emergency exit drills; and WHEREAS, the Woodland Park School District Schools listed below have completed mandated School Bus Evacuation Drills

BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Park Board of Education ratifies the action of the Superintendent in approving the implementation and documenting School Bus Evacuation Drills for the 2023-2024 school year pursuant to the New Jersey Administrative Code (N JAC 6A:27- 11.2) where School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills must be conducted twice each school year.

Drill 1:

School: Beatrice Gilmore

Date: 10/19/23

Time: 2:45-2:48 am

Location: 1075 McBride Ave, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Route number(s): 2005, 2906

Person overseeing: Dr. Pillari

Date: 11/2/23

Time: 8:00 am

Location: 1075 McBride Ave, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Route number(s): BG-T1

Person overseeing: Dr. Pillari

School: Charles Olbon

Date: 10/26/23

Time: 8:45 - 8:55 am

Location: 50 Lincoln Lane, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Route number(s): 2013, 2642, CO-T1, CO-T2

Person overseeing: Mr. Scholtz

School: Memorial

Date: 10/18/23

Time: 7:54 - 8:13 am

Location: 15 Memorial Drive, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Route number(s): MS-T2, 2570, 2642

Person overseeing: Ms. Socha

Roll Call: 5 YES, 1 ABSTENTION-SALEMI

224-25A - APPROVAL OF HOUSE SYSTEM 5K COLOR RUN FUNDRAISER

Motion by: MARREN Seconded by: MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve Memorial School House System 5K Color Run Fundraiser, April 13, 2024 (rain date April 14, 2024). Specific details to follow once approval is granted and finalized.

Roll Call: 6 YES

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Pillari stated that the State of NY Department of Education will be coming to observe our Teaching Strategies Pre-K model program. She also discussed the afterschool academies and the field trip that is on tonight's agenda.

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Karen Criscione-President WPEA

Mrs. Criscione had questions about the solar panel resolution on tonight's agenda. She asked where the panels would be placed and would they be at all schools. Mr. Murphy stated that this was just a preliminary approval for the company to gather information and specifications. No work will be done without a further vote.

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 7:39 pm by GRIMES, seconded by MCQUIN

Voice Vote: 6 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:18 pm by SALEMI, seconded by GRIMES

Voice Vote: 6 YES

224-185 -HIB DECISION

Motion by MARREN Seconded by AMANULLAH

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Roll Call: 6 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by MARREN, Seconded by MCQUIN

Voice Vote: 6 YES

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Parent met with the Board in Executive Session for determination/hearing of HIB case.
- Dr. Pillari discussed HIB case #2024-21, 2024-25, 2024-26 & 2024-27