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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOODLAND PARK  
NEW JERSEY  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING ON  
SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT  
AND**

**REGULAR 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  
Regular Meeting  
October 21, 2024**

**The meeting will be held in the  
Municipal Building  
5 Brophy Lane  
Woodland Park, NJ  
at 7:00 PM**

**Formal action may be taken**

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**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2024**

**MONDAY, 7:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**5 BROPHY LANE**  
**WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424**

- Agenda:**
- 1. Opening of Meeting**
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 3. Roll Call**
  - 4. Public Hearing on Superintendent's Contract**
  - 5. Approval of Superintendent's Contract**
  - 6. Public Hearing**
  - 7. Approval of Minutes**
  - 8. Superintendent's Report**
  - 9. Board Attorney's Report**
  - 10. Business Administrator's Report**
  - 11. Committee Reports**
  - 12. Old Business**
  - 13. New Business**
  - 14. Public Hearing**
  - 15. Executive Session**
  - 16. Adjournment**

### **Mission**

The Mission of the Woodland Park School District is to provide a well-rounded educational experience which will prepare our students to develop high levels of academic achievement, engage in a lifelong desire to learn and develop a deep respect for life, individuality and diversity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and our global society.

### **Vision**

To work collaboratively in order to foster an environment that supports continuous learning and achievement for all stakeholders in our community.

In order to achieve this, we are committed to continuous job-embedded learning for all educators.

**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2024**

**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 -

Members Absent –

Also Present -

**PUBLIC HEARING –EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR DR. MICHELE PILLARI, SUPERINTENDENT**

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**225-138-APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR DR. MICHELE PILLARI, SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the employment agreement, as previously approved by the Executive County Superintendent for Passaic County, for Dr. Michele Pillari, Superintendent of Schools, from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029. The Board President, Board Secretary and Board Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions to effectuate this action of the Board.

**PRESENTATION** – Sharon Tomback will present Access Scores for ELL

**PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**225-139 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2024 workshop and the September 16, 2024 regular meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the September 23, 2024 workshop and the September 16, 2024 regular meetings.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 225-140 through 225-143.

Roll Call:

### **225-140 - 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 August 2024 “Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of August 31, 2024 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”

### **225-141 - 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 \$932,875.63, approved by finance committee chairperson, MaryAnn Perro.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#64	\$807,459.75
#65	\$ 61,861.52
#L64	\$ 63,554.36

### **225-142- HIB DECISION**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation #2025-01, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the student’s parents.

### **225-143-HIB GRADES AND APPROVAL OF SELF ASSESSMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the submission of the school self-assessment for determining HIB grades for each school for the 2023-2024 school year.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

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

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 225-145 through 225-153.

Roll Call:

### **225-144 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – D. FARRELL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Donna Farrell, district art teacher, effective 12/11/2024.

### **225-145 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. SIMPSON**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Melinda Simpson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at BG, effective 12/11/2024.

### **225-146 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. BENJELLOUN**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Majdouline Benjelloun, lunch aide at BG, effective 10/11/2024.

**225-147 - APPROVE TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS 225-131 & 225-132– APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – N. MESSINEO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Nicholas Messineo, as a floating substitute teacher and Phys. Ed leave replacement, previously approved at the 10/7/24 meeting.

**225-148 – APPOINTMENT OF HIRE-FULL TIME CUSTODIAN- A. LIJOI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Arnold Lijoi, as a full time custodian, (currently part time), for the 2024-2025 school year, at \$49,010, pro-rated, in accordance with the current WPEA contract. Effective 11/1/2024.

**225-149- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PART TIME CUSTODIAN – J. HENDERSON**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Joseph Henderson, as a part time custodian, for the 2024-2025 school year, at \$28.99/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, in accordance with the current WPEA contract, effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

**225-150 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN – D. DIDY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Drugueston Didy, as a substitute custodian, at a rate of \$20/hr., effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

**225-151 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN – C. OCCHIUZZI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Carmen Occhiuzzi, as a substitute custodian, at a rate of \$20/hr., effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

**225-152 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed:

Title	School	Name	Amount
Morning Duty (M-W-F)	BG	Amanda Samra	\$924 (pro-rated)

**225-153 - WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve/ratify approval the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Rasha Najim	Interpreting Access for ELL Score Reports	11/6/24	\$150	NA	\$150
Suzanne Socha	Using the MTSS Model for Social, Emotional & Behavioral Supports	11/13/24	NA	NA	NA
Sharon Tomback	Gifted & Talented Education in NJ	11/14/24	\$75	NA	\$75
Krystina Reilly	Integrating Tools for Powerful Learning w AI	10/9/24	NA	NA	NA
Teri Carbonelli	Stop the Bleed	12/12/24	NA	NA	NA
Teri Carbonelli	Suicide Prevention	10/29/24	NA	NA	NA
Dwayne Ortiz	24-25 Academy – Purchasing Basics	10/28/24	\$50	NA	\$50

**FINANCE:****225-154 ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the settlement agreement between the WPBOE and the WPEA, regarding DCRP contributions, as attached.

**225-155 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER-ESY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide a Special Class II Officer to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the 2024 ESY program, effective July 8, 2024-August 15, 2024, at a cost to the Board of Education not to exceed \$4,800.48, plus \$3,675.00 for Police Training Commission State Certification course, as per attached shared services agreement.

**225-156 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – GEESE POLICE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of contract with Geese Police, to provide geese control at Memorial Field, Memorial Middle School and School 1, effective April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025, at a rate of \$505 per week.

**225-157 -APPROVAL -NRESC –TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the transportation contract with NRESC for the following 2024-2025 bus routes:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (+ surcharge)	Starting Date
Q3685	Allegro School	Omar Tours	1	13,530.00+811.80	9/27/24-11-29-24

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:****225-158 - DISPOSAL OF DAMAGED, UNFIXABLE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve disposal of assorted damaged, unfixable technology equipment, as per attached list.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****PUBLIC HEARING**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Voice Vote:

Motion to return to Regular Session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Voice Vote:

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at \_\_\_\_ p.m. by\_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Voice Vote:

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

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**