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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODLAND PARK
NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF
WORKSHOP 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
Workshop Meeting, October 3, 2011
The meeting will be held in the
Memorial School Library
Memorial Dr.
Woodland Park, NJ
At 7:00 PM**

Formal action may be taken.

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WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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WORKSHOP MEETING

MONDAY, 7:00 P.M. **MEMORIAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**
MEMORIAL DR.
WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424

- Agenda:**
- 1. Opening of Meeting**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Roll Call**
 - 4. Public Hearing**
 - 5. Bills List**
 - 6. Public Hearing**
 - 7. Adjournment**

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORKSHOP MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED - The Board President states that this meeting of the Woodland Park Board of Education is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was provided to the North Jersey Herald & News and has been posted on the door of the Woodland Park Board of Education Administration Building.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Members Present - Jo-Anne Mitchell, Ron Pascrell, Robert Kassai, Mark Salemi, Tom Bolen and Tanya DaSilva

Members Absent –Francie Keating, Dina Bargiel & Tara Hayek

Also Present -Jeff Merlino, Tom DiFluri, Dr. DiGiovachino, Mr. Duncan from NJSBA, D. Santulli

PUBLIC HEARING

Please remember that this is a public meeting. Anything you say will be public record. As a result, pursuant to law, the Board Members cannot respond to you publicly concerning certain matters, such as those regarding an individual student. If there is a matter that you wish to remain private, we welcome you to discuss it with the Superintendent or a Board Member after the meeting or later at a mutually convenient time.

No One Wished to be Heard.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Pascrell, Seconded by Bolen. to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$ 64,252.00, subject to review and approval by Finance Chairperson, Francie Keating.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#67	\$64,252.00
Total Bill Lists	\$64,252.00
Roll Call Vote	- 6 Yes

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- **GEESE CONTROL-** Mr. DiFluri presented two proposals for geese control as asked by Mr. Pascrell. The proposals were for the Memorial fields and Zaccaria Park- By including Zaccaria Park we were given a better price and we are hoping the Borough of Woodland Park will split the cost with us. Mr. Pascrell will call Mr. Galland and set up a meeting with Mr. DiFluri, as long as board agrees, to further this process. Contractor is NJ Wild Geese Control, North Arlington, NJ.
- **TEMPORARY HEAT-** Mr. DiFluri explained the ventilators that were destroyed during the hurricane would take approximately 6 more weeks for delivery and approximately 2 weeks more to be installed, bringing us into cold weather. Mr. DiFluri has obtained a quote from a company to install temporary heat with diesel fired heaters outside the school building, running temporary ducts within the hallways to supply heat into the building. Board members had questions regarding this system which Mr. Di Fluri answered. This company is ready to come in and install and maintain these heaters. This contract would be signed as an emergency before the next BOE meeting on October 17, 2011, pending contract review by Mr. Merlino. The Board approved.
- **Revised School Calendar -**Dr. DiGiovachino presented a copy of the revised calendar after Mrs. Mitchell, Dr. D., Mr. Silverstein and WPEA Presidents met and agreed upon make-up days. Mrs. DaSilva raised some questions as to why Spring Break Days were not being used. She felt this is what some parents had suggested during the September 12, 2011 special meeting. The calendar will be brought to the board to be voted on October 17, 2011.
- **Mr. Bolen and Mrs. Mitchell informed the board that they were receiving a lot of complaints regarding the Lunch price of \$3.50, that this was a lot more than Little Falls or PV lunch cost. Although this is the same as last year, it is still more than the other towns using the same vendor. Mr. DiFluri feels that after we are up and running in our buildings we will be able to bring the prices down. Board feels a letter should go out to parents explaining this.**
- **Mr. Bolen also brought up the issue of fingerprinting. Feels every few years staff should be archived or staff that have never been fingerprinted electronically go through the process. Mr. Kassai asked Mr. Merlino to check into this.**
- **Mrs. Stassis gave a brief summary of test scores results, as asked by Dr. DiGiovachino. Mrs. Stassis passed out charts and explained each one. She informed the Board that we need to put together a unified plan of improvement and submit to the state by December 22, 2011.**
- **Mrs. Mitchell said several non-residential students were verified this week. She asked the board about a resolution for the Superintendent to contact an executive member of the Boys & Girls Club (not a board member) regarding non-residential students that also are involved with the Boys & Girls Club. The Board would like bi-yearly checks on residency.**
- **Mr. Pascrell stated he felt everyone did a wonderful job to get the schools opened, especially considering the damage done at Memorial.**

- **Mrs. DaSilva informed everyone that the roundtable meeting is scheduled for the end of October. She felt this way every school would have had their back to school nights. Mrs. Mitchell feels the WPEA Task Force members need to be re-worked due to the fact that this is a negotiation year and the same members should not be on the task force as on the negotiation team. Also it was the intention for teachers to be on the roundtable and a representative from every school and this is not the case.**

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Stephen Scholtz- Co-President WPEA:

Questioned if we had received the Official Test Results and could he get a copy?

He was told by Mr. DiFluri that the Official Test Results were posted on web-site today, on an official letterhead with signature.

Kellie Tomago- Co-President WPEA

Asked if there were any follow up plans for testing in the buildings.

She was told there would be testing again in December when the ventilators were up and running and the students would be on winter recess.

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 8:15 p.m. by Kassai, seconded by Pascrell.

Motion to return to Regular Session at 10:15 p.m. by DaSilva, seconded by Pascrell.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. by DaSilva, Seconded by Pascrell.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Patrick Duncan of NJSBA presented his findings after review of WPEA Labor Agreement.