

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

N.J. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

In view of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the emergency orders and directives at the federal, State and local levels, and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., as amended by P.L.2020, c.11, (“OPMA”) the Woodland Park Board of Education is conducting this meeting, originally designated to take place at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING, remotely using video and/or telephone conferencing technology. The public has been advised of this venue and format change and instructions have been provided in order to access the meeting and to participate during the public comment section(s) of the meeting. You will need to dial-in/login to the remote meeting platform(s) in order to attend the remote meeting. All public comments should be submitted via email to pmurphy@wpschools.org before or during the meeting and will be included in the record. P.L. 2020, c.11, which permits remote conduct of meetings, was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Friday, March 20, 2020, effective immediately. The Board recognizes the importance of open transparency and public access and participation in its work. In view of the current crisis and the brave new world in which we live, the Board asks all citizens to bear with us as we work to meet the health, safety, welfare, and educational needs of our students, staff and all members of the Woodland Park community.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Joe Giammarella, Jairo Rodriguez, Adam Chaabane, David Amanullah, Laura Vargas
 Members Absent – Lisa Marshall, Maryann Perro, Chris Mania, Christine Tiseo (arrived at 7:05)
 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:

221-76 - APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS

Motion by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by GIAMMARELLA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed:

Roll Call: 5 YES

| ACTIVITY | SCHOOL | STAFF MEMBER | AMOUNT |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Middle School Play Assist. Advisors | Memorial | Nicole Webb, Gina D’Astolfo | \$1000.00-to be split |
| Nurse-Boston & Washington | Memorial | Lynn Roehrich | \$100.00 per night |
| Animal Club Advisor | Memorial | Lynn Donato | \$550.00 |
| Student Council Coordinators | Memorial | Meghan Glenn & Joanne Kelly | \$400.00-to be split |
| Youth Month Coordinators | Memorial | Meghan Glenn & Joanne Kelly | \$300.00-to be split |
| Yearbook | Memorial | Samantha Ament | \$400.00 |
| Newspaper | Memorial | Samantha Ament | \$550.00 |
| Jr. National Honor Society | Memorial | Samantha Ament | \$800.00 |

221-77 - APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – P. ROSARIO

Motion by GIAMMARELLA , Seconded by AMANAULLAH .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Pamela Rosario, as lunch aide at School 1, previously appointed at the August 10, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-78 - APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – M. FERATI

Motion by RODRIGUEZ , Seconded by GIAMMARELLA .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Mimoz Ferati, as lunch aide at BG, previously appointed at the May 11, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-79 – APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – S. CORAGGIOSO

Motion by TISEO , Seconded by RODRIGUEZ .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Salvatore Coraggioso, as a part time custodian, previously appointed at the July 20, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-80 - ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT – M. BONILLA

Motion by TISEO , Seconded by GIAMMARELLA .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for retirement purposes, of Margo Bonilla, district lunch aide of 22 years.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-81-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – A. LIJOI

Motion by RODRIGUEZ , seconded by TISEO .

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 part time custodian, at a rate of \$25/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hours per week, no benefits. Effective pending receipt of proper paperwork - June 30, 2021.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-82 - APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN- J. SAVITTIERI - WITHDRAWN

Motion by ____, Seconded by ____.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Joseph Savittieri, as a substitute custodian for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$20/hr. (No Black Seal), effective pending receipt of proper paperwork- June 30, 2021

Roll Call:

221-83 - APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN- M. WARD

Motion by GIAMMARELLA , Seconded by TISEO .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Michael Ward, as a substitute custodian for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$20/hr. (No Black Seal), effective pending receipt of proper paperwork-June 30, 2021.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-84 -APPROVAL OF FFCRA LEAVE – L. MEEKER

Motion by GIAMMARELLA , Seconded by TISEO .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve leave for Lynn Meeker, secretary at School 1, under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Emergency Sick Leave from September 14, 2020-September 25, 2020, using accumulated sick time. Following FFCRAESL, leave will be taken under the FFCRA Emergency Family Leave from September 28, 2020-November 30, 2020, at 2/3 of pay, maximum \$200/day.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-10A- APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS

Motion by VARGAS , Seconded by GIAMMARELLA .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed:

Roll Call: 6 YES

| ACTIVITY | SCHOOL | STAFF MEMBER | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Morning Supervision Duty | Memorial | Ashley DeYoung | \$1,550.00 |

221-11A – APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT – L. PEREZ

Motion by RODRIGUEZ , Seconded by GIAMMARELLA .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the temporary change of assignment for Linda Perez, from part time aide to family leave replacement secretary at School 1, at the same rate of pay, \$23/hr. Effective September 15, 2020-November 30, 2020.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-12A – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – S. MASI

Motion by AMANULLAH , Seconded by RODRIGUEZ .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Stefanie Masi, as lunch aide at Charles Olbon, effective immediately.

Roll Call: 6 YES

EDUCATION:

221-85 - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS 2020-2021

Motion by RODRIGUEZ , Seconded by VARGAS .

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following staff members as Affirmative Action Officers and District Office of Equity Issues of the district for the 2020-2021 school year:

- District Susan Confrancisco
- District Alternate Giovanna Irrizary
- Beatrice Gilmore School Erin Wilson
- Charles Olbon School Kristy Knapp
- Memorial School Meghan Glenn
- School 1 Jaimie Casanovas

Roll Call: 6 YES

FINANCE:

221-86 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NJ COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with the State of NJ, Commission For The Blind and Visually Impaired, to provide services to student ID#34310, at a cost of \$2,100 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call: 6 YES

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Deyanira Pena - 24 Bush Ave

Ms. Pena asked why the virtual students have to scan in for attendance and then the teacher also takes attendance.

Roseabel Scheck – Ms. Scheck asked, as a taxpayer, where the money goes that was allocated for curtesy busing since busing was canceled this year.

WPEA- Asked when the Board meetings were going back to in person.

Mrs. Vargas responded that the meetings will start back in person at the 9/21/20 meeting and will continue in person for all meetings through the end of the year, to be held in the Municipal Building. Mr. Weiss added that public attendance will be limited as to comply with state executive orders for public gatherings. Also, social distancing and masks will be mandatory during the meeting. Mr. Murphy stated that the money allocated for curtesy busing remains untouched in the budget and available for future use. Dr. Pillari stated the reason that the virtual students need to sign in is so that all students are following the same schedule. In person students need to be in homeroom at a certain time. The virtual students should be logging in at that same time just as if they were in school. Teachers take attendance to assure everyone is attending class.

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 7:21 pm by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by GIAMMARELLA
Voice Vote: 6 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:48 pm by TISEO, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 6 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by TISEO, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

Voice Vote: 6 YES

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed a personnel matter
- Board discussed the idea of outsourcing landscaping services