

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

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 Herald News.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Chris Mania, Adam Chaabane, Christine Tiseo, Mark Salemi, Lisa Marshall, Laura Vargas, MaryAnn Perro

Members Absent – Jairo Rodriguez, Dina Bargiel (arrived at 7:05)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Tom DiFluri

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

220-70 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – T. AVELLA

Motion by PERRO, seconded by SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Theresa Avella, child study team LDT-C, effective October 26, 2019 or sooner if replacement found.

Roll Call: 7 YES

220-71 – APPROVAL OF SICK LEAVE – J. GENCARELLI

Motion by TISEO, seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve sick leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, for Julie Gencarelli, part time aide at CO, effective September 13, 2019, for approximately 6-8 weeks, utilizing accumulated sick days.

Roll Call: 7 YES

220-72 – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – K. ARENA

Motion by PERRO, seconded by SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Kara Arena, lunch aide at Memorial, effective immediately.

Roll Call: 7 YES

220-73 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LUNCH AIDE – A. SMITH

Motion by PERRO, Seconded by TISEO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment Ann Smith, as a lunch aide at Memorial, \$16.50/hr., not to exceed 8.75hrs. a week.

Roll Call: 7 YES

220-74 - RESCIND APPOINTMENT – MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT – D. GRASSO

Motion by PERRO, Seconded by TISEO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Diana Grasso, previously appointed as a maternity leave replacement. Person has since declined the position.

Roll Call: 7 YES

220-75 - RESCIND APPOINTMENT – LUNCH AIDE – G. MACALUSO

Motion by TISEO, Seconded by PERRO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Gail Macaluso, previously appointed as a lunch aide. Person has since declined the position.

Roll Call: 7 YES, 1 RECUSAL-BARGIEL

220-76-APPROVE DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED/NON-FUNCTIONING TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Motion by TISEO, seconded by PERRO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve disposal of outdated/non-functioning technology equipment, as per attached list. Upcycle LLC, will pick up and recycle all equipment, wipe all hard drives clean of data and will compensate district \$3,000 for equipment.

Roll Call: 8 YES

220-77- AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Motion by PERRO Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to authorize participation in New Jersey Clean Energy Direct Install program that allows the district to replace most existing fluorescent light bulbs with more energy efficient LED bulbs, at no cost to the district.

Roll Call: 8 YES

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN-PREVIEW OF 9/23/19 MEETING

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

The Community Relations Committee will set up a table at Woodland Park Day. They will gather information as to how many pre-k students we might have to service next year. The Board also needs to discuss how they want to go about structuring the schools next year with the addition of utilizing School #1. The Board will make a special committee to discuss all options. Mrs. Perro brought up that she sees people asking questions on the HSA's social media pages. She doesn't want misinformation given out so she asked if we can set something up where people can ask a quick question. Dr. Pillari said she will ask all the HSA's to put somewhere on their page to direct all school related questions to the Superintendent's office. Dr. Pillari said we are trying to get the branding out #ProudtobeWP. They are trying to come up with ideas how to do so. Mrs. Perro suggested that something be done in the school to pay tribute to Josephine Palman, whose birthday would have been October 10th. Some suggestions were planting a tree, a plaque or a bench. Dr. Salemi asked if we are doing residency checks again this year. Dr. Pillari said we were.

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Sanjay Desai – 186 Mount Pleasant Ave.

Mr. Desai wanted to know where the funds are coming from to bring School #1 up to state standards. He stated that private schools do not have to meet the same requirements as public schools. He also wanted to know how many students it will provide for.

Dr. Pillari said there is a state formula that calculates the projected number of kids that you can potentially service in the community, which can fluctuate at any time. Dr. Salemi said most of the work has already been done at School #1.

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 8:30 pm by PERRO, seconded by VARGAS

Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 9:12 pm by VARGAS, seconded by BARGIEL

Voice Vote: 8 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. by VARGAS, Seconded by BARGEIL

Voice Vote: 8 YES

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed candidates for part time custodial position