

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODLAND PARK
NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2025**

**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
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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REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2025

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**
 - 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - 6. Superintendent's Report**
 - 7. Board Attorney's Report**
 - 8. Business Administrator's Report**
 - 9. Committee Reports**
 - 10. Old Business**
 - 11. New Business**
 - 12. Public Hearing**
 - 13. Executive Session**
 - 14. 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 21st 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.

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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-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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225-282 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 17, 2025 regular meeting.

Roll Call:

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 225-283 through 225-288.

Roll Call:

225-283 - 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 months of January 2025 & February 2025 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of January 31, 2025 & February 28, 2025 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"

225-284 - TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of transfers for the months of January 2025 & February 2025.

225-285 - 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 \$469,889.25, approved by finance committee chairperson, Joseph Giammarella.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#71	\$400,365.50
#L71	\$ 69,523.75

225-286 - HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigations #2025-34, 2025-35, 2025-36, 2025-37, 2025-40, 2025-41, 2025-42, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

225-287 - APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, as attached.

225-288 - APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve revisions to the 2024-2025 school calendar to reflect June 17, 2025 as the last day of school, with June 13th, June 16th and June 17th being one session days.

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 225-289 through 225-304.

Roll Call:

225-289- APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TERMINATION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the termination of employee ID #4414, effective March 14, 2025.

225-290- APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TERMINATION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the termination of employee ID #4852, effective April 2, 2025.

225-291 - APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TERMINATION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the termination of employee ID #4703, effective March 14, 2025.

225-292 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – K. QUINONES

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to the resignation of Kenet Quinones, part time custodian, effective March 13, 2025.

225-293 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – S. DESANTO

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to the resignation of Samantha DeSanto, district behaviorist, effective March 31, 2025.

225-294 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – G. MOROZOWSKI

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to the resignation of Gianna Morozowski, kindergarten teacher, effective June 17, 2025.

225-295 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – J. RINALDI

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to the resignation of Jordan Rinaldi, middle school teacher, effective June 17, 2025.

225-296 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – A. CRISTELLO

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Alissa Cristello, as an elementary teacher, BA, Step 1, \$62,805, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

225-297 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – F. ELEZI

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Floriana Elezi, as middle school ELA teacher, BA, Step 1, \$62,805, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

225-298 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – F. KUSTER

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Frankie Kuster, as an elementary teacher, MA, Step 1, \$69,255, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

225-299 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – R. ROJAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Rosibelle Rojas, as a part time aide, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$26.85, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement.

225-300 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – J. MORALES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jeryka Morales, as a part time aide, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$26.85, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement.

225-301 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LUNCH AIDE – C. LENOIR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Cheryl Lenoir, as a lunch aide for the remainder of the 24-25 school year, not to exceed 12.5 hrs. per week, at a rate of \$19.33/hr., effective pending receipt of proper paperwork.

225-302-APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN POSITION – T. BYRNES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve change in position for Tara Byrnes, from teacher to district guidance counselor, MA, Step 4, \$77,550, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

225-303-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
Art Show	Memorial	Hannah Kang	\$500.00

225-304-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
Meghan McGinnis	How to Meet the Challenges of K-2 G&T	4/30/2025	\$100	NA	\$100
Donna Farraye	HIB Law Update	4/29/25	NA	NA	NA
Aimee Soto Kathryn Williams	Interaction Between Mental Health and Social Media	4/9/2025	NA	\$17.76/ea	\$17.76/ea
Titus Ridgeway	Legal One/FEA	4/11/25	\$195.40	NA	\$195.40
Robert Correggio	Danielson Skilled Observer Program	Self Paced	\$1,100	NA	\$1,100
Kathryn Williams	NJPSAFE/FEA/Legal One	4/29/25	\$150	NA	\$150

EDUCATION:**225-305 - APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT AND ELIMINATION OF CLASSES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following establishment and elimination of classes as follows:

Establish an additional new LLD-mild/moderate Program at Memorial School.

Establish a new Autism Program at Charles Olbon.

Eliminate an existing Pre-School Disabilities Program at Charles Olbon.

FINANCE:

The following finance 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 finance agenda numbers 225-306 through 225-321.

Roll Call:

225-306 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – COPPA-MONTALBANO ARCHITECTS-ECC RENOVATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve Coppa-Montalbano Architects to prepare and submit facilities project application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Woodland Park ECC Classroom Expansion Project. The fee for these services will be \$31,200 with a total estimated cost for the project to be \$359,550. This project will be funded through the use of the district's Capital Reserve.

225-307 - APPROVAL OF PLAN SUBMISSION TO WPPB – ECC RENOVATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION to approve the submission of the plans for the ECC Building renovations to the Woodland Park Planning Board for approval, with subsequent approval by the State of New Jersey Department of Facilities.

225-308- APPROVAL OF REVISED BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 PRESCHOOL AID

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revised 2025-2026 Budget for Preschool Education Aid, as attached.

225-309 - 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
Q3738	High Focus Center	Omar Transport	1	2,000+120.00	2/4/25-2/28/25

225-310 - ADJUSTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Park Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$33,018. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

225-311- OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS 2025-2026 ESY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the following Special Education Out of District placement for the 2025 ESY program, excluding transportation:

ID#	SCHOOL	7/7/25-8/1/25	Aide	Related Services
34711	NRESC at Phoenix Center	\$6,000	\$3,000	NA

225-312 - OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the following Special Education Out of District placement for the 2025-2026 school year, excluding transportation:

ID#	SCHOOL	9/2/2025-06/30/2026	Aide	Related Services
34711	NRESC at Phoenix Center	\$60,000	\$30,000	NA

225-313 -APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NRESC – PT SERVICES - 2025 ESY PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC to provide physical therapy services for the 2025 ESY program. Effective July 1, 2025-August 30, 2025, three days per week, at a rate of \$105/hr.

225-314-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NRESC –PT SERVICES – 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC to provide physical therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost of \$95,850.65. Effective September 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

225-315-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NRESC –EVALUATION SERVICES-2025 ESY PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC to provide evaluation services for the 2025 ESY program, at a cost of \$400 per evaluation, \$100/hr. per IEP & Meeting Attendance. Effective July 1, 2025-August 30, 2025.

225-316-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NRESC –EVALUATION SERVICES-2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with NRESC to provide evaluation services for the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost of \$400 per evaluation, \$100/hr. per IEP & Meeting Attendance. Effective September 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

225-317 - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – LEARN WELL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with LearnWell, to provide educational instruction for student ID #34003, 5 hrs. per week plus 1 hour prep time, at \$60/hr., effective 04/08/2025-approx. 4/15/25.

225-318-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – SILVERGATE PREP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Silvergate Prep, to provide homebound instruction for student ID #33366, 10 hrs. per week, at \$40/hr., effective 4/10/2025-approximately 6/5/2025.

225-319- APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – PROFESSOR IN RESIDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve agreement with William Paterson University, to partner in the Professor in Residence program, for the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost of \$12,000.

225-320-AUTHORIZATION OF COMPLETION & RECEIPT OF SAFETY GRANT - NJSIG

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a school board insurance group authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members; WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the “Educational Institution,” is a member of NJSIG; and, WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the safety grant program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: 1) The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,200 for the purposes set forth in their safety grant application, which is attached hereto; and, 2) The Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.

225-321-ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept donation to the Growing Minds Program, from New Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$920.

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: