

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 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 – Kim Galbraith, Shannon Marren, Glen Grimes, Julissa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, Mark Salemi, Joe Giammarella

Members Absent – David Amanullah, MaryAnn Perro

Also Present – Michele Pillari, Dwayne Ortiz, Adam Weiss

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

PERSONNEL:

225-181-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – S. SOCHA

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ, seconded by: GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the irrevocable resignation, of Suzanne Socha, Principal of Memorial School, effective March 1, 2025.

Roll Call: 7 YES

225-182-APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRINCIPAL– M. PILLARI

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ, seconded by: GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the appointment of Michele Pillari, Superintendent, as Acting Principal at Memorial, until further notice.

Roll Call: 6 YES, 1 ABSTENTION-SALEMI

PERSONNEL CONSENT:

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 GALBRAITH Seconded by MCQUIN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 225-183 through 225-185.

Roll Call: 7 YES to 225-184 & 225-185 6 YES AND 1 ABSTENTION-MARREN, to 225-183

225-183-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – D. SANDUCCI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Danielle Sanducci, School Counselor, effective 11/2/2024.

225-184-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
Cindy Guariglia JoAnn Woessner Monica Piedra	Supporting Multilingual Learners in PreSchool	12/13/24	NA	NA	NA

225-185-APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTE LIST

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the current active substitute and the new substitute teacher list for November of the 2024-2025 school year, as per the Northern Regional Educational Services.

EDUCATION:

225-186-HIB DECISION

Motion by GALBRAITH Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #2025-06, 2025-17, 2025-19, 2025-20 & 2025-21 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

Roll Call: 7 YES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

225-187 - APPROVAL OF WAIVER APPLICATION TO THE NJDOE – 2024-2025

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the waiver application regarding additional classroom sizes at the ECC, to coincide with approvals from NJDOE Office of School Facilities construction plans for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: 7 YES

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN – *PREVIEW OF THE 12/9/24 MEETING*

The Board discussed action to be taken at the 12/9 regular meeting.

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 7:11 pm by GALBRAITH, seconded by GRIMES
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:42 pm by MARREN, seconded by GRIMES
Voice Vote: 7 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. by SALEMI, Seconded by GALBRAITH
Voice Vote: 7 YES

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Superintendent discussed HIB case # 2025-23
- Superintendent & Board discussed personnel matter