

**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 1, 2025**

**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, David Amanullah, Andrew Mingione, Shannon Marren, Glen Grimes, Julisa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, Mark Salemi

Members Absent – Joe Giammarella

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Aleksandar Kondovski, Adam Weiss

**PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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Marilyn Sica – Pebble Dr.

Mrs. Sica asked if this special meeting was called because of the date or the content of the agenda.

Mr. Weiss explained that it is called a special meeting due to the fact that it was not advertised on the original posting of the board meetings. He said this meeting was called for hiring purposes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**ELA:**

On June 12th, the Third Grade Pen Ceremony took place at Beatrice Gilmore. The event was held in classrooms where Dr. Pillari, Mrs. Tomback, Ms. Mastropaolo and Ms. Krasnomowitz presented each student with a certificate and pen. Students signed a contract pledging to use cursive writing throughout their academic journey from fourth to eighth grade.

**Preschool:**

**June Preschool Lunch & Learn:** We had a successful Lunch and Learn in June focused on helping students and families enjoy a healthy and safe summer break. During the session, families were encouraged to read with their children, cook together at home, play board games, and engage in outdoor activities. They also shared important tips on water safety and simple sun protection rules to help keep everyone safe throughout the summer.

**Grow NJ Kids:** We have completed the process for Grow NJ Kids and look forward to receiving our summary and rating this summer. We thank our teachers, school leaders, and students for a successful and productive year. We are proud to submit our Woodland Park Preschool Program for rating and to take this important step toward becoming a Grow NJ Kids-rated program. We are pleased to share that CO School has been given the opportunity to submit documentation for consideration toward a Four Star Rating. This recognition is based on our work in curriculum implementation, staff training, and performance on the Environmental Rating Scale. We look forward to sharing an update as soon as it becomes available.

**HSA- End of Year Party-** Thank you to the Preschool HSA for hosting the end-of-year party! It was a wonderful way for our students to come together one last time as a program and celebrate the end of the school year.

**Pre-K 4 Moving Up:** Our Pre-K 4 students celebrated the end of the school year in their classrooms, where they role-played The Very Hungry Caterpillar and were each presented with a certificate of promotion to kindergarten by their classroom teachers. Congratulations to our Pre-K 4 students on this special milestone and for moving up to kindergarten!

**Pre-K 3 Transition to Pre-K 4:** All the best to our Pre-K 3 students who will be moving up to Pre-K 4! We look forward to seeing them next school year and hope they enjoy a fun and restful summer break.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

### **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 MARREN Seconded by SALEMI to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 226-01 through 226-17.

Roll Call: 8 YES

#### **226-01 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – T. PALMINTERI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Tara Palminteri, as a Math teacher in Memorial, MA, Step 1, \$69,255, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

#### **226-02 - APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – B. ROSARIO**

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

#### **226-03-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – A. DREXLER**

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

#### **226-04-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – A. GEORGIU**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Alexis Georgiou, as an elementary teacher in BG, BA+30, Step 1, \$69,255, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

#### **226-05-APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE – SUMMER ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAM-D. ARIAS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Daniella Arias, as a substitute teacher for the Summer Academic Intervention Program, at \$48/hr., effective July 1, 2025-July 24, 2025, as needed.

#### **226-06-APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF LUNCH AIDE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the re-appointment of lunch aides for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Hodges, Laura	Lunch Aide	\$20.01/hr. not to exceed 10 hrs. per week
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#### **226-07 - RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - SUMMER CUSTODIAL HELP 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify the appointment of Vincent Berardi for 2025 summer custodial help, 5 hours per day @ \$16.25/hr., effective June 23, 2025-August 28, 2025.

**226-08-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – M. CASTILLO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Marelvy Castillo, as a part time aide, for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$27.79, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement.

**226-09-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – E. TOLLEY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Tolley, teacher at Memorial, effective June 30, 2025.

**226-APPROVE TO RESCIND STIPEND POSITION – E. TOLLEY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the stipend of Elizabeth Tolley, as House Leader, previously approved at the 6/9/25 meeting.

**226-10-APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – F. KUSTER**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Frankie Kuster, as an elementary teacher, previously approved at the 4/14/25 meeting.

**226-11-APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – G. MARIANI**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Grace Mariani, as a Pre-K teacher, previously approved at the 6/9/25 meeting.

**226-12-APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – A. BARGIEL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Antonio Bargiel, as a summer custodian, previously approved at the 5/12/25 meeting.

**226-13-TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to terminate employment for employee ID#4680, effective June 30, 2025.

**226-14-TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to terminate employment for employee ID#4341, effective June 30, 2025.

**226-15-APPROVAL OF MATERNITY/FAMILY LEAVE – B. DORNEY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve maternity/family leave for Brittney Dorney, under the Federal Family Leave Act, from November 17, 2025-January 9, 2026, using accumulated days. Following the FFLA, leave will be taken under the New Jersey Family Leave Act from January 12, 2026-April 3, 2026. Expected return to work, April 13, 2026.

**226-16-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 2025-2026 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed:

Title	School	Name	Amount
Play Director	Memorial	Pam Yesenosky	\$3,375
Asst. Play Director	Memorial	Yommna Mohamed	\$1,125
Musical Play Director	Memorial	Eric Schaefer	\$1,125
Dounia Omran	Memorial	Breakfast Duty	\$1,000

**226-17-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 & 2025-2026 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Robert Correggio	Alternatives to Suspension Day 1	7/14/25	\$239.90	\$39.01	\$278.91
Jessica Mastropaolo	Lead with Joy NJPSA	10/16-10/17 2025	\$560	\$125.96	\$685.96
Nora DiBona	Revolutionary Schools Virtual Confer.	6/3/25	NA	NA	NA
Lynn Roehrich	34 <sup>th</sup> Annual School Health Conference	10/22/25	\$245	\$43.24	\$288.24
Desi Mayol	WIDA Annual Conference	10/27/25	\$235	NA	\$235

### **226-1A- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – E. GESCHWIND**

Motion by MCQUIN Seconded by RODRIGUEZ BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Ethelyn Geschwind, as a Math teacher in Memorial, MA+30, Step 1, \$73,805, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

Roll Call: 8 YES

### **226-2A-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – D. GOODEN**

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by MARREN BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Donnesha Gooden, as a part time aide, for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$27.79, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement.

Roll Call: 8 YES

### **226-3A – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. NIEVES**

Motion by SALEMI Seconded by MCQUIN BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Monique Nieves, part time aide, effective July 1, 2025.

Roll Call: 8 YES

### **EDUCATION:**

The following education 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 MARREN Seconded by RODRIGUEZ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following education agenda numbers 226-18 through 226-20.

Roll Call: 8 YES

### **226-18-APPOINTMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS 2025-2026**

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 2025-2026 school year:

District: Giovanna Irizarry

District Alternate: Samantha Krasnomowitz

Beatrice Gilmore School: Erin Wilson

Charles Olbon School: Meghan McGinnis

Memorial School: Meghan Glenn

Preschool: Jaimie Casasnovas

### **226-19- APPROVE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TEAM AUTHORIZATION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to authorize the Affirmative Action Team to conduct needs assessment and develop a CEP, as needed.

### **226-20-APPROVAL OF INTERNSHIP HOURS – A. ABBATIELLO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve internship hours for Rutgers University student, Ava Abbatiello, for the fall & spring of the 25-26 school year, 15 hours per week, for 15 weeks.

## **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 RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GALBRAITH to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator to approve the following finance agenda numbers 226-21 through 226-22.

Roll Call: 8 YES

## **226-21-RATIFY APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – CCBH INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of contract with CCBH, Inc., to provide home instruction to student ID#33787, at \$99/hr., up to 10 hours per week, effective April 2, 2025 –June 30, 2025.

## **226-22-APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER – ESY 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide a Special Class II Officer to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the Summer ESY program, July 1, 2025-August 7, 2025, not to exceed \$5,000, as per attached shared services agreement.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

### **226-23-APPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE 2025-2026**

Motion by: MARREN, Seconded by: MINGIONE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve submission of renewal application to the NJDOE for Multiple Temporary Instructional Spaces, for the 2025-2026 school year, for the Early Childhood Center.

Roll Call: 8 YES

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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No one wished to be heard.

## **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 7:10 p.m. by MINGIONE, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. by MINGIONE, seconded by GALBRAITH  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by SALEMI, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

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

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Superintendent discussed HIB case #'s 2025-55, 2025-56 & 2025-57
- Board discussed construction at ECC
- Board discussed personnel matters

Respectfully Submitted,



Aleksandar Kondovski  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary