

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
853 McBride Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424
JULY 21, 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, Andrew Mingione, Shannon Marren, Julissa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, Mark Salemi, Glen Grimes

Members Absent – David Amanullah, Joe Giammarella

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Aleksandar Kondovski, Adam Weiss

Mr. Grimes held a moment of silence in honor of the sudden passing of Christa Limone, the district and town's Public Information Officer and town resident.

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

226-24 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by MARREN Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 regular meeting.

Roll Call: 7 YES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pillari expressed her condolences to the family & friends of Christa Limone. Dr. Pillari stated the staff is busy getting everything ready for September. Letters went out regarding re-registration to PreK, Kindergarten, Grade 3 & Grade 6. Dr. Pillari also stated for QSAC purposes, she received her annual evaluation from the Board. She appreciates the feedback and comments and will take all of the comments into consideration moving forward into the new year.

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 MINGIONE Seconded by MCQUIN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 226-25 through 226-28.

Roll Call:

226-25 - 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 month of May 2025 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of May 31, 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"

226-26 - TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of transfers for the month of May 2025.

226-27 - 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 \$850,353.08, approved by finance committee chairperson, Joseph Giammarella.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#74	\$572,898.94
#60	\$241,468.60
#L74	\$ 35,985.54

226-28 - HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigations #2025-55, 2025-56 & 2025-57, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

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 RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MARREN to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 226-29 through 226-40.

Roll Call: 7 YES

226-29 - APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF B. ROSARIO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve to rescind the appointment of Bettina Rosario, previously approved at the 7/1/25 meeting.

226-30 - APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF J. ZARNICK

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve to rescind the appointment of Jessica Zarnick, previously approved at the 6/9/25 meeting.

226-31 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. DAVIS

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

226-32 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. PEREZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Samira Perez, as a Pre-K teacher, BA, Step 1, \$62,805, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2025.

226-33 -APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. FEHER

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

226-34-APPROVAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – M. PIEDRA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve leave of absence for Monica Piedra, for the 2025-2026 school year, without pay or benefits.

226-35-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PART TIME CUSTODIAN – M. GALLO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Michael Gallo, as a part time custodian, (currently sub custodian) for the

2025-2026 school year, at \$30.00/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, in accordance with the current WPEA contract, effective September 1, 2025.

226-36-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PART TIME CUSTODIAN – C. GUZMAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Clara Guzman, as a part time custodian, (currently sub custodian) for the 2025-2026 school year, at \$30.00/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, in accordance with the current WPEA contract, effective September 1, 2025.

226-37 - 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
House Leader	Memorial	Dounia Omran	\$48/hr.
Art Show	Memorial	Sarah Feher	\$500
Student Government	Memorial	Lori McCluskey & Mina Chang	\$250 each

226-38 - 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 2025-2026 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Patrycja Rogacki	NJ Worker's Comp & Disability Overview	7/9/25	\$50.00	NA	\$50.00
Donna Farraye Giovanna Irizarry Tara Byrnes	Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Training Program	9/29/25	\$165/ea	\$70.50	\$565.50
Giovanna Irizarry Sharon Tomback Elis Francisco	What's Changed in Federal Law in 2025	8/12/25	NA \$75 \$75	NA \$54.84 NA	NA \$204.84 \$75
Mireya Gutierrez	Legal One	7/31/25	NA	NA	NA
Elis Francisco	Lead with Joy Fall Conference	10/6-10/17 2025	\$560	\$125.96	\$685.96
Samantha Krasnomowitz	Hot Issues in Law 2025-2026	1/22/26	\$125	NA	\$125

226-39 - APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the new job description of Accounts Payable Coordinator.

226-40-APPROVAL OF WPPSA SIDEBAR AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodland Park Board of Education, to approve Sidebar Agreement between the WPPSA and the Woodland Park Board of Education.

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 MARREN Seconded by GALBRAITH to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator to approve the following finance agenda numbers 226-41 through 226-47.

Roll Call: 7 YES

226-41-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT –MOUNTAIN LAKES BOE – ITINERANT SERVICES-2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Mountain Lakes BOE, to provide itinerant services, in district, @190/hr., for the following student for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student ID#33526	4 hrs. per week	\$27,360/yr.
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226-42-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#33415, at \$99/hr., up to 10 hours per week, effective March 12, 2025 –June 30, 2025.

226-43-FY-2026 IDEA BASIC & PRESCHOOL GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, accepts FY 2026 IDEA grant award of funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2026 IDEA application

IDEA Basic \$326,066

IDEA Preschool \$10,746

226-44-PURCHASE OF 2025 FORD TRANSIT VAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve purchase of 2025 Ford TCI, transit van, with NJ School Bus package, from H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc, under NJ State Contact #HCESC-VEH-22-11. Total cost \$84,763.03.

226-45-APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO INVEST FUNDS IN THE NEW JERSEY ASSET & REBATE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and determines that (a) the Business Administrator has received and reviewed (i) the Information Statement dated as of January 3, 2005 describing the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program ("NJ/ARM") and (ii) the Amended and Restated Interlocal Services Investment Agreement governing the NJ/ARM Program ("Program Agreement") and (b) the Business Administrator has been afforded the opportunity to discuss NJ/ARM with the Investment Administrator and Special Counsel to NJ/ARM and the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Woodland Park Board of Education to authorize the Woodland Park Board of Education to participate in NJ/ARM.
2. The Program Agreement is hereby approved and the Business Administrator is authorized to execute the Program Agreement on behalf of the Woodland Park Board of Education.
3. U.S. Bank, N.A., as Custodian for the NJ/ARM Program, is hereby approved to act as a depository of Public Funds for the Woodland Park Board of Education.
4. The Board acknowledges that its decision to authorize the participation in NJ/ARM is based solely on the information set forth in the Information Statement and in the Program Agreement.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

226-46-NRESC –TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – FIELD TRIPS - 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the transportation contract with NRESC for field trip busing as follows for 2025-2026: (All prices will have a 6% surcharge)

Contractor	54 Pass before 2:30pm	54 Pass after 2:30pm	16/25 pass before 2:30pm	16/25 pass after 2:30pm	16 Pass WC before 2:30pm	16 Pass WC after 2:30pm	Aide
Jersey Kids	95.48	95.48	90.63	95.48	95.48	95.48	77.21
Jordan Trans	98.08	132.19	97.02	131.13	111.94	159.91	30.90
Joshua Tours	159.14	185.66	159.14	185.66	159.14	185.66	123.60
R&May	190.96	190.96	148.23	148.23	148.23	148.23	72.10

226-47-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NJ COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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 students, ID#33072 at a total cost of \$2,541 for the 2025-2026 school year.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

226-48-REJECTION OF BIDS – ECC CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by: MINGIONE

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the **Woodland Park Board of Education (“Board”)** to seek a contract for construction services for the ECC Classroom Additions (hereinafter “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, June 27, 2025 the Board received the following bids from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.;

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Javier Construction	\$345,000
Molba Construction	\$429,504
WallKill Group	\$494,494
Brahma Construction	\$568,000
GL Group	\$790,000

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Park Board of Education hereby rejects all bids received on June 27, 2025, for ECC Classroom Additions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(a), as the Board deemed substantial revisions are needed to the scope or specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Project to be rebid, with revisions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Roll Call: 7 YES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Mr. McQuin stated the committee met on 7/1. Mrs. Tomback gave a presentation on the 2024-2025 district goals for math, language arts and science and will present to the public at the next Board meeting. They discussed the reintroduction of cursive writing to last year’s 3rd grade and the pen ceremony held to celebrate this milestone.

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Jacob Parkerton – 39 Ryle Park Ave. – Troop 238

Jacob told the Board he is working towards his Eagle Scout badge and as part of that, he would like make high-end trauma kits for life threatening situations, to donate to the schools & B&G club. He is in the process of procuring items needed for these kits and has arranged for the St. Joseph’s, Stop the Bleed program, to give a training class to teachers and staff. He also wants to provide a recording of the class for those who can’t attend the training program. Jacob would also like to work with the school nurses to see what other items they think would be helpful if added to the kit. *Dr. Salemi told Jacob to reach out to the Board of Health as they would help him with this project. Dr. Pillari said she will contact him to set up dates for the training and is in full support of this project. Mr. Mingione stated, being a career firefighter and EMT, he would love to help and if Jacob had any questions to reach out to him.*

Anthony Billson – 43 Rockland Ave. – Troop 26

Anthony gave the Board an update on his Eagle Scout project, providing flag poles for the Memorial House System, to display flags representing each house. The poles need to be placed in a different area from what was previously shown to the Board because the original placement would have interfered with underground power lines. Anthony contacted the town and no permit is needed; only an inspection after the concrete footing is poured. Anthony was able to get the concrete donated. He asked the BOE to contact PSE&G to mark out any electrical lines and make sure

there are no water lines running under the designated spot. His Troop will be setting up a Go Fund Me to help pay for any remaining costs. He asked the Board if they can please share the information once it's set up. Anthony thanked Mr. Krakower and Mrs. Benkhen for all their help and support with this project. *Dr. Pillari stated how proud she was of Anthony and what a wonderful project this is. She asked for clarity about the placement of the poles. Mr. Weiss asked for confirmation that the poles will be shorter than the American Flag pole which Anthony said they will be.*

Venous Gunasekera & Jen Catalano- President & Vice President WPEA

Venous & Jen introduced themselves as the new president & vice president of the WPEA. Nicole Webb is the new secretary and Rich Hubbard is the new treasurer. They said they look forward to working with the Board.

Tracey Kallert – Mayor, Woodland Park

Mayor Kallert thanked the Board for their kind words on the passing of Christa Limone. She stated that no one will be able to do the job Christa did. She was committed to the people of Woodland Park and will be sorely missed.

Maria Billson & Michele Parkerton – Memorial HSA

Mrs. Billson & Mrs. Parkerton stated the HSA would like to set up a scholarship in memory of Christa Limone. On a ceremonial level, they would like a seat to be reserved in Christa's honor at upcoming school events. They also asked the Board if they could arrange an 8th grade award in Christa's name.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. by MINGIONE, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

Voice Vote: 7 YES

Respectfully Submitted,



Aleksandar Kondovski

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary