

**THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 10, 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, David Amanullah, Glen Grimes, Julissa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, Joe Giammarella

Members Absent – MaryAnn Perro, Mark Salemi (arrived at 7:05)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Adam Weiss

**PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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No one wished to be heard.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**224-454 - HIB DECISION**

Motion by MARREN Seconded by GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #'s 2024-82 & 2024-83, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**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 224-455 through 224-471.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**224-455- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES- S. CAPO**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation for retirement purposes, of Susan Capo, PT aide of 4 years, effective June 30, 2024.

**224-456- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – A. AGNES**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Al Agnes, FT custodian, effective June 20, 2024.

**224-457- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – A. ROSADO**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Ana Maria Rosado, district social worker, effective June 30, 2024.

**224-458 - APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – S. LINK - ESY**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Sadie Link, to work the ESY program, previously approved at the 4/22/24 meeting.

**224-459 – APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – SUPERVISOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD – E. FRANCISCO**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Elis Francisco, as Supervisor of Early Childhood, for the 2024-2025 school year, MA, Step I, \$85,500, in accordance with current WPPSA contract. Effective July 1, 2024, pending receipt of proper paperwork.

**224-460 – APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PIRS – J. CASASNOVAS**

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jamie Casasnovas, as PIRS, BA, Step 7, \$67,200, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2024.

**224-461-APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT TRANSFER**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the assignment transfer for the following staff members:

Name	From	To	Salary/ Change
Samantha Krasnomowitz	Supervisor of Extra-Curricular Activities	Supervisor of ELA	\$98,108+\$2,500 Longevity

**224-462-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – E. STECKLER**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Erin Steckler, as an elementary teacher, BA, Step 1, \$60,560, for the 2024-2025 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective September 1, 2024.

**224-463-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – J. MENDOZA**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jaeden Mendoza, as an ELA teacher at Memorial, BA, Step 1, \$60,560, for the 2024-2025 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective September 1, 2024.

**224-464-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. LINDSAY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Samantha Lindsay, as a SpEd teacher at CO, MA, Step 1, \$67,010, for the 2024-2025 school year, as per current WPEA agreement. Effective September 1, 2024.

**224-465- APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LEAVE REPLACEMENT – A. CASTRO**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Anay Castro, as a maternity leave replacement, at \$175 per diem, effective September 6, 2024-February 4, 2025.

**224-466- RATIFY APPROVAL OF STIPEND POSITION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of stipend position for Terri Carbonelli, Barbara Wells or Linda Saundry, as nurses to accompany student ID#33289 on the bus to and from school, at a rate of \$46/hr., not to exceed 1 hour per day, retroactive to 5/23/24-the end of the school year.

**224-467-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - SUMMER CUSTODIAL HELP 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following for 2024 summer custodial help, 5 hours per day @ \$16.00/hr., effective June 24, 2024-August 31, 2024.

Antonio Bargiel, Jessier Soriano, David Martinez, Guy Nasir

**224-468-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT CUSTODIAN – W. HUATAY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Walner Huatay, as a part time custodian, (currently a sub custodian) at a rate of \$28.99/hr., not to exceed 27.5 hrs. per week, no benefits. Effective July 1, 2024.

**224-469- APPROVAL OF STAFF CLASS CHANGE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the staff class change of the following people, effective September 1, 2024:

Amanda Samra – from BA, Step 4 to MA, Step 4, \$68,510.

**224-470- APPROVE REVISION TO RESOLUTION 224-219**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to revise resolution

224-219-APPROVAL OF STIPEND FOR SUBSTITUTE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISORS FOR ACADEMIES, to reflect an hourly rate of \$65/hr., previously approved at \$60/hr

**224-471-RATIFY WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve/ratify the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Samantha Krasnomowitz	Legal One	Self Paced	\$500	NA	\$500
Giovanna Irizarry	K-12 Behavioral Assessment and Management	6/5/24	Free	NA	NA
Kathryn Williams				NA	NA
Donna Farraye				NA	NA
Samantha Krasnomowitz				\$13.25	\$13.25
Mariola Lopata				\$13.25	\$13.25
Jaimie Partridge				\$13.25	\$13.25
Lynn Roerich				\$12.31	\$12.31
Chris Melton	iReady Celebration of Achievement	6/5/24	Free	NA	NA
Venous Gunasekera				NA	NA
Samantha Calkins				NA	NA
Krystina Reilly				NA	NA
Sharon Tomback				NA	NA
Nora DiBona				\$13.16	\$13.16
Jasmine Antunez				\$13.16	\$13.16

**224-53A - CONTRACT APPROVAL 2024-2025 – D. ORTIZ**

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ seconded by: GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the employment contract for Dwayne Ortiz, as

School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, for the 2024-2025 school year, @ \$127,500. The Board president is hereby authorized and directed to execute the employment contract that is substantially in the same form as the one attached hereto.

Roll Call: 8 YES

**FINANCE:****224-472-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – GOOD TALKING PEOPLE**

Motion by MARREN Seconded by GRIMES

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Good Talking People, L.L.C., to provide speech therapy services, on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$100/hr. and \$800 per evaluation. Effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Roll Call: 8 YES

## **224-473-OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS 2024 ESY**

Motion by GRIMES Seconded by GALBRAITH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the following Special Education Out of District placement for the 2024 ESY program, excluding transportation:

ID#	SCHOOL	7/15/24-9/9/24	Aide	Related Services
34711	NRESC at the Phoenix Center	\$5,200	\$2,600	TBD

Roll Call: 8 YES

### **The Board previewed the 6/17/24 agenda.**

Dr. Pillari discussed the Before & Aftercare contract. She stated the Rec Department wants to cut out Pre-K before & aftercare and just handle K-8. She looked into other options for Pre-k and said NRESC would be willing to take over the Pre-k before & aftercare. The cost is a little more than what the Rec Dept. charges but was the only alterna she could come up with to help accommodate the Pre-k parents. She asked the Board to look over the proposal as she would like to have it on the agenda for 6/17. Mr. Weiss stated that since he is also the attorney for NRESC, he would not represent either side on this matter, as it would be a conflict of interest.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education: Mrs. McQuinn stated the Ed committee met and she will speak about it at the meeting next week.

Buildings & Grounds: Dr. Salemi asked if there was any updates from the energy consultant on financing the roofs. Mr. Murphy stated that financing the roofs would be a 5 year plan. Another option would be ESIP, but that would be a timely process. An Energy Audit would have to be performed, but that could potentially add more than just the roofs. There's a possibility that windows could be included. This can be discussed further at a committee meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Pillari stated she has given the Board a proposal to look over from School Office Solutions, LLC, along with a resume, as to providing the district with an Interim BA to fill in until the new BA can start. She would like to have this on the 6/17 meeting.

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Karen Criscione – WPEA President

Mrs. Criscione questioned resolution 224-461 – Transfer of Assignment, stating that the salary reflects a dual role position. She asked Dr. Pillari if she was combining the two roles. Dr. Pillari stated she spoke to Mr. Weiss regarding this and was looking at the possibility of making changes. She also stated that as Superintendent she can hire/put someone at any step, as long as the union was in agreement. She said she spoke to Mr. Weiss and the WPPSA President, who was in agreement with this transfer rate.

### **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 7:20 p.m. by MARREN, seconded by RODRIGUEZ  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:24 p.m. by MARREN, seconded by GALBRAITH  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by SALEMI  
Voice Vote: 8 YES

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

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Superintendent discussed HIB # 2024-84, 2024-85, 2024-86, 2024-87, 2024-88
- Three parent appeals to HIB cases
- Attorney-Client privilege