

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 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, David Amanullah, Glen Grimes, Julissa Rodriguez, Mark Salemi, Joe Giammarella, Shannon Marren & Gina McQuinn attended via Zoom

Members Absent – MaryAnn Perro (arrived at 7:19pm)

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Aron Mandel

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 7:02 p.m. by GRIMES, seconded by AMANULLAH
Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. by PERRO, seconded by GRIMES
Voice Vote: 9 YES

The Board held a lengthy discussion pertaining to the 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget. The discussion focused on raising the budget above the 2% cap. The majority of the Board felt comfortable if we were able to keep it at about 3%. The Superintendent and Business Administrator will work to cut some items from the budget to get it as close to 3% as possible.

PUBLIC HEARING

Please remember that this is a public meeting. Anything you say will be public record. As a result, pursuant to law, the Board Members cannot respond to you publicly concerning certain matters, such as those regarding an individual student. If there is a matter that you wish to remain private concerning personnel or students, please contact the Superintendent's office. In accordance with Bylaw 0167, statements will be limited to 3 minutes in duration.

Karen Criscione – Wallace Lane WP.

Mrs. Criscione asked if we go above the 2% cap, will the budget have to be voted on by the public. She was told it does not.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. by SALEMI, Seconded by PERRO
Voice Vote: 9 YES

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ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- The Board discussed personnel matters