

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING
MAY 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 – David Amanullah, Shannon Marren, Julissa Rodriguez, Gina McQuin, Mark Salemi, Glen Grimes, Joe Giammarella (remotely)

Members Absent – Kim Galbraith, Andrew Mingione

Also Present – Michele Pillari, Vincent Occhino, Adam Weiss, Ernie Turner

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON 2025-2026 BUDGET

Dr. Pillari and Mr. Turner presented a PowerPoint on the 2025-2026 budget.

PUBLIC HEARING-BUDGET ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

225-322 - ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by: MARREN, Seconded by: RODRIGUEZ

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 17, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 16, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Herald/Record News on April 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held in the Woodland Park Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park NJ 07424, on May 1, 2025,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Park Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2025-2026

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$23,338,133	\$4,048,663	\$508,750	\$27,895,546
Less: Anticipated Revenue	\$ 3,945,823	\$4,048,663	\$0.00	\$ 7,994,486
Taxes to be Raised	\$19,392,310	\$0.00	\$508,750	\$19,901,060

Roll Call: 7 YES

225-323 - ADJUSTMENT FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by: SALEMI

BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Park Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$296,124. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increase in health benefit premiums.

Roll Call: 7 YES

225-324 - ADJUSTMENT FOR ENROLLMENT

Motion by: SALEMI, Seconded by: MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodland Park Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$33,018. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Roll Call: 7 YES

225-325 - TRAVEL EXPENDITURE

Motion by: MARREN, Seconded by: RODRIGUEZ

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or futures the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education established \$60,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$25,265.61, as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3; to a maximum expenditure of \$60,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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Karen Criscione – President WPEA

Mrs. Criscione asked if there would be any budgetary staffing cuts. Dr. Pillari stated that she was proud to say that there will be no staffing cuts, along with no program cuts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. by SALEMI, Seconded by MARREN

Voice Vote: 7 YES