

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2020

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 – Joe Giammarella, Christine Tiseo, Jario Rodriguez, Adam Chaabane, Laura Vargas

Members Absent – Lisa Marshall, Maryann Perro, Chris Mania

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Paul Murphy, Caitlin Lundquist

Presentation: Mrs. Triglia, Director of Curriculum and Instruction made a presentation on Science Testing Information

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

Dr. Pillari reported out on the annual EVVRS. She also congratulated the winners of the Governor's Teacher and Educational Support Persons award for each school. The winners will be recognized by the Board in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION BE TAKEN

PERSONNEL:

221-147- RATIFY APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – L. BEIRNE

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of medical leave of absence for Lisa Beirne, music teacher at CO, effective November 30, 2020 – January 3, 2021. Expected return to work January 4, 2021.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-148 - WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by TISEO Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call: 6 YES

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel	Expenses
Michelle Morris	Fundations Level 2 (Virtual)	1/14/21	\$289	NA	NA
Michele Skrbic	Wilson Reading Introductory Course	1/13-1/15 Virtual	\$649	NA	NA

221-149 - APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT – N. LOGUE

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Norah Logue, as a maternity leave replacement at School 1, effective February 4, 2021- June 30, 2021, at a rate of \$150 per diem, no benefits.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-150 - ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION –D. ANGOTTI

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify acceptance of resignation for Dana Angotti, lunch aid at School 1, effective December 1, 2020.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-151 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF FIELD REQUEST EXPERIENCE – M. PIEDRA

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval for field experience for Fairleigh Dickinson University student, Monica Piedra, for a total of 20 days, from 12/1/2020-1/22/2021. Field experience will be conducted with Ms. Tashyodi and Ms. Brunini.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-152 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF FIELD REQUEST EXPERIENCE – M. PREZIOSI

Motion by TISEO Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval for field experience for Fairleigh Dickinson University student, Mia Preziosi, for a total of 5 days, from 12/1/2020-1/22/2021. Field experience will be conducted with Ms. Davisson and Ms. D’Amico.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-153-APPROVAL TO MODIFY RESOLUTION 221-139 – MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT–H. HAJBI

Motion by GIAMMARELLA Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to modify the appointment of Hannah Hajbi, as a maternity leave replacement, previously approved at the 11/23/20 meeting, effective 12/14/20-5/5/21, modified to effective 12/14/20-12/23/20.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-154 - APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN – A. AGNES

Motion by TISEO Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Al Agnes, as a substitute custodian, at a rate of \$20/hr. (No black seal) Effective 12/15/20-6/30/21.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-18A- TEACHING POSITION AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY – M. PILLARI

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, that Dr. Michele Pillari be and is hereby authorized and permitted to teach education courses at William Paterson University on weekends, on her vacation time, and/or at other times when she is not required to be present in the District, and she shall retain any honoraria paid for same.

Roll Call: 6 YES

EDUCATION:

221-155 - QSAC – DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, affirms the information in the District Performance Review for submission to the NJ Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.1(e)

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-156 - HIB DECISION

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation #2021-02, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the student’s parents.

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-19A – APPROVAL OF NURSING SERVICES PLAN 2020-2021

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2020-2021 school year, as attached.

Roll Call: 6 YES

FINANCE:

221-157-APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 BUDGET CALENDAR

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar as follows:

November 1, 2020	Superintendent, Business Administrator begin 2020-2021 budget process
December 21, 2020	Superintendent finalizes staffing needs & major textbook & computer purchases with principals and CST Director
January 22, 2021	All administrators submit their school supply budgets to Superintendent and Business Administrator for review
February 1, 2021	Business Administrator merges all subsidiary budgets into one budget document and submits draft to Superintendent
February 5, 2021	Budget Committee finalizes budget for submission to full Board pending receipt of State Aid figures
February 26, 2021	Release of State Aid figures (Tentative)
March 15, 2021	Full Board to adopt 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget (Tentative)
March 20, 2021	Budget submitted to Executive County Superintendent (Tentative)
April 26, 2021	Budget Hearing (Tentative)

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-158 - PERSONNEL CHARGED TO 2021 ESEA GRANT- REVISION

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revision to resolution charging the following staff members’ salaries and pension/FICA benefits to the 2021 ESEA grant, previously approved at the 11/23/2020:

Roll Call: 6 YES

Title I-A

SCHOOL	EMPLOYEE	TOTAL SALARY	AMOUNT CHARGED TO TITLE I	% OF SALARY CHARGED TO TITLE I
BG	Veronica Seavy	\$72,780	\$14,556	20%
BG	Meghan McGinnis	\$77,330	\$28,609	37%
CO	Anna Szorc	\$80,130	\$68,898	86%
Memorial	Rosemary Ficarra	\$82,940	\$82,940	100%
Memorial	Amy Kivlehan	\$92,440	\$7,541	8%
	Totals	\$405,620	\$202,544	2.51 FTE

Title II A

SCHOOL	EMPLOYEE	TOTAL SALARY	AMOUNT CHARGED TO TITLE II A	% OF SALARY CHARGED TO TITLE II A
Districtwide	Elba Castrovinci	\$ 89,958	\$29,863	33%

Title I SIA

SCHOOL	EMPLOYEE	TOTAL SALARY	AMOUNT CHARGED TO TITLE SIA	% OF SALARY CHARGED TO TITLE SIA
BG & Memorial	Bronwen Calderon	\$89,521	\$27,929	31%

221-159 - NRESC –TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by TISEO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the transportation contract with NRESC for the following 2020-2021 bus route:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (+ surcharge)	Starting Date
Q1053	South Bergen Jointure Comm	Omar Transport.	1	8,550.00+256.50	11/16/20-1/29/21

Roll Call: 6 YES

221-160 -APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Motion by VARGAS Seconded by GIAMMARELLA

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (the “Act”) authorizes that local units, as that term is defined in the Act, may agree to provide jointly, or on behalf of any local unit, any service which the parties to an agreement are empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to avail themselves of the educational benefits, economic benefits and increased efficiency which the parties anticipate may be gained through the sharing of services for the benefit of the students and taxpayers whom they serve as permitted under the act, NJSA 18A *et seq.* and Chapter 6A of the New Jersey Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has a qualified public information officer available to provide her services to the Woodland Park BOE; and

WHEREAS, Woodland Park BOE has requested that public information officer also provide services to the Woodland Park BOE; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to provide such services to the Woodland Park BOE; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an Agreement for the provision of said information services; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to set forth in this Agreement the specific terms and conditions of the services to be performed by the public information officer for both entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, with the foregoing recitals incorporated herein by reference and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. **TERM**

The term of this agreement shall commence as of January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.

2. **COMPENSATION**

The parties agree to both contribute evenly to the salary and benefits for the employee. \$27,843.71 each for salary and \$22,855.58 each for cost of benefits, for calendar year 2021.

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The following parents all emailed asking that snow days be given even though classes are virtual. They all feel the kids deserve a break, just as they would had school been in session.

Jessica Sterba, Lauren Colangelo, Nicole Scott

Mr. Rodriguez thanked outgoing board member, Lisa Marshall, for her 6 years of service to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by TISEO

Voice Vote: 6 YES