

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2026

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

Present: Shannon Marren, Andrew Mingione, David Amanullah, Gina McQuin, Julissa Rodriguez, Gina Zummo, Mark Salemi, Glen Grimes

Absent: Kim Galbraith

Also Present: Michele Pillari, Aleksandar Kondovski, Adam Weiss

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 7:03 p.m. by MINGIONE, seconded by AMANULLAH

Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:44 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by SALEMI

Voice Vote: 8 YES

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

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 MARREN Seconded by MINGIONE to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 226-237 through 226-238.

Roll Call: 8 YES

226-237 - HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #2026-16, 2026-17, 2026-18, 2026-19 & 2026-20, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

226-238 - APPROVAL OF NEW SUBSTITUTE LIST

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the new substitute list for February of the 2025-2026 school year, as per the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission (NRESC).

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 MINGIONE to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 226-239 through 226-250.

Roll Call: 8 YES

226-239-ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT – J. CHIARAVALLOTI

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the retirement of Jeanine Chiaravalloti, district teacher of 25 years, effective June 30, 2026.

226-240-ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT – C. GUARIGLIA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the retirement of Cindy Guariglia, district teacher of 18 years, effective June 30, 2026.

226-241 -RATIFY APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of transfer for Eileen Cieslak, from CO to ECC, effective 2/17/26-4/14/26.

226-242 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE – C. DEANGELIS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of medical leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, for Cara DeAngelis, effective 2/17/26 – 4/14/26, using accumulated sick/personal days. Expected return to work, 4/15/26.

226-243 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of paid administrative leave for employee ID #4004, effective 2/20/26 – until further notice.

226-244-TEACHING POSITION AT BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – M. PILLARI

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 Brookdale Community College 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.

226-245 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for Student ID#35165, effective 2/10/26-TBD. Instruction will be provided as follows:

Sophia Lazan – Math – 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

226-246 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for Student ID#33787, effective TBD. Instruction will be provided as follows:

Michele Behnken – Reading, Writing & Math – 2 hours per week, per subject, at a rate of \$48/hr.

Lori McCluskey – Social Studies – 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

Mina Chang – Science - 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

226-247 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for Student ID#34867, effective 3/2/26-TBD. Instruction will be provided as follows:

Mina Chang – Science - 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

Ethelyn Geschwind - Math – 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

226-248 -RATIFY APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of home instruction for Student ID#33411, effective 2/26/26-3/4/26. Instruction will be provided as follows:

Mina Chang – Science - 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

Ethelyn Geschwind - Math – 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

Lori McCluskey – Social Studies - 2 hours per week, at a rate of \$48/hr.

226-249-APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Park Board of Education approve the settlement of the matter of former WPBOE employee, ID#4865, State of New Jersey Office of Administrative Law Docket Number EDU 19978-2025 and Agency Reference Number 357-10/25, and authorizes the Superintendent, Business Administrator and Board Attorney to take all actions necessary to effectuate this action of the Board.

226-250-APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Park Board of Education approve the settlement agreement with former WPBOE employee, ID#4683, and authorizes the Board President, Superintendent, Business Administrator and Board Attorney to take all actions necessary to effectuate this action of the Board.

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 MCQUIN to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator to approve the following finance agenda numbers 226-251 through 226-257.

Roll Call: 8 YES

226-251-RATIFY APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER-2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide a Special Class II Officer to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year, at an annual cost to the Board of Education of \$31,226.89 each, as per attached shared services agreement.

226-252-RATIFY APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS III OFFICERS-2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Woodland Park, to provide four Special Class III Officers to the Woodland Park Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year, at an annual cost to the Board of Education of up to \$25,706.65 each, total up to, \$102,826.60 as per attached shared services agreement.

226-253-RATIFY APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHARGED TO 2026 ESEA TITLE I GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval charging the following Summer Academic Program staff members' salaries to the 2026 ESEA, Title I Funding, account number 20-231-100-100-00-11:

Title I		Title I	
Employee	Total Salary	Employee	Total Salary
Desi Mayol	\$2,352.00	Hannah Arp	\$2,352.00
Mia Tobia	\$2,352.00	Krystal Greco	\$1,848.00
Monica Piedra	\$2,352.00	Meghan Burke	\$2,352.00

Sabrina Rollo	\$2,352.00	Michele Brunini	\$2,352.00
Abigail Hope	\$2,184.00	Pam Yesenosky	\$2,352.00
Erin Steckler	\$2,352.00	Jeanine Chiaravalloti	\$1,848.00
Daniella Arias	\$1,176.00	Total	\$28,224.00

226-254-RATIFY APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHARGED TO 2026 ESEA TITLE I GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval charging the following Part-time Aides salaries to the 2026 ESEA, Title I Funding, account number 20-231-100-100-00-11:

Employee	Total Salary	Dates
Fauz-Hajbi, Ketham	\$28,068.00	7/1/25-6/30/26
Patel, Jeannie	\$15,198.35	7/1/25-2/6/26

226-255- RATIFY APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHARGED TO THE DISTRICT'S FOOD SERVICE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval charging the following salaries of lunch aides, for the period September 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to the District's Food Service Fund (Fund 60):

Alicea, Michele	\$2,625.28	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
Berghorn, Carol	\$1,544.82	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
DeCesare, Santa	\$2,625.28	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
DiLiza, Elisa	\$2,465.20	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
Hodges, Laura	\$2,625.28	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
Phillips, Wanda	\$1,960.98	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
Qureshi, Zareen	\$2,625.28	60-910-310-100-00-00-065
Capablo, Anna	\$3,281.68	60-910-310-100-00-00-060
Gencarelli, Sharon	\$3,281.68	60-910-310-100-00-00-060
Heath, Melissa	\$3,281.68	60-910-310-100-00-00-060
Lenoir, Cheril	\$3,281.68	60-910-310-100-00-00-060
Robinson, Kelly	\$3,281.68	60-910-310-100-00-00-060
Santiago, Julia	\$3,281.68	60-910-310-100-00-00-060
Askar, Salwa	\$2,565.28	60-910-310-100-00-00-070

226-256-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#34266, at \$99/hr., up to 10 hours per week, retroactive to February 2, 2026 –June 30, 2026.

226-257-RATIFY APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – LEARN WELL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to ratify approval of contract with LearnWell, to provide educational instruction for student ID #33358, 5 hrs. per week, at \$63/hr., plus 1 hour prep for every 3 hours of instruction time, at \$63/hr., effective 2/23/2026-approx. 3/25/2026.

PREVIEW OF THE 3/16/26 REGULAR MEETING:

The Board previewed items to be voted on at the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kondovski gave an update on the LRFP and the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Grimes stated that the middle school play, Matilda, was great. He thanked Ms. Yesenosky, Mr. Schaefer and Ms. Mohamed for all their hard work in putting this together.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. by MINGIONE, Seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 8 YES

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed personnel matter
- Board discussed 2 settlement matters
- Superintendent discussed HIB case #'s 2026-21, 2026-22, 2026-23