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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODLAND PARK
NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF
REGULAR MEETING**

In accordance with the
Open Public Meetings Act
P.L. 1975, c. 231, this is to
Advise that the Woodland Park
Board of Education will hold a
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2026

The meeting will be held in the
Municipal Building
5 Brophy Lane
Woodland Park, NJ
at 7:00 PM

Formal action may be taken

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2026

MONDAY, 7:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING
5 BROPHY LANE
WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424

- Agenda:**
- 1. Opening of Meeting**
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 3. Roll Call**
 - 4. Public Hearing**
 - 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - 6. Superintendent's Report**
 - 7. Board Attorney's Report**
 - 8. Business Administrator's Report**
 - 9. Committee Reports**
 - 10. Old Business**
 - 11. New Business**
 - 12. Public Hearing**
 - 13. Executive Session**
 - 14. Adjournment**

Mission

The Mission of the Woodland Park School District is to provide a well-rounded educational experience which will prepare our students to develop high levels of academic achievement, engage in a lifelong desire to learn and develop a deep respect for life, individuality and diversity in the 21st century and our global society.

Vision

To work collaboratively in order to foster an environment that supports continuous learning and achievement for all stakeholders in our community.

In order to achieve this, we are committed to continuous job-embedded learning for all educators.

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 20, 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

Ms. Galbraith	Ms. Marren	Mr. Mingione	Mr. Amanullah	Mrs. McQuin	Mrs. Rodriguez	Mrs. Zummo	Dr. Salemi	Mr. Grimes

PRESENTATION: 2025-2026 ACCESS reporting from Mrs.Tomback, Curriculum Director.

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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227-01 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 workshop and the June 22, 2026 regular meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the June 8, 2026 workshop and the June 22, 2026 regular meetings.

Ms. Galbraith	Ms. Marren	Mr. Mingione	Mr. Amanullah	Mrs. McQuin	Mrs. Rodriguez	Mrs. Zummo	Dr. Salemi	Mr. Grimes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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 _____ Seconded by _____ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 227-02 through 227-09.

Ms. Galbraith	Ms. Marren	Mr. Mingione	Mr. Amanullah	Mrs. McQuin	Mrs. Rodriguez	Mrs. Zummo	Dr. Salemi	Mr. Grimes

226-02 - SECRETARY/TREASURER/TRANSFER REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, receives and accepts the attached reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Transfers for the month of May 2026 "Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6: 20-2.12©, we certify that as of May 31, 2026 the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) did not reflect any over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected on this report and the

advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year”

226-03 - APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$716,508.78, approved by finance committee chairperson.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#60	\$178,357.54
#61	\$ 5,214.40
#62	\$532,936.84

227-04-HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation #2026-43 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the student’s parents.

227-05-APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 2026-2027 Remote Learning Plan, as attached.

227-06-APPROVAL OF DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve submission to the NJDOE of the 2026-2027 District Professional Development Plan, as attached.

227-07-APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the District Assessment Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year, as attached.

227-08-APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 DISTRICT & BOARD GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the District and Board Goals for the 2026-2027 school year, as attached.

227-09-ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to accept the donation of an A-frame ladder, from Dr. Mark Salemi.

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 _____ Seconded by _____ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 227-10 through 227-24.

Ms. Galbraith	Ms. Marren	Mr. Mingione	Mr. Amanullah	Mrs. McQuin	Mrs. Rodriguez	Mrs. Zummo	Dr. Salemi	Mr. Grimes

227-10-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – K. LEARY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Kimberly Leary, Pre-K master teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

227-11-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – M. CARDIELLO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Michelle Cardello, LLD teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

227-12-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – A. AFANEH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Areej Afaneh, part time aide, effective June 30, 2026.

227-13- APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT-A. PETRULLO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve change in assignment for Alyson Petrullo, from Pre-K teacher to Pre-K Master teacher, MA+30, Step 5, \$77,445, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2026.

227-14-APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve change in assignment for Jennifer Catalano, from teacher at BG to Dean of Students, MA+30, Step 12, \$100,485 + \$1,800 longevity.

227-15-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – L. BROWN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Laura Brown, as an elementary teacher, MA, Step 2, \$71,395, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2026.

227-16-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – S. ROSENFELD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Scott Rosenfeld, as an elementary teacher, BA, Step 1, \$64,445, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2026.

227-17-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – V. SARDENA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Victoria Sardena, as an Pre-K teacher, BA, Step 1, \$64,445, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2026.

227-18-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – G. HUNTINGTON

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Gloria Huntington, as a part time aide, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$28.72, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. No benefits.

227-19-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – T. ISLAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Tasnim Islam, as a part time aide, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$28.72, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. No benefits.

227-20-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT AIDE – N. GROMB

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Nicole Gromb, as a part time aide, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$28.72, not to exceed 28.5 hours per week, as per current WPEA agreement. No benefits.

227-21-APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve transfers of the following staff members, as listed:

Brittany Morgan	BG	to	Memorial
Gaetano Pomante	Memorial	to	BG
Amanda Samra	BG	To	CO
Dounia Omran	Memorial	To	BG
Anette Gower	BG	To	Memorial

227-22- APPROVAL TO RESCIND STIPEND POSITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the following stipend positions due to staff transfers:

Gaetano Pomante	Bus duty PM at Memorial
Amanda Samra	Bus duty AM at BG
Dounia Omran	House Leader at Memorial

227-23-APPROVAL OF STAFF STIPENDS-2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve stipend payments for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with current WPEA contract, as listed:

Title	School	Name	Amount
Bus Duty PM	BG	Gaetano Pomante	\$875
Bus Duty AM	CO	Hannah Arp	\$875
Bus Duty PM	CO	Katie Williams	\$875
Morning Duty	BG	Scott Rosenfeld	\$1,750

227-24-WORKSHOP/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve/ratify approval the attendance of and costs of attendance including registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures for the following listed district employees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Donna Farraye	Legal One HIB Law Update	8/25/26	\$195	NA	\$195
Lynn Roehrich	36 th Annual School Health Confer.	10/21/26	\$225	\$38.96	\$263.96
Christina Dizza	Handle w Care Recertification	8/6/26	\$625/ea	NA	\$1,250
Jaimie Partridge					
Mireya Gutierrez					
Mireya Gutierrez	Hot Issues in Sped Ed Law	12/8/26	\$125	NA	\$125
Mireya Gutierrez	Legal One Student Registration	7/15/26	\$125	NA	\$125
Rich Hubbard	Boiler Controls Safety	7/21/26	NA	\$38/ea.	\$114
Joe Henderson					
Alessio Zagra					

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 _____ Seconded by _____ to accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator to approve the following finance agenda numbers 227-25 through 227-30.

Ms. Galbraith	Ms. Marren	Mr. Mingione	Mr. Amanullah	Mrs. McQuin	Mrs. Rodriguez	Mrs. Zummo	Dr. Salemi	Mr. Grimes

227-25-REVISION AND UPDATE OF SIGNATORIES OF WOODLAND PARK ACCOUNTS AT PNC BANK

BE IT RESOLVED, the Woodland Park School District is approving the following signers on the following PNC Bank accounts: All other signers will be removed.

Lunch Program: 5607

V. Marlena Cowan
Dr. Michele Pillari

Memorial Student Activity - 1683 and Memorial School Play 8095

V. Marlena Cowan
Dr. Michele Pillari
Jessica Mastropaolo

Beatrice Gilmore School Student Activity - 1691

V. Marlana Cowan
 Dr. Michele Pillari
 Krystina Reilly

Charles Olbon School Student Activity Fund - 1704

V. Marlana Cowan
 Dr. Michele Pillari
 Stephen Scholtz

227-26-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NJ COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with the State of NJ, Commission For The Blind and Visually Impaired, to provide services to students, ID#33072 at a total cost of \$2,668 for the 2026-2027 school year.

227-27-OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the following Special Education Out of District placement for the 2026-2027 school year, excluding transportation:

ID#	SCHOOL	7/6/2026-June 2027	Related Services
35679	Windsor Learning Center	\$78,960	NA

227-28-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 #33353, 5 hrs. per week, at \$63/hr., effective 6/1/2026-6/30/2026.

227-39 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT –MOUNTAIN LAKES BOE – ITINERANT SERVICES-2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Mountain Lakes BOE, to provide itinerant services, in district, @200/hr., for the following student for the 2026-2027 school year.

Student ID#33526	2 hrs. per week	\$15,200/yr.
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227-30-CAPITAL RESERVE WITHDRAWAL-OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Park Board of Education, approves an additional withdrawal from the District's Capital Reserve in the amount of \$120,000.00 to finance the roof repairs at Charles Olbon for sections D and E, in accordance with the proposal from The Garland Company. This project is listed in our state approved long range facilities plan and approved by the State Department of Facilities. No State Funding will be used as part of the referenced roof replacement

COMMITTEE REPORTS**OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****PUBLIC HEARING**

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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 ____ p.m. by _____, seconded by _____
Voice Vote:

Motion to return to Regular Session at ____ p.m. by _____, seconded by _____
Voice Vote:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at ____ p.m. by _____, Seconded by _____
Voice Vote:

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ITEMS DISCUSSED: