

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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

Members Present –Shannon Marren, Andrew Mingione, Gina McQuin, Julissa Rodriguez, Jamie Zummo, Mark Salemi, Glen Grimes

Members Absent – David Amanullah (arrived at 7:03pm), Kim Galbraith

Also Present - Michele Pillari, Aleksandar Kondovski, Adam Weiss

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

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- 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 pm by MARREN, seconded by MINGIONE

Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:38 pm by MARREN, seconded by SALEMI

Voice Vote: 8 YES

PUBLIC HEARING- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

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 MINGIONE Seconded by RODRIGUEZ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda numbers 226-361 through 226-363

Roll Call: 8 YES

226-361-APPROVE TO REVISE 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve revision to the 2026-2027 school calendar, to reflect September 2, 2026 as the first day for students and district closure on September 4, 2026.

226-362- HIB DECISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation #'s 2026-33, 2026-34, 2026-35, & 2026-36, for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the student's parents.

226-363-APPROVAL OF ELIMINATION OF CLASSES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the elimination of an existing LLD class at Beatrice Gilmore.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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 MINGIONE Seconded by RODRIGUEZ to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 226-364 through 226-378.

Roll Call: 8 YES

226-364-WPPSA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 2026-2030

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Woodland Park Board of Education and the Woodland Park Principals & Supervisors Association, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030, and authorize the Board President to execute the CBA on behalf of the Board of Education, as attached.

226-365-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, effective July 1, 2026:

Jessica Mastropaolo	BG Principal	to	Memorial Principal
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226-366-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 #4857, effective 5/11/26 – 6/30/26.

226-367-REVISION OF RESOLUTION 226-298-RATIFY APPROVAL OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to revise resolution 226-298, to reflect and end date for paid administrative leave for employee #4758, of June 30, 2026.

226-368-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – E. MUTTEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Erin Muttel, as a Pre-K teacher, MA, Step 1, \$70,895, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Effective September 1, 2026.

226-369-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – A. HAMOUD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Adeeba Hamoud, as a per diem nurse at ECC for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$300 per diem, effective September 1, 2026.

226-370-CONTRACT APPROVAL 2026-2027 – O. RODOLICO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the employment contract for Ornella Rodolico, Confidential Payroll/Bookkeeping Clerk, for the 2026-2027 school year, @67,000, pro-rated from August 1, 2026. The Board president is hereby authorized and directed to execute the employment contract that is substantially in the same form as the one attached hereto.

226-371-ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – H. FARRAYE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Haley Farraye, part-time aide, effective June 30, 2026.

226-372-RESCIND APPOINTMENT – ESY TEACHER – K. FICARRA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Kelly Ficarra, as an ESY PSD-Autism teacher, previously approved at the 4/29/26 meeting.

226-373-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – ESY TEACHER – H. ARP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Hannah Arp, as a PSD-Autism teacher for the ESY program, 7/6/26-8/13/26, 4 days per week, 3.5 hrs. per day, salary as per negotiated WPEA contract.

226-374-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE - SUMMER CUSTODIAL HELP 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of the following for 2026 summer custodial help, not to exceed 5.5 hours per day @ \$16.50/hr., effective June 22, 2026-August 28, 2026.

Antonio Bargiel, Vincent Berardi, Jason Berardi, Jayden Soca, Luciano Zagra

226-375-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#33654, effective 5/11/26-TBD. Instruction will be provided as follows:

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

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

226-376-APPROVAL OF STAFF CLASS CHANGE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff class change, effective September 1, 2026:

Joseph Napoli – from MA, Step 8, \$81,035 to MA+30, Step 8, \$85,585

Dustin Walters – from MA, Step 10, \$88,335 to MA+30, Step 10, \$92,885

Brittany Morgan - from BA, Step 3, \$65,445 to MA, Step 3, \$71,895

226-377-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 2025-2026 school year.

Name	Activity	Date	Fee	Travel/Hotel	Total
Katie Gorman	Culturally Responsive Practice	5/8/26	NA	NA	NA

226-378-APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – VAN DRIVER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following new job description, Van Driver, as attached.

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 Superintendent to approve the following finance agenda numbers 226-379 through 226-381.

Roll Call: 8 YES

226-379- TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT RENEWAL-SCHOLASTIC BUS SERVICES 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve renewal of transportation contract with Scholastic Bus Services, for four bus routes, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$328.32 per diem, per route, total cost, \$236,390.40.

226-380-APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education maintains a Maintenance Reserve Account in accordance with applicable New Jersey Department of Education rules and regulations; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2, funds in the Maintenance Reserve Account may be withdrawn by Board resolution and appropriated into required maintenance account lines for use on required maintenance activities for school facilities, as reported in the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan; and
WHEREAS, maintenance reserve funds are restricted to required maintenance appropriations and may not be transferred to any other line-item account; and
WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education has determined that the following projects are necessary required maintenance activities for District school facilities and are included, or shall be included, in the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, as applicable:

SCHOOL	FACILITY PROJECT	AMOUNT
School 1	Paging System Upgrade	\$23,628
Beatrice Gilmore	Paging System Upgrade	\$25,532
Charles Olbon	Paging System Upgrade	\$31,222
Charles Olbon	Wireless Clock Upgrade	\$ 8,338
	Total Withdrawal Not to Exceed	\$88,720

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Park Board of Education hereby authorizes a withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account in the not-to-exceed amount of \$88,720, effective July 1, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year, for the required maintenance projects listed above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the withdrawn funds shall be appropriated only into the applicable required maintenance account lines and shall be used solely for required maintenance activities for District school facilities, consistent with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2 and the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to make all necessary budgetary and accounting entries to effectuate this withdrawal and appropriation; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall maintain supporting documentation, including purchase orders, invoices, project records, and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan support, for audit and NJDOE review purposes; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unexpended required maintenance appropriations funded by this withdrawal shall be restored to the Maintenance Reserve Account at year-end, up to the amount withdrawn, as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2.

226-381-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 plus 1 hour prep for every 3 hours of instruction time, at \$63/hr., effective 06/01/2026-TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**226-382-APPROVAL OF LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENT**

Motion by: RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by: MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, authorizes Coppa Montalbano Architects to submit the amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan which shall satisfy the New Jersey Department of Education's reporting requirements for the Long Range Facility Plan in which the District is required to amend its LRFP at least once every five years.

Roll Call: 8 YES

PREVIEW OF JUNE 22, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

The Board previewed items to be voted on at the 6/22/26 meeting.

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Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:43 pm by MARREN, seconded by MINGIONE

Voice Vote: 8 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:31 pm by SALEMI, seconded by RODRIGUEZ

Voice Vote: 8 YES

The following was brought to the floor after executive session:

Motion by: AMANULLAH, Seconded by: SALEMI

226-25A – AFFIRM HIB

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to affirm HIB #2026-28, that was appealed by parent. Board does not accept the appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. by MINGIONE, Seconded by SALEMI

Voice Vote: 8 YES

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION **EXECUTIVE SESSION I**

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed Personnel matters

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION **EXECUTIVE SESSION II**

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed HIB case #'s 2026-37, 2026-38, 2026-39, 2026-40, 2026-41, 2026-42
- Board discussed an HIB appeal
- Board discussed the Class II & Class III officers