

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

Present: Kim Galbraith, Andrew Mingione, Gina McQuin, Julissa Rodriguez, Jamie Zummo, Mark Salemi, Glen Grimes

Absent: Shannon Marren, David Amanullah

Also Present: Michele Pillari, Adam Weiss

Mr. Grimes motioned to appoint Mr. Weiss as Board Secretary for this meeting. All were in favor.

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

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

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- 3) Meeting will be resumed at conclusion of Executive Session.
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Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. by SALEMI, seconded by RODRIGUEZ
Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. by SALEMI, seconded by MCQUIN
Voice Vote: 7 YES

227-01 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by GALBRAITH Seconded by RODRIGUEZ

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.

Roll Call: 7 YES

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Preschool:

Preschool Orientation: In the coming week, parents will receive a letter with information regarding our Preschool Orientation, which will take place during the last week of August at Charles Olbon School. We look forward to meeting our new families and welcoming back our returning families!

NRESC Summer Camp: The NRESC Summer Camp is going well! Students and teachers are enjoying a variety of summer activities, including outdoor play and engaging learning experiences. Thank you to NRESC for providing this wonderful opportunity for our preschool community.

NJPIEP(New Jersey Preschool Inclusive Education Project) Partnership: Our partnership with NJPIEP continues, and we are excited to continue strengthening inclusive practices throughout our preschool program. We look forward to another year of collaboration and growth for all of our students.

Preschool Tips:

Tips for Preparing Your Preschooler for School:

Starting preschool is an exciting milestone! Here are a few ways you can help your child prepare for a successful transition:

- Establish a routine. Begin practicing a consistent bedtime and morning routine a few weeks before school starts.
- Encourage independence. Allow your child to practice putting on their jacket, opening snack containers, washing their hands, and cleaning up after themselves.
- Read together every day. Reading books helps build language, listening skills, and a love of learning.
- Talk positively about school. Share your excitement about meeting new friends, learning new things, and having fun at preschool.
- Practice following simple directions. Games like “Simon Says” help children learn to listen and follow one- and two-step directions.
- Promote social skills. Encourage your child to share, take turns, and use kind words during play with others.
- Talk about feelings. Let your child know it is okay to feel excited, nervous, or even a little scared about starting school.

Potty Training Tips

If your child is beginning to show signs of potty training readiness, summer is a wonderful time to start practicing.

Signs your child may be ready include:

- Staying dry for longer periods
- Telling you when they need a diaper change or when they need to use the bathroom
- Showing interest in using the toilet or wearing underwear
- Being able to pull pants up and down with assistance
- Following simple directions
- Create a regular bathroom routine by encouraging your child to sit on the toilet every 2–3 hours.
- Celebrate successes with praise and encouragement.
- Dress your child in clothing that is easy to pull on and off independently.
- Maintain consistency at home to help build confidence.

Please remember that every child develops at their own pace. If your child is not yet showing signs of readiness, that's okay. We will work together to support your child's development throughout the preschool year.

Curriculum Office:

We are busy preparing for the opening of the 26-27 school year!

The district assessment calendar is completed.

- District Professional Development Plan (PDP) is completed.
- Report cards have been realigned in order to reflect the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- New Teacher training materials are prepared and ready.

- Professional learning for Opening Day with staff is prepared and ready.
- Prepared the ESEA Consolidated Grant application.
- Master Schedules are complete and finalized.
- Ordering of instructional materials and resources is complete.

Special Education:

The ESY program is off to a great start. Students in our LLD program have begun mainstreaming into our Growing Minds classrooms to read to the students.

The Child Study Team members are continuing with evaluations and determining programming for students for the upcoming school year.

The behaviorists are busy at work preparing materials and programming for the Growing Minds program at CO and Memorial as well as planning for CBI trips for the middle school students.

Our custodial team is working diligently to get all summer projects completed in preparation for the start of the school year, i.e. cleaning, painting, floor finishing, etc.

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

Roll Call: 7 YES 227-02 through 227-08. 6 YES, 1 ABSTENTION- SALEMI 227-09

227-02 - 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”

227-03 - 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 MINGIONE Seconded by ZUMMO to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel agenda numbers 227-10 through 227-24.

Roll Call: 7 YES

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 Cardillo, 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- J. CATALANO

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	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 Joe Henderson Alessio Zagra	Boiler Controls Safety	7/21/26	NA	\$38/ea.	\$114

227-1A- APPROVAL TO RESCIND PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by MCQUIN

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby rescinds the placement of employee ID #4004 on paid administrative leave, retroactive to February 20, 2026 and authorizes the employee to return to work with all employment status, compensation, and benefits to be treated as continuous during the period of leave.

Roll Call: 7 YES

227-2A - APPROVAL OF STAFF TRANSFERS

Motion by RODRIGUEZ Seconded by ZUMMO

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:

Rachel Herbert	CO	to	ECC
Jayne Face	ECC	to	CO

Roll Call: 7 YES

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

Roll Call: 7 YES with the removal of 227-27

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. Marlena Cowan

Dr. Michele Pillari

Krystina Reilly

Charles Olbon School Student Activity Fund - 1704

V. Marlena 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 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR-REMOVED FROM AGENDA

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.

227-29 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.

227-3A-AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT-2026-2027 GENERAL EDUCATION COURTESY BUSING

Motion by MINGIONE Seconded by MCQUIN

Whereas, transportation routes, CO-T1, CO-T2, BG-T1, M-T2, were properly advertised in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27, and

Whereas, on Monday, July 20, 2026, the board received the following bid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the board hereby awards Bus Routes, CO-T1, CO-T2, BG-T1, M-T2, to Scholastic Bus Company, the lowest and lone responsible bidder.

Scholastic Bus Company

Route #	Per Diem Route Cost	Increase/Decrease Adjustment Cost
BG-T1	\$300	\$2.00
CO-T1	\$300	\$2.00
M-T2	\$300	\$2.00
CO-T2	\$300	\$2.00
Total	\$1200	

Roll Call: 7 YES

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pillari stated the library is putting together a commemorative program and was informing the Board to give them the opportunity to participate.

Mr. Grimes stated the Superintendent's Annual Performance Review has been completed on June 23, 2026 and a copy is on file at the Board of Education office.

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Voice Vote: 7 YES

Motion to return to Regular Session at 8:31 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, seconded by MINGIONE
Voice Vote: 7 YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. by RODRIGUEZ, Seconded by GALBRAITH
Voice Vote: 7 YES

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board discussed personnel matters

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- A Donaldson Hearing was conducted. The Board deliberated and took no other action.