

WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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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
September 21, 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
SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

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REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 posted on the District website, www.wpschools.org, under Legal Notices.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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227-81 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026 regular and the August 31, 2026 special meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the August 24, 2026 regular meeting.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pillari will report the SSDS for reporting period 2 (January - June 2026)

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

227-82 - APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$786,091.44, approved by finance committee chairperson.

<u>Bill List No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#63	\$395,662.31
#66	\$ 35,028.87
#L64	\$ 40,400.26

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

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 227-83 through 227-96.

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

227-83- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – A. SAMRA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Amanda Samra, elementary teacher, effective October 23, 2026 or sooner if a replacement is found.

227-84- ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – C. LENOIR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of Cheryl Lenoir, district lunch aide, effective September 21, 2026.

227-85-APPROVE TO RESCIND APPOINTMENT – T. ISLAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to rescind the appointment of Tasnim Islam, part time aide, previously approved at the 7/20/26 meeting.

227-86-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – J. RAMOS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, under the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Jeness Ramos, as a Pre-K nurse, (currently sub nurse) BA, Step 1, \$64,445, in accordance with current WPEA contract. Retroactive to September 1, 2026.

227-87-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – LUNCH AIDE – Y. HERNANDEZ

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Yolaida Hernandez, as a lunch aide at BG, for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of \$20.68/hr., not to exceed 10 hours per week. No benefits. Effective September 22, 2026

227-88- RATIFY APPROVAL OF FAMILY LEAVE – M. SKRBIC

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to ratify approval of intermittent family leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, for Michele Skrbic, from September 1, 2026-December 30, 2026, using accumulated sick days.

227-89-APPROVAL OF MEDICAL LEAVE – L. ALTOMARE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve medical leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, for Lorraine Altomare, effective October 30, 2026-January 3, 2027, using accumulated sick days. Expected return to work, January 4, 2027.

227-90- REVISION OF LUNCH AIDE HOURS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to revise lunch aide hours to reflect 2 hours per day, at all locations, for all lunch aides.

227-91-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 position:

Sherry Toole	BG & CO Art Shows	Previously approved 6/22/26
Hannah Arp	Bus duty AM at CO	Previously approved 7/20/26

227-92-APPROVE TO RESIVE RESOLUTION 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 revise resolution 227-23 to reflect stipend position for Katie Williams for both AM & PM Bus Duty, at \$1,750.

227-93-APPROVE TO REVISE RESOLUTION 227-52-APPOINTMENT OF HIRE – PT CUSTODIAN – M. GALLO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to revise resolution 227-52, to reflect a start date of 8/27/26. (Previously approved for 9/1/26)

227-94-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 #4480, effective August 25, 2026 – until further notice.

227-95-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
Taylor Andresen	2026 Arts Educator Professional Development Retreat	10/26/26	NA	NA	NA
Deena Matalkah	Intervention & Assessment of Developmental Language Disorders in CLD Populations	Self-paced	\$50	NA	\$50
Alyson Petrullo	PIC Seminar Cohort #1	9/24-9/29 2026 10/13, 10/14, 11/10, 11/12, 12/1 1/5, 1/6, 2/4, 2/23, 2/24, 3/25	\$1,820	\$155.25	\$1,975.25
Sharon Tomback	Bld Foundation for Success Science	9/16/26	NA	\$39.54	\$39.54
Sharon Tomback	Hot Issues in School Law	10/27/26	\$125	NA	\$125
Krystina Reilly	NJPSA Fall Conference	10/15 & 10/16 26	\$450	\$151.42	\$601.42
Giovanna Irizarry	Hot Issues in Special Education Law	12/8/26	\$125	NA	\$125
Meghan McGinnis	NGSS Modeling & the NJSLA Science	12/11/26	\$200	NA	\$200
Meghan McGinnis	G&T Planning Meeting Passaic County	9/17/26	NA	NA	NA
Donna Farraye	NJ 11 th Suicide Prevention Conference	9/10/26	NA	NA	NA
Donna Farraye	Restorative Justice Tier 2	9/16/26	NA	NA	NA
Donna Farraye	Restorative Justice Tier 3	10/13/26	NA	NA	NA
Donna Farraye Mariola Lopata	NJ Fall Conference for School Profess.	10/22/26	NA	\$10.35/ea	\$10.35/ea
Elis Francisco	MTSS & AI	12/8/26	NA	\$47.00	\$47.00
Jordan Harkins Aimee Soto	Protecting Students in the Digital Realm	10/22/26	NA	\$11.75/ea	\$23.50
Courtney Ramirez	Teachers & Students Minspeaking Toget	9/29/26	\$49.00	NA	\$49.00
Cheryl Eustic	How Internet Impacts Children Mental Health	10/22/26	NA	\$10.34	\$10.34

227-96-APPROVAL OF MENTORSHIP – V. COWAN

RESOLVED, that the Woodland Park Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the School Business Administrator Residency/Mentorship for V. Marlana Cowan, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as required for completion of the New Jersey School Business Administrator certification process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves Colin Monahan to serve as the approved mentor for the School Business Administrator Residency Program, in accordance with the requirements established by the New Jersey Department of Education and applicable program guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the payment of the required mentorship/residency fee in accordance with the approved mentor agreement and program requirements, subject to the availability of funds and all applicable Board policies and procedures.

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 227-97 through 227-99.

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

227-97-APPROVAL -NRESC –TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT – 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the transportation contract with NRESC for the following 2026-2027 bus routes:

Route#	School (s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (+ surcharge)	Starting Date
1002	Beatrice Gilmore – WP	American Star	13	65,520.00+3,931.20	9/2/26-6/22/27
1003	Memorial School – WP	American Star	8	65,520.00+3,931.20	9/2/26-6/22/27
1004	Memorial MS – WP	J&W Financial	8	53,640.00+3,218.40	9/2/26-6/22/27
1005	Memorial MS – WP	J&W Financial	8	53,640.00+3,218.40	9/2/26-6/22/27
1006	Charles Olbon – WP	J&W Financial	8	43,020.00+2,581.20	9/2/26-6/22/27
1007	Charles Olbon – WP	J&W Financial	7	43,020.00+2,581.20	9/2/26-6/22/27
1030	Charles Olbon/Memorial Sch	R & May Trans	1	33,300.00+1,998.00	9/2/26-6/22/27
1039	Children’s Therapy Center	R & May Trans	1	23,103.75+1,386.23	9/8/26-6/23/27
1072	Godwin School/Highland	American Star	1	31,584.50+1,895.07	9/3/26-6/24/27
1133	South Berg Jointure -Maywood	Safeguard Trans	2	47,880.00+2,872.80	9/3/26-6/23/27
1134	South Berg Jointure - Lodi	Tasneem Trans	1	11,760.00+705.60	9/3/26-6/23/27

227-98-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – PHOENIX CENTER 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with Phoenix Center, to provide related services for student ID#34711, at a rate of \$98.50/hr., not to exceed 3 hours per week, per service, for the 2026-2027 school year.

227-99-APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – CCBH INC.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve contract with CCBH, Inc., to provide home instruction to student ID#33898, at \$105/hr., up to 10 hours per week, effective September 2, 2026 –June 30, 2027.

POLICY:

227-100-APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES & REGULATIONS – 2ND READING & ADOPTION

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION, to approve the 2nd reading & adoption of the following new policies:

POLICY/REGULATION #	POLICY/REGULATION	MANDATED/RECOMMENDED
2365	Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Recommended
0162.01	Legal Notices	Mandated

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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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: