

THE WOODLAND PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 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, David Amanullah, Gina McQuin, Jamie Zummo, Mark Salemi, Glen Grimes
Absent: Shannon Marren, Julissa Rodriguez(arrived at 7:05)
Also Present: Michele Pillari, Marlena Cowan

PUBLIC HEARING-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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No one wished to be heard.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

FINANCE:

227-80-APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- SPECIAL CLASS II & III OFFICERS – 2026-2027

Motion by: AMANULAH , Seconded by: ZUMMO

WHEREAS, the Woodland Park Board of Education (Board) and the Borough of Woodland Park (Borough) previously entered into Interlocal Service Agreements for the provision of Special Class 3 officer services during the 2025–2026 school year (hereinafter referred to as the (Existing Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ensure uninterrupted police and school-safety services at the District's schools beginning on the first day of the 2026–2027 school year, while the parties negotiate a full, complete, and legally compliant successor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that an interim extension of the Existing Agreement is a temporary stopgap measure in the best interests of the District, its students, and its staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the interim extension of the Existing Agreement, effective September 1, 2026, for the 2026–2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the interim extension, all terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, including the existing provisions concerning termination, unless and until superseded by a successor agreement duly approved and executed by both the Board and the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not approve any amendment or modification to the Existing Agreement, including any proposed change to officer classifications, supervisory structure, duties, compensation, the cost of services to be paid by the District, or any other material term. Any such change shall be subject to separate review and approval by the Board and the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs that negotiation of a full, complete, and legally compliant successor agreement be treated as a priority, including the negotiation and documentation of all material financial and operational terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Board Attorney be and are hereby authorized to take any and all actions as are necessary and appropriate to implement this resolution.

Roll Call: 7 YES

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the possibility of hiring SRO's directly through the district, as opposed to a shared service agreement with the Borough. They discussed the pro's and con's of both, along with the costs involved. If the Board decides to privately hire the SRO's, it will be in effect for the 2027-2028 school year.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was brought up again that the Borough has been renting out our fields and keeping the money. This was brought to their attention last year. This causes a liability on the District for insurance purposes.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. by MINGIONE, Seconded by ZUMMO

Voice Vote: 8 YES