

Woodland Park School District Re-2

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting – November 8, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President David Rusterholtz at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mick Bates, David Illingworth II, Cassie Kimbrell, Suzanne Patterson, and Mr. Rusterholtz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Bates, second Kimbrell, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Bates, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following list of people (name and topic they listed when signing up to speak) made public comment to the Board of Education listed in order of speaking: Aaron Helstrom, community, American Birth Right; Shannon Vollaro, parent, special education; Kitten Walker, community, general; Nicole Brauchli, parent, TBD; Kelly Hunsaker, community, teachers; Cynthia Behr, parent, correcting errors in parents comments at last meeting; Logan Ruths, community, Board.

CONSENT AGENDA/Blanket Motion

MOTION Patterson, second Illingworth II, to accept administrative recommendation and approve action on the following items:

V.a. Minutes – October, 2, 9, 11, and 17, 2023

V.b.1. Personnel – **New Contracts – Support Staff:** *Brittany Countryman*, GES Preschool Group Leader, effective October 9, 2023; *Michaela Castello*, HS Blended Online Paraeducator, effective October 11, 2023; *Carina Wiggins*, GES K-6th PLACE Paraeducator, effective October 16, 2023; *Sarah Mitchell*, CES Special Education MM Paraeducator, effective October 16, 2023; *Jordan Pardue*, CES Special Education AN Paraeducator, effective October 30, 2023. **Guest Teachers/Staff:** *Diana Roberts*, 3 Year Sub Authorization; *Amanda Seiltz*, Teacher License; *Jody Rodine*, Teacher License; *Asa Graves*, Paraprofessional; *Virginia Dulworth*, 1 Year Sub Authorization; *Brad Johnston*, 1 Year Sub Authorization; *Harold Brown*, Paraprofessional; *DeAnn Bettermann*, Paraprofessional.

V.b.2. Personnel – **Resignations – Teacher:** *Stephen Feinland*, HS Special Education AN, effective November 16, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Bates, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Superintendent Ken Witt presented student recognition information to the Board of Education (Addendum A). He highlighted the many accomplishments of our students and programs throughout our District, including WPHS marching band, WPHS Boys Soccer, WPHS Boys Cross Country, WPMS Cross Country, WPHS Cheer, Graduation rate, new inductees to the National Beta Club, and WPHS Forensics team.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Chief Operations Officer Aaron Salt updated the Board of Education on the real estate transaction to officially acquire the land to the parking lot across from Gateway Elementary. He presented a picture of the property and shared that the parking lot currently sits on land that does not belong to the District (Addendum B). Through its development, the land has changed owners three times, and the current owner plans to donate the land to the District with the caveat that they can park construction equipment along the back road when they have construction on their property. Superintendent Witt thanked Mr. Salt for uncovering the issue and for his tenacity in resolving the situation in a timely manner. He also thanked the family for their generous donation.

2024-2025 CALENDAR

Superintendent Witt shared that the 2024-2025 draft calendar is structured with the same elements as the 2023-2024 calendar. After a brief discussion of how the current calendar seems to be working for most families, MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson, to approve the 2024-2025 calendar (Addendum B). MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Bates, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORTS

Vice President Illingworth II recognized this was most likely his last Board meeting. He congratulated Keegan Barkley on her win, thanked each Board member for their service, and expressed his gratitude to each of them for what they accomplished in the last two years together. He also thanked Mr. Witt and his administration team for their excellent work and our hard-working staff, who are the soldiers in the battle to help educate children and turn them into fine young Americans. He also recognized Kelley Havin for her incredible work as Secretary to the Board and how lucky Keegan is to have Kelley by her side to help her as she learns her new role.

Director Bates shared that it has been an honor to serve with Vice President Illingworth II, thanked him for his service, and welcomed Keegan Barkley. He congratulated all the candidates that ran in this race and shared we are so blessed to be in a country where we have freedom of speech and the ability to vote.

Director Kimbrell shared she is excited the election is over, although results are not yet certified; she thanked Vice President Illingworth II for serving on the Board, congratulated Keegan, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Director Patterson shared it has been her pleasure and honor to serve with Mr. Illingworth. Together, we have secured the highest pay raise in the history of Woodland Park for our staff; you have constantly reminded me that we are here to serve the parents. I am proud that you led the way for our first charter school and always put the children first.

President Rusterholtz shared it was quite an election we went through and that he looks forward to working with Keegan; he thanked Vice President Illingworth and all he has learned from him and wished him well on his next endeavors.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORTS

The operations report and financials report (Addendum C) were included in the board packet as information for the Board of Education.

ADJOURN

MOTION Illingworth II, second Kimbrell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Bates, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

Attest:



Board of Education Secretary



Board of Education President

ADDENDUM A



Student Recognition

- The WPHS marching band earned 2nd place in 2A at the Colorado Bandmasters Association South Regional competition, receiving their highest score in 11 years.
- WPHS Boys Soccer made school history by securing their spot in the State playoffs. Before this year, the program had never competed in a state tournament.
- WPHS Boys Cross Country team competed at State for the second year in a row, and the girls team competed at State for the third consecutive year. Both teams placed 13th in the State, bettering their placements from last year. Individual accomplishments include Senior Stella Schroeder placing 16th in the State for 3A girls.
- WPMS cross country teams both competed at the State meet. The boys team placed 18th, and the girls placed 11th. Each team had a runner in the top ten; 7th grader Titus Swan placed 7th in the boys competition, and 8th grader Landri Prah placed 8th in the girls race.
- WPHS Cheer team won 1st place at the Colorado Boo Bash Competition. They also won their division and grand champion with the highest overall score in the entire competition at the Grizzly Cup. They accomplished this by outshining numerous 4A teams.
- Graduation rate for the 2022-23 school year increased to 73% from the previous year's 72.9%. This 0.1% increase may appear small, but it signifies that we are moving in the right direction. It symbolizes the hard work and perseverance of our students, their families, and educators.

- **National Beta Club inducted 23 new members, joining the 25 current members at WPHS. Students were selected based on their academic performance and character.**
- **WPHS Forensics team hosted the Pikes Peak Invitational, where numerous of our students reached the final stage and placed in the top ten. Congratulations to these top ten winners in their respective categories:**

Jackson Murray - 1st Place in Humour

Caleb Kezeor - 2nd Place in Humour

Elena Starr - 3rd Place in Poetry

Quinn Morris - 4th Place in Humour

Gianna Goss and Courtney Little - 4th Place in Duo

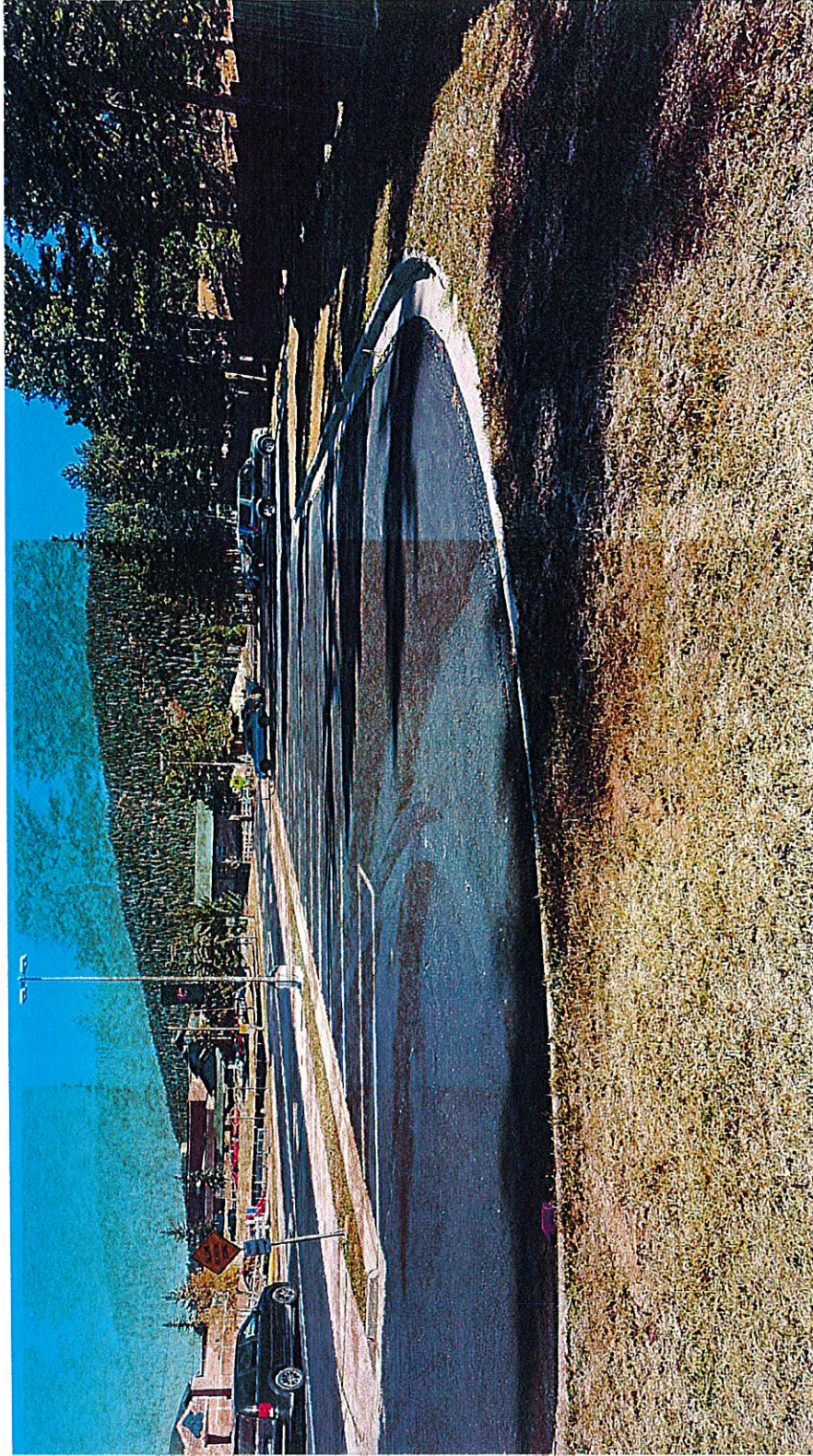
Naomi Hopkins - 5th Place in Drama

Cavan West - 6th Place in Humour

Eden Fuqua and Eleazar Fuqua - 6th Place in Duo

Emma Hannah and Felicia Langenfeld - 3rd Place in Duo

ADDENDUM B



Woodland Park School District

Woodland Park School District RE-2
General Fund
Revenue/Expenditure Report (Unaudited)
OCTOBER 2023

ADDENDUM C

	REVISED BUDGET FY 2023	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024	Increase (Decrease)	Budget	October YTD Actual	Variance	Remaining Balance	%
Revenues								
Prop & SO Tax	9,977,284	10,954,129	\$ 976,845	3,651,376	683,451	2,967,925	10,270,677.56	0.94
State Equalization	11,895,633	13,022,682	\$ 1,127,049	4,340,894	3,158,886	1,182,008	9,863,796.37	0.76
Sales Tax	3,270,788	3,171,042	\$ (99,746)	1,057,014	593,472	463,542	2,577,569.73	0.81
Rural Funding	452,044	452,044	\$ -	150,681	191,158	(40,477)	260,885.86	0.58
Local Sources (Tuition, Participation Fees, Other)	375,000	375,000	\$ -	125,000	169,429	(44,429)	205,571.19	0.55
Medicaid Reimbursement	375,000	375,000	\$ -	125,000	104,743	20,257	270,257.10	0.72
PERA Nonemployer Revenue	335,764	335,764	\$ -	111,921	-	111,921	335,764.00	1.00
IDEA Part B	204,502	204,502	\$ -	68,167	-	68,167	204,502.00	1.00
Earnings on Investments	135,000	135,000	\$ -	45,000	83,986	(38,986)	51,013.98	0.38
Facility Rental/Lease Proceeds	72,000	72,000	\$ -	24,000	17,814	6,187	54,186.50	0.75
Other (GT, VE, Forest Svc, Mineral Lease, Other State and Fed)	215,217	215,217	\$ -	71,739	91,979	(20,240)	123,238.39	0.57
Total Revenues	27,308,232	29,312,379	2,004,147	9,770,793	5,094,917	4,675,876	24,217,463	0.83
Total Allocations	(5,127,680)	(6,717,342)	(1,589,662)	(2,239,114)	(1,582,594)	(656,520)	(5,134,748)	0.76
TOTAL REVENUES AFTER ALLOCATIONS	22,180,552	22,595,038	414,486	7,531,679	3,512,323	4,019,356	19,082,715	0.84
Expenditures								
Instructional	10,686,698	10,813,754	127,056	3,604,585	3,357,071	247,514	7,456,683.39	0.69
Special Education	2,809,620	3,042,481	232,861	1,014,160	633,287	380,873	2,409,193.53	0.79
Co-Curricular	633,563	643,137	9,574	214,379	152,412	61,967	490,725.24	0.76
Support Services	1,262,678	1,287,045	24,367	429,015	336,387	92,628	950,657.93	0.74
Instr. Staff Support	1,335,449	1,438,848	103,399	479,616	418,109	61,507	1,020,738.67	0.71
General Admin	1,420,113	1,259,036	(161,077)	419,679	421,428	(1,750)	837,607.62	0.67
School Admin	1,794,933	1,613,351	(181,582)	537,784	599,648	(61,865)	1,013,702.58	0.63
Business Services	472,850	426,701	(46,149)	142,234	212,216	(69,983)	214,484.55	0.50
Operations & Maintenance	2,490,529	2,459,536	(30,993)	819,845	766,986	52,860	1,692,550.45	0.69
Student Transportation	1,202,419	1,103,830	(98,589)	367,943	251,475	116,469	852,355.43	0.77
Central Support	591,919	442,069	(149,850)	147,356	171,299	(23,942)	270,770.36	0.61
Facilities & Sites/Other Support	1,004,619	1,036,668	32,049	345,556	103,864	241,692	932,803.94	0.90
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,705,390	25,566,456	(138,934)	8,522,152	7,424,182	1,097,970	18,142,274	0.71