

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Kimbrell, second Patterson, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, 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: Karen Francis, parent, religion; Logan Ruths, community, Board; Gail Gerig, community member, principal; Victor Lebario, community member, Trades; Trina Hoefling, community, HR & Transparency; Shannon Vollaro, parent, Sped.

CONSENT AGENDA/Blanket Motion

MOTION Rusterholtz, second Kimbrell, to accept administrative recommendation and approve action on the following items:

VI.a. Minutes – December 13, 2023

VI.b.1. Personnel – **New Contracts – Teacher:** *Meghan Snook*, HS Special Education AN, effective January 8, 2024; **Support Staff – Heather Kenyon, District Preschool Director, effective December 21, 2023; *Charles Johnston*, GES Special Education MM Paraeducator, effective January 9, 2024; *Amanda Greene*, GES Preschool Paraeducator, effective January 9, 2024; **Transfers – Support Staff:** *Christie Miller*, GES Attendance Secretary to HS Panther Academy Paraeducator, effective January 9, 2024.**

V.b.2. Personnel – **Resignations – Teachers:** *Kathryn Icenhower*, District Preschool Director, effective December 21, 2023; *Donna Knox*, GES Grade 2, effective January 1, 2024; *Deanna McHenry*, HS Special Education, effective February 2, 2024. **Support Staff:** *Michaela Castello*, HS Blended Learning Paraeducator, effective January 3, 2024. **Termination(s):** *Kevin Burr*, HS Principal, effective December 15, 2023.

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

BOARD RETREAT

Superintendent Witt shared from the last meeting that the board established to schedule the Retreat in February with the requested dates of either 2/3 or 2/24, and we were able to reserve a location for 2/24. The district recommendation for the date, location, and facilitator for the Board Retreat is Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided at noon) at The Lodge at Cathedral Pines in Colorado Springs with facilitator Ross Izard. President Bates opened up the conversation for comments where a few board directors shared their preference to remain local and spend money locally, while others were open to any location. Another facilitator was also recommended. Mr. Witt provided background information on the proposed facilitator. After

discussion, MOTION Kimbrell, second Patterson, to have the retreat on 2/24 at The Lodge at Cathedral Pines from 9-1 with facilitator Ross Izard. MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz. Voting No – Barkley.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

President Bates shared that Mr. Witt has expressed interest in signing a new contract. President Bates has spoken with several other board members about this and has done some research. The minimal cost to do a superintendent search is around \$11,000.00, and through his findings, there is a small pool of candidates that would fit the direction of where we want to go as a school district. Board directors engaged in a discussion on whether to renew the contract or initiate a search. After discussion, President Bates shared he will visit with Mr. Witt over the next week and evaluate, and a number of the board directors will assist President Bates in working on contract terms. He also recommended a special meeting for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, during which the matter would be further deliberated in the Executive Session, with the potential of voting on the contract after adjournment from the Executive Session. MOTION Rusterholtz, second Patterson, to have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE RESOLUTION

President Bates asked Vice President Kimbrell to read the resolution regarding the official posting of meeting notices. All public notice of meetings for the Board of Education of the Woodland Park School District Re-2 will be posted on the District website and the bulletin board in the entryway of the Administration Building at 155 Panther Way, Woodland Park, Colorado, not less than 24 hours prior to any meeting. MOTION Rusterholtz, second Patterson, to approve the resolution as presented (Addendum A). MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

MILL LEVY CERTIFICATION

Chief Financial Officer Amy Ryan presented information to the Board of Education regarding the WPSD Mill Levy Certification. Superintendent Witt shared that although this creates the opportunity to take less than the full mill levy, this is not his recommendation. After the presentation, Vice President Kimbrell read the resolution. MOTION Patterson, second Barkley, to approve the resolution as presented (Addendum B). MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

2023-2024 REVISED BUDGET & APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

CFO Ryan presented the FY24 revised budget to the Board of Education. Q&A asked during her presentation: Does the law require Universal Preschool? – Superintendent Witt shared it is a state-funded program that any childcare facility or school may offer. It is overseen separately by an appointed commission. It was determined last year by this Board to continue UPK, so we have this in all three of our elementary schools. However, we are under no obligation to continue, and this Board could, at any point, discontinue UPK. Clarification on budget of positions – Superintendent Witt responded it is never the case for any organization, including this one, that all positions are filled at all times. So, we have to recruit, we have resignations, and we fill positions, but there is always a lag. While we budget to have all positions filled, they are never all filled all the time; therefore, you can expect this gap every year. Clarification on transportation – Superintendent Witt clarified there was no cost increase in transportation with Durham School Services. After the presentation, Vice President

Kimbrell read the specific budget resolution #2. MOTION Kimbrell, second Patterson, to approve the Specific Budget Resolution as presented (Addendum C). MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

Vice President Kimbrell then read the Appropriation Resolution FY 2024. MOTION Rusterholtz, second Patterson, to approve the Appropriation Resolution FY 2024 as presented (Addendum D). MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Sue Patterson read the recent press release regarding NCAA Accreditation approval for three WPHS courses, which includes American Birthright Standards.

Vice President Cassie Kimbrell read a statement highlighting Capturing Kids’ Hearts Rising Star Nominations for Columbine Elementary and Summit Elementary.

Secretary David Rusterholtz expressed the positive impacts of Capturing Kids’ Hearts program in our schools and good to see being recognized at the national level. He also discussed and shared how proud he is of the recent School Performance Framework scores.

Vice President Kimbrell addressed a public comment about inviting students to board meetings for recognition. While supporting the idea, she acknowledged parent concerns surrounding the often contentious atmosphere. Director Barkley agreed, emphasizing the need for improved board communication to alleviate contentious meetings.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORTS

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

ADJOURN

MOTION Rusterholtz, second Kimbrell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. MOTION CARRIED: Voting Aye – Barkley, Bates, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

Attest:


Board of Education Secretary



Board of Education President

ADDENDUM A



RESOLUTION

Notification of Meeting Place

WHEREAS, the Colorado Sunshine Act, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(b) declares that all meetings of three or more members of any "local public body" at which any public business is discussed or at which any formal action may be taken are open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Sunshine Act, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(c) requires a "full and timely notice" to be posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the school district not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Sunshine Act, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(c) requires the public place for meeting notices to be designated at the first regular meeting of each calendar year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT Re-2 AS FOLLOWS:

That all public notices of meetings of the Board of Education of the Woodland Park School District Re-2 will be posted on the district website as well as on the bulletin board in the entryway of the Administration Building at 155 Panther Way, Woodland Park, Colorado in case of technical issues.

Adopted: January 10, 2024

Woodland Park School District Re-2
Board of Education

ATTEST:


Board of Education Secretary



Board of Education President

ADDENDUM B



Serving Woodland Park, Divide and Florissant

A RESOLUTION OFFICIALLY CERTIFYING THE LEVY OF THE WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 (1/2 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and 1/2 fiscal year 2024-2025) TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Section 39-5-128 (1), C.R.S. requires that WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 certify its 2023 levy to the Board of County Commissioners of TELLER COUNTY no later than January 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 39-10-114 (1) (a) (I) (B), C.R.S. which authorizes school districts to certify an Abatement and Refund Mill Levy in order to recover abatement of taxes.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 39-5-128 (1), C.R.S., as amended, the WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2 hereby certifies the Board of County Commissioners of TELLER COUNTY that the School District's 2024 levy on all taxable property within the County shall be as follows:

Mill Levy per HB20-1418	27.000 mills	\$11,141,716
HB20-1418 Tax Credit	1.450 mills	\$ 598,351
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HB20-1418 Net Mill Levy	25.550 mills	\$10,543,365
Authorized Override	2.666 mills	\$ 1,100,141
Bond Redemption Fund	0.000 mills	\$ 0.00
Abatement	0.020 mills	\$ 8,253
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TOTAL MILL LEVY	28.236 mills	\$11,651,760

Section 2. Business Services is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of TELLER COUNTY no later than January 10, 2024.

ADOPTED the 10th day of January 2024. WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2



 President Board of Education
 Woodland Park School District Re-2

 1-10-24

 Date

CDE Mill Levy Certification Form

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Primary County
TELLER
 District Name
WOODLAND PARK

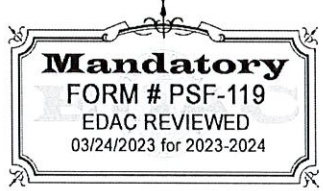
Certification of Mill Levies
 Property Tax Year 2024
Auto Populate with Cell F14 = District Code **Data Pulled from Calculation Worksheet**
Pulls info from Calc Worksheet Tab and Hidden Tabs

CATEGORY	August Column Comments	School District Final Mill Certified: December 15, 2022	Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Mill Levy Estimated as of August 25, 2023	School District Final Mill Levy Certified as of December 15, 2023	Estimated School District Revenue from Mill Levy December 15, 2023
Assessed Valuation					
Gross Assessed Valuation	Provided by County Assessor	\$336,437,600	\$453,844,790	\$425,351,880	
Tax Increment Financing	Provided by Assessor (may not be included)	(\$9,665,589)	(\$12,779,703)	(\$12,695,714)	
Net Assessed Valuation	Provided by County Assessor	\$326,772,011	\$441,065,087	\$412,656,166	
Abatements (Total across all counties)	Provided by County Assessor	\$2,696	\$243,414	\$8,055	
1. Mill Levy per HB20-1418	Fixed for FY24-Both Aug & Dec	27.000	27.000	27.000	
1a. HB20-1418 Tax Credit	Fixed for FY24-Both Aug & Dec	2.450	1.450	1.450	
1b. HB20-1418 Net Mill Levy (amt collected by county)	Fixed for FY24-Both Aug & Dec	24.550	25.550	25.550	\$10,543,365
2. Categorical Buyout	ONLY FULLY LOCALLY FUNDED Based on Aug 25 NAV	0.000	0.000	0.000	\$0
3. Total Program Reserve Fund	ONLY FULLY LOCALLY FUNDED Based on Aug 25 NAV	0.000	0.000	0.000	\$0
4. Total Program Mill		24.550	25.550	25.550	\$10,543,365
5. Overrides:					
a. Hold harmless		0.000	0.000	0.000	\$0
b. Excess hold harmless		0.000	0.000	0.000	\$0
Voter Approved Override					
5c. Total Voter Approved Override		3.366	2.494	2.666	\$1,100,141
6. Abatement		0.008	0.552	0.020	\$8,253
7. Total General Fund		27.924	28.596	28.236	\$11,651,760
	Check Figure Must be Zero	0.000	0.000	0.000	\$0
8. Bond Redemption Fund		0.000	Not Provided	0.000	\$0
9. Transportation Fund		0.000	Not Provided	0.000	\$0
10. Special Building and Technology		0.000	Not Provided	0.000	\$0
11. Supplemental capital construction, technology, & maintenance Fund		0.000	Not Provided	0.000	\$0
12. Other (Loan, Charter School)		0.000	Not Provided	0.000	\$0
Details for #12 other					
13. Total		27.924		28.2360	\$11,651,760
	Check Figure Must be Zero	0.000		0.0000	\$0
Information provided by state for certification to county treasurer:		No Need to Calculate with change in Dec AV from Aug 25			
14. Estimated Full Funding Mill Levy	Fixed for FY24-Both Aug & Dec, Based off Aug 25's NAV	63.577	47.797	47.797	
15. Projected Gross Funding from State (Before budget stabilization)	Fixed for FY24-Both Aug & Dec, Based off Aug 25's NAV	\$12,756,227	\$9,812,261	\$9,812,261	

Amy Ryan
 Form completed by

719-686-2011
 Phone Number

Submit Data via CDE online application no later than December 15, 2023
<https://idm.cde.state.co.us/equal/>



ADDENDUM C



**SPECIFIC BUDGET RESOLUTION #2
Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

In accordance with CRS 22-44-105 the Board of Education of Woodland Park School Re-2 hereby authorizes the expenditures of fund balances for fiscal year 2023-2024 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL FUND 10

Capital Security Upgrades Fund Allocation	\$ 769,046		
Capital Projects Fund Allocation	\$ 687,995	Subtotal	\$ 1,457,041
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One Year Only (FY24) Staffing Considerations	\$ 250,000		
Security Salaries & Benefits	\$ 131,000		
Carryover: Medicaid Carryover Salaries & Benefits	\$ 224,178	Subtotal	\$ 605,178
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Capturing Kids Hearts Launch	\$ 100,000		
Curriculum Review and Implementation	\$ 300,000	Subtotal	\$ 400,000
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One Time Legal Expenses	\$ 50,000		
Election Expenses	\$ 11,000		
IT Equipment & Software	\$ 110,000		
Charter School Allocations	\$ 328,000	Subtotal	\$ 499,000

In accordance with CRS 22-44-105 the Board of Education of Woodland Park School Re-2 hereby authorizes the expenditures of fund balances for fiscal year 2023-2024 according to the following schedule:	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 2,961,219
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RISK MANAGEMENT FUND 18

Carryover: Purchased Services & Premiums	\$ 13,911	TOTAL	\$ 13,911
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FOOD SERVICE FUND 21

Carryover: Supplies & Equipment	\$ 310,849	TOTAL	\$ 310,849
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PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND 23

Carryover: Purchased Services, Supplies & Equipment	\$ 609,514	TOTAL	\$ 609,514
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TRANSPORTATION FUND 25

Carryover: Purchased Services	\$ 82,662	TOTAL	\$ 82,662
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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 43

Carryover: Purchased Services, Supplies & Equipment	\$ -	TOTAL	\$ -
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These expenditures are one time only and will not lead to deficit spending.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Woodland Park School District Re-2 adopts this resolution to appropriate expenditures in the above referenced manner.

[Signature]
 Mick Bates, Board President Date 1-10-24

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 2,961,219
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND 18	13,911 TOTAL \$ 13,911
FOOD SERVICE FUND 21	310,849 TOTAL \$ 310,849
PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND 23	609,514 TOTAL \$ 609,514
TRANSPORTATION FUND 25	82,662 TOTAL \$ 82,662
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 43	TOTAL \$ -

ADDENDUM D



APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FY 2024

Be it Resolved by the Board of Education of the Woodland Park School District Re-2 in Teller County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

FUND	AMOUNT
General Fund 10	\$ 32,964,366
Risk Management 18	\$ 621,717
Food Service 21	\$ 1,371,819
Designated Purpose Grants 22	\$ 1,652,031
Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund 23	\$ 875,000
Transportation 25	\$ 375,947
Capital Projects 43	<u>\$ 1,457,041</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 39,317,921</u>

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Mick Bates, Board President, in accordance with CRS 22-44-110(4)

1-10-24

Date Adopted

ADDENDUM E

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

	AUDITED ACTUAL FY 2023	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024	Revised BUDGET FY 2024	2024 Increase (Decrease)	December YTD		Remaining Balance	%
					Revised Budget	Actual		
Revenues								
Total Program (Property Tax, SO Tax, & State Share)	10,119,112	14,454,462	13,242,778	(1,211,684)	6,621,389	953,069	12,289,709.48	0.93
State Equalization	11,895,584	9,522,348	9,503,788	(18,560)	4,751,894	4,739,759	4,764,029.46	0.50
Sales Tax	2,757,454	3,171,042	3,171,042	-	1,585,521	1,153,986	2,017,055.96	0.64
Rural Funding	452,044	452,044	452,044	-	226,022	191,158	260,885.86	0.58
Local Sources (Tuition, Participation Fees, Other)	480,793	375,000	395,000	20,000	197,500	97,857	297,143.11	0.75
Universal Preschool (UPK)	-	-	550,000	550,000	275,000	302,802	247,498.15	0.45
Medicaid Reimbursement	474,875	375,000	469,502	94,502	234,751	149,718	319,783.70	0.68
PERA Nonemployer Revenue	843,103	335,764	335,764	-	167,882	-	335,764.00	1.00
IDEA Part B	108,987	204,502	110,000	(94,502)	55,000	-	110,000.00	1.00
Earnings on Investments	213,604	135,000	200,000	65,000	100,000	122,092	77,908.49	0.39
Facility Rental/Lease Proceeds	68,928	72,000	72,000	-	36,000	28,596	43,404.00	0.60
Other (GT, VE, Forest Svc, Mineral Lease, Other State and Fed)	351,913	215,217	350,000	134,783	175,000	330,116	19,884.16	0.06
Total Revenues	27,766,398	29,312,379	28,851,918	(460,461)	14,425,959	8,069,152	20,782,766	0.72
Total Allocations	(5,373,506)	(6,717,342)	(6,743,042)	(25,700)	(3,371,521)	(3,326,911)	(3,416,131)	0.51
TOTAL REVENUES AFTER ALLOCATIONS	22,392,891	22,595,038	22,108,877	(486,161)	11,054,438	4,742,241	17,366,635	0.79
Expenditures								
Instructional	11,143,789	10,813,754	10,374,328	(439,426)	5,187,164	5,043,900	5,330,427.87	0.51
Special Education	2,416,664	3,042,481	2,826,481	(216,000)	1,413,241	953,982	1,872,498.76	0.66
Co-Curricular	650,540	643,137	638,137	(5,000)	319,069	354,443	283,694.32	0.44
Support Services	1,009,258	1,287,045	1,230,245	(56,800)	615,123	524,568	705,677.38	0.57
Instr. Staff Support	1,281,615	1,438,848	1,438,862	14	719,431	627,753	811,109.01	0.56
General Admin	1,460,717	1,259,036	1,232,205	(26,832)	616,102	594,202	638,002.38	0.52
School Admin	1,818,910	1,613,351	1,559,717	(53,634)	779,858	862,355	697,361.16	0.45
Business Services	481,896	426,701	503,598	76,897	251,799	281,546	222,052.48	0.44
Operations & Maintenance	2,637,247	2,459,536	2,715,956	256,420	1,357,978	1,192,568	1,523,388.35	0.56
Student Transportation	1,069,007	1,103,830	1,024,630	(79,200)	512,315	521,333	503,297.34	0.49
Central Support	697,256	442,069	469,269	27,200	234,635	178,920	290,348.85	0.62
Facilities & Sites/Other Support	974,164	1,036,668	1,056,668	20,000	528,334	722,679	333,989.44	0.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,641,064	25,566,456	25,070,095	(496,361)	12,535,047	11,858,248	13,211,847	0.53