

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on March 15, 2017, in the Grandview School Cafeteria, Hamilton Drive East, North Caldwell, NJ, at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator, indicated that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting had been properly advertised and the agenda had been posted at the appropriate locations.

Roll call by the Business Administrator:

Present: Mrs. Jann Skelton
Mr. Robert Projansky, President
Mrs. Mary Mokris
Mrs. Mindy Opper

Absent: Mrs. Valerie Buccino, Vice President – arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. Chris Checchetto, Principal
Mr. Michael Stefanelli, Principal
Mr. Allen Barnett, Architect

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Projansky congratulated everyone who worked on the Shreck Production. He also thanked the administrative staff and teachers since North Caldwell is ranked eleven (11th) for raising a family and a “best place” to live in New Jersey. Mr. Projansky spoke about the Town Council meeting and the housing to be built in North Caldwell.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Freda stated the Shreck Production was amazing and we have some very talented children. She also said the PARCC testing is going well.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Judith Dias, 11 Hillcrest – Stated she was in attendance as a member of the community and not as a board member of West Essex. She questioned HVAC versus window units, putting the Gould gym on the hill versus where the parking lot will be located.

Anthony Rosciano, 12 Fairview Drive – Mr. Rosciano asked how the district would communicate the community forum, would the public vote on the referendum, and

how would snow days be given back. He also questioned what would happen if the referendum doesn't pass, and whether or not the tax increase includes staffing.

Wendy Brosse, 58 Beachmont Terrace - Mrs. Brosse asked if the Board office could be moved, or a new building placed at "Walker's Pond." She inquired about the location of a renovated Gould gym, and if the Board could use the eminent domain to acquire the house across the street from the school. She also asked about putting classrooms in trailers, knocking down the Gould building because of its age and raising class sizes to twenty (20). She also suggested the use of Firemen's Hall as the gym. Mrs. Brosse stated parents are flying down Beachmont Terrace to get to Grandview School and the police need to enforce traffic laws.

Brian O'Reilly, 32 Hamilton Drive East - Said he was speaking as a past parent of children formerly in our schools and asked how communication was sent to people not currently in the school community. He asked about the town demographics report and migration of residents. He also wanted to know if we would be able to create an access road on Beachmont Terrace to Grandview.

Jan Skelton asked the public what would be the best method of reaching out to the Town's residents.

Ellen Reilly, 28 Highland Drive - Mrs. Reilly stated she received no notification regarding the meeting. She said the Board should look into green and solar energy, but noted additional expenses will add to the tax impact. She also suggested that maybe we should wait until there is a change in Governor in the State.

Paul Stagnelli, 7 Stony Brook - said his children went through our schools as he has been in town for thirty (30) years. He anticipated a number of new residences but questioned the number of students in each class. He also had questions regarding the increase in staff costs, the Gould facility, driveway and lot. He also inquired whether the Fire Department had approved the architect's plans.

Julia Petrella, 611 Mountain Avenue - asked if we can use the fee from affordable housing or if only the Township got the money.

Board Discussion regarding proposed renovations:

Mrs. Opper asked about other possible options for the Gould gym.

Mrs. Mokris inquired about the number of classrooms necessary.

Mrs. Skelton asked how the café expansion would affect the lunch program.

Mr. Projansky asked the principals and Dr. Freda what impact, if any, moving third grade to Gould would have educationally.

The Board asked Mr. Barnett if Option 3 had room for additional expansion if the district continues to grow. The architect replied there was room for additional expansion.

Mrs. Opper inquired if moving third grade to Gould create a cultural or development issue for the students.

The Board discussed the comments they have been receiving from the community.

The next steps would be to make a decision in June if they plan on moving forward. Submit a plan in August, have a ninety (90) day review. Also, they decided to plan another special public hearing.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2460, Special Education**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2460, Special Education**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2460.1, Special Education - Location, Identification and Referral**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2460.8, Special Education - Free and Appropriate Public Education**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2460.9, Special Education - Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2460.15, Special Education - In-Service Training Needs for Professional and Paraprofessional Staff**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2460.16, Special Education - Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Students**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2467, Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 1510, Americans with Disabilities Act**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G10. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 1510, Americans with Disabilities Act**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2415.30, Title I - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 2418, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Students**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

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Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 5116, Education of Homeless Children**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

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Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 5 No: 0

G16. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 8330, Student Records**, at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

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Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G18. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve payment to Dr. Ellen Platt in the amount of \$750.00 for a psychiatric assessment for **student #8004220**.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G19. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve payment to Dr. Livingstone in the amount of \$675.00 for a developmental pediatric assessment for **student #8005100**.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G20. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revised 2016-2017 school calendar.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G21. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Services Agreement for regular education routes for the 2017-2018 school year with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, pending attorney approval.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G22. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Services Agreement for special education routes for the 2017-2018 school year with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, pending attorney approval.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G23. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Services Agreement for other transportation requests for the 2017-2018 school year with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, pending attorney approval.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of March 15, 2017.**

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **March 31, 2017, payroll** in the amount of \$315,394.61.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **March 15, 2017, Hand Check Register** in the amount of \$25.00.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 21, 2017, Hand Check Register** in the amount of \$147,585.00.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B5. RESOLVED** **that the Board of Education approve the March 22, 2017, Hand Check Register in the amount of \$53,232.31.**

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B6. RESOLVED** **that the Board of Education approve the March 24, 2017, Hand Check Register in the amount of \$214.03.**

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the digital submission of application for the 2015-2016 Safety Grant Program to enhance school security through the New Jersey Insurance Group (NJSIG) in the amount of \$1,164.93 for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 program period.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Title I Tutoring payments in the amount of \$7,050.00 for March 2017.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the April 4, 2017, Hand Check Register in the amount of **\$180,438.58.**

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **April 4, 2017, Hand Check Register** in the amount of \$5,628.84.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the April 7, 2017, payroll in the amount of **\$339,083.02**.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the 2017-2018 School District Budget, as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$12,935,161	\$12,292,153
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 171,402	
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 658,975</u>	<u>\$ 658,975</u>
Total Budget	\$13,765,538	\$12,951,128

The Tax Levy includes an enrollment adjustment of \$183,430.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Caldwell Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary to submit copies of said budget and budget certification to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

B13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the March 13, 2017, Hand Check Register in the amount of **\$708.40**.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B18. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **April 19, 2017, Hand Check Register** in the amount of \$103.60.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B19. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **April 26, 2017, Bills and Claims** in the amount of \$253,150.63.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B20. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of April 4, 2017.**

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B21. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for February 2017.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B22. WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of February 2017, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1; therefore be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 4, the Board of Education does certify that as of February 2017, the Board Secretary Monthly Financial Report, did not reflect an over expenditure in any Major Account or Fund, and based on the Appropriation Balances reflected on this report and on the advice of District Officials, that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B23. WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the **North Caldwell Board of Education** ("Board") to seek a contract for construction services for Music Room Renovations at Gould School (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, the Board received the bids on March 31, 2017 from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et seq.;

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Alternate #3	Total
Practical Contracting, Inc.	\$369,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	(\$80,000.00)	\$30,000.00	\$314,000.00
Construction Contracting, Inc.	\$384,000.00	\$6,200.00	(\$5,500.00)	(\$3,500.00)	\$381,000.00
Accurate Construction, Inc.	\$304,900.00	\$93,000.00	\$7,900.00	\$8,900.00	\$414,700.00
Goksu Construction, LLC	\$357,000.00	\$0.00	\$72,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$444,000.00

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Practical Contracting, Inc. and the second lowest bidder, Construction Contracting, Inc., withdrew their bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by **Accurate Construction, Inc.** has been reviewed and has been determined to comply with the bid specifications and New Jersey Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to **Accurate Construction, Inc.** at an amount of Four Hundred, Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred dollars (\$414,700.00).

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

B24. WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by **Environmental Connection Inc.** to the **North Caldwell Board of Education** ("Board") to seek bids for Asbestos Abatement Contractors for the Music Room Renovations at Gould School abatement and disposal; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Connection Inc. reached out to prospective vendors due to the dollar amount anticipated; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Connection Inc. received bids from five (5) potential contractor's regarding this award, as follows;

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Two Brothers Contracting, Inc.	\$24,800.00
Shade Environmental, LLC	\$26,700.00
Bristol Environmental, Inc.	\$32,200.00
AbateTech, Inc.	\$35,400.00
Four Strong Builders, Inc.	\$52,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby award a contract to **Two Brothers Contracting, Inc.** at an amount of Twenty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred dollars (\$24,800.00).

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B25. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the cost proposal from Environmental Connection Inc., in the amount of \$7,330.00 for services associated with the window replacement project, asbestos project monitoring and close-out at Gould/Mountain School.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B26. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide subscription busing services to the North Caldwell Board of Education for the 2017-2018 school year at a flat rate of \$13,500.00.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESLOVED that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Halik, M.	6/7-6/9/2017	NJASBO Conference	\$275.00	\$582.00
Decker, L.	5/8-5/12	CPI	\$2,950.00	
Giantonio, S.	5/8-5/12	CPI	\$2,950.00	

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

P2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Peter Marlo** as a lunch aide at a rate of \$12.50 per hour not to exceed 3.5 hours per day effective May 8, 2017 to June 14, 2017.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Liliana Domingues-Tei** as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

P4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Jessica Valente** as a substitute nurse at a rate of \$125.00 per day effective April 27, 2017 to June 16, 2017.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following staff members as chaperones for the 6th grade class trip at a rate of \$300.00 to Rocking Horse Ranch.

**Toni Arena
Melissa Schlachter
Greg De Rosa
Melissa Kline
Linda Nikow
Chris Sancetta
Laura Decker
Nancy Della Valle
Kari Lynn Jones
Patricia Alicandri
Stephanie Wozniak**

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

None

The Board took a break from approximately 9:30 to 9:35 before Mr. Halik gave his budget presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

At approximately 9:38 Mr. Halik made his budget presentation. As B12 was put on hold until after the presentation, the Board later voted and passed it unanimously. Mr. Projansky also thanked Mr. Halik on doing a great job on the budget and being able to add items to the budget while many other districts have to cut their budgets.

The following resolution was called at approximately 9:45 p.m.

RESOLVED that in accordance with section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to: negotiations and personnel. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary