

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on May 12, 2020 via an online Zoom Meeting 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.

In addition, a notice was posted on the Entrances of Grandview Elementary School and on the Board of Education Website, that May 12, 2020 meeting would be done via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform.

ROLL CALL BY THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Mr. Robert Projansky, President
 Mrs. Mary Mokris, Vice President
 Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky
 Mrs. Mindy Opper
 Mr. Matt Atlas

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
 Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
 Mr. Ian Adlon, Computer Technician

ACTION ITEM

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

O1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the use of the Zoom Online Meeting Platform, to conduct the May 12, 2020, Board Meeting in compliance with A-3850 which was signed by Governor Murphy on March 20, 2020 so that Board of Education business can continue, during the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 crisis.

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

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Projansky stated that the remote learning will continue until the end of the school year. He thanked Staff and Teachers for working hard and doing an incredible job. He stated that he and the whole Board are amazed at the achievements made. Mr. Projansky also commented on the Tax Levy Resolution stating that 91.7% of the districts revenue comes from the tax levy.

Mr. Projansky reported that the Transportation Committee had convened regarding subscription busing and discussed the hurdles ahead for the next school year. Next school year will look different with the worry of future funding and increased expenses in the foreseeable future. He compared it to the 2008 financial crisis and the effects that had on school funding and the budget cuts that had to be made by all New Jersey School Districts including North Caldwell. Mr. Projansky said that public comments will be available after the Report from the Transportation Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda reported that after meeting with Senator Ruiz and the Assistant Commissioner of Education, there is still no direction for extended school year. We continue to watch data from other parts of the country and we are not sure what school opening will look like until late July or Early August. Dr. Freda thanked teachers and Ian Adlon for all they are doing to make the remote learning interactive. Dr. Freda commented that there will be a revised school calendar showing the 3 snow days to be given back at the end of the year.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Opper gave the following Transportation Committee update regarding Subscription Busing for the 2020-2021 School Year:

1. We will move forward with registration for subscription busing now.
2. August 1st we will reevaluate and make a final decision.
3. If all information is the same as today, there is no subscription busing.
4. If there is a decision about NO social distancing at school by then, we can have it.
5. If at any time, before September 1st, there is a decision about social distancing, the program will be suspended and parents will receive a refund, minus a credit card processing fee.
6. If social distancing guidelines change after September 1st, we will suspend the program and consider refunds after we evaluate how the bus companies are paid. PLEASE NOTE: it is possible there will be no refunds to parents.
7. If program is suspended August 1st, we will reevaluate January 1st to determine if we can reinstate the program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrea Brower of 31 Beachmont Terrace, asked how we are moving forward with grading of students. Dr. Freda responded that Grandview students are returning work and teachers are then grading the work. In Gould School, children are returning work and teachers are being flexible.

Laura Lefton of 86 Brookside Terrace, asked why first graders are not required to return work and how will grading be done. Dr. Freda said she would follow up with the first grade team. Laura Lefton also inquired how busing will correlate with social distancing in the classroom. Dr. Freda responded that it will correlate and that we have multiple plans dependent upon what the State requires. There is a lot of speculation and not much direction from the State yet but be rest assured that that there will be a plan in place.

Jodie Kohlberg of 23 Brookside Terrace, asked how grading will work for second graders since they also did not return work. Dr. Freda said she will follow up with Dr. Stefanelli. Jodie Kohlberg asked if sending districts are doing the same thing with regard to busing. Dr. Freda answered that every district will have to make their own decision based on their circumstances we are the only district in the West Essex Region with subscription busing.

Wendy Montanto of 548 Mountain Ave, raised a question to see if the board planned to alter the current the Drop Off and Pick up Program to help parents.

Brian Trauman of 20 Deer Trail Road, thanked Mrs. Opper and the Transportation Committee for their report and for thinking it through. He asked if we can share the report with all parents.

Tony Bolat of 104 Mountain Ave asked if social distance will be required for busing.

Alex Albu of 40 Ferndale Road, asked about the refund of money for subscription busing and will there any negotiation for clauses for closures in the future.

Robin Projansky of 2 Falcon Point Drive, asked if the fee could be paid by a check instead of a credit card so a parents can receive a full refund without fees deducted. She also asked what personal protection equipment, for example face masks, would be required for busing and also for school when it opens. Also would there be a possibility to perhaps do half day to keep children from eating at school.

Alegra Simon of 36 Roosevelt Blvd, asked if there will be a refund for this year's busing.

BOARD'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Projansky read the following statement from the Board Attorney:

There has been public discussion about our District's obligation to continue to pay the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission ("ERESC") for the cost of transportation that was provided by Belair Transport to our school district prior to the closing of schools on March 16, 2020.

First, it is important to understand that the District contracts with ERESC for transportation services and not with Belair Transport. Second, the Board recognizes that as a result of recent legislation providing for the continuation of payments to contracted service providers during the present health related school closure, the ERESC is required to pay and/or renegotiate with its contracted service providers for the remainder of the school year. The Board also recognizes that ERESC will then expect North Caldwell to pay them for the transportation services they provide to our district under our contract with them. The Board is prepared to honor its obligations to ERESC, but only if they fulfill their responsibilities under the new legislation. While we recognize that the new legislation has, as its purpose, to maintain the salaries of the drivers and reimburse the contractors their direct costs, North Caldwell has a fiduciary duty to the taxpayers to insure that ERESC's payment to Belair Transport is being used for those purposes. The legislation is intended to keep bus drivers on the payroll, and to afford their employers some degree of financial security. However, payment under the legislation should not be a windfall to any contractor. So, once Belair Transport provides ERESC with the required documentation under the new legislation, the Board is prepared to fulfill its obligations to ERESC under the Board's current contract.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Opper and Mrs. Shumofsky both thanked everyone in the community for taking an interest. With regard to responses to the questions, the information given in the committees report will be on the website so that it will be available to everyone.

The District is working with Tiny Treasures which is the current service provider for the Before care and Aftercare program in our schools and next year it will run at both schools. The district will also work with the town to ensure drop off and pick up go smoothly and we will adjust accordingly to help the community.

With regard to refunds for the current school year, we will follow the law and determine what the board is permitted to do.

Mr. Halik pointed out the district will still have to pay service management fees, credit card service fees in addition there may be contract issues that will arise if the program is disbanded. Mailing in checks to pay for subscription busing will be permitted. The district's mandated busing should be covered by the current buses if social distance measures are still in place.

Dr. Freda spoke about the issues with masks and social distancing in the school setting and stated that the district will rely on CDC and City Health Department for guidance on this issue.

Mr. Projansky mentioned that because this is a rapidly evolving and fluid situation we cannot say exactly how things will be because we do not know what will be, but we are doing everything we can.

Mrs. Mokris commented regarding busing refunds in full. Mr. Halik confirmed that it would be credit card fees and paypal fees that had to be deducted from refunds. Mrs. Opper also mentioned that if school starts, we may have contractual obligations to bus companies.

Mr. Atlas thanked the Transportation Committee for coming up with a solution to this situation and Mr. Projansky echoed thanks also.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

O2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the educational programs currently in place in the district and each of the schools, subject to curriculum revision for the forthcoming school year as required by N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.5(a).

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

O3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the following textbooks for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Publication</u>
LA/Reading	Empowering Writers (K-6)	2010
	Great Books (K-6)	2006
	Houghton Mifflin (2-6)	2008
	Handwriting Without Tears (K-2)	2008
	Houghton Mifflin	
	Journeys & Collections (5-6)	2017
Mathematics	Mc Graw Hill (Everyday Math K-6)	2016
	Pearson (Connected Mathematics 3)	2006
Science	Pearson Scott Foresman (K-3)	2004
	Pearson Education	2016
Music	Silver-Burdett & Ginn (K-2)	1995
	Silver Burdett/Scott Foresman (3)	2002
	Scott Foresman	2000
	Scott Foresman	2002
Social Studies	Nystrom, Jr. Geographer Atlas	2005
	Prentice Hall	2014
	Nystrom Atlas	2005
	Perfection Learning	2014
	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2012
	NJ State Bar Foundation	2006

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 4 No: 0

Abstain: 1 Mr. Projansky

O4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Athina Cornell, Esquire, of the firm of **Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne Esquires of Westfield, New Jersey**, as its legal advisor for special education matters for the 2020-2021 school year at a fee of \$165.00 per hour.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Anthony Sciarrillo, Esquire, of the firm of **Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, Esquires of Westfield, New Jersey**, as its legal advisor for general counsel matters for the 2020-2021 school year, at a fee of \$165.00 per hour, at the will of the Board.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O6. **WHEREAS** there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the capital program and the authorization and issuance of obligations of The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex (the "Board"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the preparation and review of procedures in connection with such obligations and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized law firm, and the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS funds are or will be available for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH CALDWELL IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized bond counsel legal services necessary in connection with the capital program and the authorization and the issuance of obligations by the Board.

2. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Bond Services Contract (the "Contract").

3. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding and as

a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board. The publication required pursuant to Section 5(a)(1) of the School Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:-1 et seq. is hereby authorized.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Mokris
Yes:	4	No:	0
Abstain:	1		Mrs. Shumofsky

O7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of **Chris Checchetto** to the following positions for the North Caldwell School District for the 2020-2021 school year:

**Homeless Liaison
School Safety Specialist
504 Committee Coordinator
Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Coordinator**

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

O8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education the appointment of **Michael Stefanelli** to the following positions for the North Caldwell School District for the 2020-2021 school year:

**Affirmative Action Officer
504 Committee Coordinator
Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Coordinator**

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

O9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint the following as **Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Specialists** for North Caldwell School District for the 2020-2021 school year:

Laura Decker - Gould School
Melissa Kornreich - Grandview School

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O10. **RESOLVED** that the following is hereby designated as depository of the Board of Education:

Valley National Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until further notice from the Board of Education, any funds of the Board deposited in said depository may be subject to withdrawal at any time, or from time to time, upon checks, wire transfers, or instruments or orders for payment of moneys when signed on behalf of the Board of Education by the following: President or Vice President, Board Secretary, and/or Treasurer.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O11. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following petty cash accounts; the amounts as established through policy:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Expenditure</u>
Superintendent of Schools	\$100.00	\$50.00
Business Administrator	\$150.00	\$50.00
Grandview School Principal	50.00	\$25.00
Gould School Principal	50.00	\$25.00
Supervisor of Special Services	<u>50.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$400.00	\$175.00

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

O12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint **Mr. Thomas Falco** to the following positions for the North Caldwell School District for the 2020-2021 school year:

**AHERA Program Manager/Designated Person
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator**

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

O13. RESOLVED that the official newspapers for the North Caldwell Board of Education be **The Progress, The Star Ledger,** and the **Herald,** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary be permitted to use his discretion with regard to any and all publications required by law.

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

O14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Requisition of District Taxes for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

O15. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as its purchasing agent, in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code 18A, authorizing him to award contracts on behalf of the Board of Education that are in aggregate less than 15% of the applicable bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O16. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby appoint **Steven J. Lella** as **Treasurer of School Funds** at a salary of \$4,100.00 for the term of office beginning July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Steven J. Lella** be covered by the Public Official Bond in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O17. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **DiCara Rubino Architects** as the district’s architectural firm located at **30 Galesi Drive, West Wing, Wayne, NJ 07470** for the 2020-2021 school year and any special projects as proposed, at the following rates:

Principal	\$175/hr.
Senior Associate Architect	\$165/hr.
Project Manager	\$150/hr.
Project Architect/Engineer	\$140/hr.
Job Captain/ Assistant Engr.	\$135/hr.
Project Designer	\$125/hr.
Specifications Writer	\$125/hr.
Senior Production	\$120/hr.
Intermediate Production	\$100/hr.
Interior Designer	\$135/hr.
Construction Administrator	\$140/hr.
Marketing/Public Relations	\$125/hr.

Accounting	\$ 55/hr.
Administrative Assistant	\$ 45/hr.
Clerical	\$ 45/hr.
Reimbursable Expenses	Cost x 1.15

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O18. RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint **Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Livingston, NJ**, as Health, Dental and Prescription Benefits Broker for the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O19. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the total travel expenditures for the District at a maximum of \$24,700.00 for the 2020-2021 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator keep an accounting of all expenditures to ensure compliance with the approved amount.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O20. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following local travel expense accounts for professional development seminars, conferences and meetings for the 2020-2021 school year for the listed staff positions.

Account	Description
11-000-213-580-050-00	Nurse: Gould
11-000-213-580-060-00	Nurse: Grandview
11-000-219-580-000-00	Child Study Team
11-000-223-580-050-00	Teachers

11-000-223-580-060-00	Teachers
11-000-230-580-000-00	Superintendent
11-000-230-585-000-00	Board of Education
11-000-240-580-050-00	Principal Gould
11-000-240-580-060-00	Principal Grandview
11-000-251-580-000-00	Central Office

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O21. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the **Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Officer** of the North Caldwell Public Schools for the period July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O22. RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to approve individual line-item transfers between Board meetings, with formal approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, during the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O23. WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes provide that no public work contracts can be awarded nor any moneys paid until the prospective contractor has agreed to contract performance which complies with an approved affirmative action program; and

WHEREAS, this law applies to each political subdivision and agency of the State and includes service and procurement contracts and construction contracts (NJAC 17:27-1.1); and,

WHEREAS, each public agency shall annually designate an officer or employee to serve as its **Public Agency Compliance Officer** (P.A.C.O.) (NJAC 17:27-3.5), and notice of designation shall be given to the Department of the Treasury, State Affirmative Action Office by January 10th of each year; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. officer shall perform the duties prescribed in the Administrative Code, be responsible for ensuring the agencies' compliance with the rules and may perform any other liaison and assistance functions as may be requested by the Affirmative Action Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Caldwell Board of Education that the School Business Administrator, is hereby designated as the North Caldwell Board of Education **Public Agency Compliance Officer** for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

O24. RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pursuant to 18A:18A-10(a), to make purchases, as needed and appropriate, by use of the contracts awarded by the Purchase Bureau of the Division of Property, Department of Treasury, State of New Jersey and in accordance with the Public Procurement Laws for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

O25. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Tom Falco** as the **Safety & Health Designee** and re-adopt the **Emergency Management/Safety and Security Plan**, as revised, September 2018.

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

O26. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the below listed Tax Shelter Annuity Companies:

- AXA Equitable
- Lincoln Life
- Valic Financial
- Fidelity Investment*
- (*only for Accounts Established Prior to Jan 2020)

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O27. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Participation Agreement with the **Asbury Park Information Technology Center** for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for the following services:

- Budgetary Accounting System \$6,700.00
- Payroll/Personnel System \$8,900.00
- User IDs - each new user \$ 75.00
- (one-time fee)
- Additional fees per service, as needed

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O28. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint **Giovanni Mancini of Treadstone Risk Management, LLC 60 Speedwell Avenue, Unit B, Morristown, NJ 07960** to serve as the Property and Casualty Insurance Broker of record, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O29. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, Certified Public Accountants, Fair Lawn, New Jersey**, as its auditors for the 2019-2020 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, at a fee of \$12,000.00, preparing Secondary Market Disclosure documents is \$500.00, and should the district request the auditors assistance with independent financial advisors this shall be covered by an additional proposal, in addition to any other services as the fee schedule listed below shows:

Partners	\$150-\$175 per hour
Managers	\$125-\$140 per hour
Senior Accountants/Supervisors	\$ 90-\$115 per hour
Staff Accountants	\$ 75-\$85 per hour
Other Personnel	\$ 45 per hour

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O30. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the fee schedule from **Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) School District** for the 2020-2021 school year, as listed below:

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Public CST Bilingual Evaluation	\$500.00/evaluation
Attendance at CST Meeting	\$125.00/meeting
Public Educational Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
Public Psychological Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
Public Psychological Eval w/Project Testing	\$400.00/evaluation
Public Social Assessment	\$400.00/evaluation
Public Speech Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
Public/Charter School Home Instruction	\$55.00/hour
Public Nursing	\$56.00/hour
Public Speech Services	\$95.00/hour
Aide for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)	\$49.80/hour
Occupational/Physical Therapist	\$95.00/hour
Occupational/Physical Therapist	\$450.00/evaluation
Paraprofessional	\$28.56/hour
Paraprofessional Substitute	\$28.56/hour
Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)	\$450.00/evaluation
Essex Junior Academy Tuition (Sept-June)	\$52,500/year
Essex Junior Academy ESY Tuition 30/days	\$8,750/30 days

Essex Campus Academy Tuition (Sept-June)	\$52,500.00/year
Essex Campus Academy ESY Tuition (30 days)	\$8,750/30 days
Essex High School Tuition (Sept-June)	\$52,500.00/year
Project Life Tuition (Sept-June)	\$57,998.00/year
Alternative Education Tuition (Sept-June)	\$27,500/year

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O31. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Rullo & Juillet Associates, Inc. of Cedar Grove, NJ as the Right to Know and Hazard Communication consultants for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$2,859.00 in addition to the following services:

Electronic Filing Fee	\$200.00
Two-Six month Asbestos Surveillances	\$925.00

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O32. RESOLVED that the Board of Education reapprove the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Lead Concentrations in school drinking water outlets.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O33. RESOLVED that the Board of Education reapprove the North Caldwell School District Lead Drinking Water Testing Sampling Plan Appendix B of QAPP, dated February 8, 2017.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O34. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Rates of Pay for 2020-2021.

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

O35. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Dr. Fost as the School Physician for the 2020-2021 school year as required under NJSA 18A:40-1.

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

O36. WHEREAS the law firm of Fogarty & Hara, Esqs. has the expertise and experience to provide professional services to the Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of appointing the law firm of Fogarty & Hara, Esqs., to provide professional services to the Board finding that the proposal submitted by this law firm is most advantageous, experience, qualifications, price and other facts considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoints the law firm of Fogarty & Hara, Esqs. as Board Attorneys until the next organization meeting in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish a notice of this Award in the official newspaper of the Board.

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

O37. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Peter B. Fallon Esquire of Warren, NJ as a Special Legal Counsel for the 2019-2020 school year, at a fee of \$165.00 per hour.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O38. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Peter B. Fallon Esquire of Warren, NJ as a Special Legal Counsel for the 2020-2021 school year, at a fee of \$165.00 per hour.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O39. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Omni Financial Group Inc. to act as a third Party Administrator for the Board of Education Sponsored Retirement Plans effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O40. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the renewal of **Horizon Medical** coverage effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and **Dental** coverage effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

O41. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve renewal **Benecard/Trust Prescription** coverage effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following state contract vendors:

Supplier/Vendor/Contractor	Product or Service	State Contract No.
Canon Solutions America	Digital Color Copiers/Printers	A68050
Canon USA Inc.	GSA/FSS Reprographics	A51144
CDW	Authorized dealer/distributor	A70262/A70263 A74851/A74922 A75579/A75580 A75583/A75585
Commercial Interiors Direct	Playground Equipment	A81414
Dell Marketing LP	WSCA Cmptn Contract/Data Communications Equipment/Software License	A70256/A88796 A77003
Demco Inc	Library/School Supplies & Teaching Aids	A80987
Dyntek	Authorized dealer/distributor	A70526/A70262/A75585
Ebsco Subscription Srvc	Publication media	A86068
Eastern Data Comm Inc.	Data Communications Equip	A87720
Fisher Scientific Company	Library/School Supplies & Teaching Supplies	A80978
Flinn Scientific, Inc.	Scientific Equip/Accessories Maintenance & Supplies	A75832
Grainger Industrial Products	Bldg. Materials & Supplies	A79875
Hertz Equip Rental Corp	Equip & Space Rental Generator Rentals	A83005/A85483
Hewlett Packard Company	Computer Contract/Data Communication Equip	A70262/A88130
James D. Boyce Asso.	Playground Equip	A81420
Keyboard Consultants	Computer Equipment	A81193
Lifesavers, Inc.	Bldg Mgmt/Life Safety Equip	A84689
Pitney Bowes	Mail Equip & Maintenance	A75237
Promedia	Technology Services	A75580
Premier Digital Imaging LLC/United Business Systems	Copiers	A82707
RFP Solutions	Telecommunications Equip	A80801
Ricciardi Brothers Inc.	Paint & Related Supplies	A82224
School Specialty	Office/School Supplies	T0114
Shortel Inc.	Data Communication Equip	A88132
Staples Advantage	Office Supplies	A77249
Tanner North Jersey Inc.	A/V & Computer/Library &	A662181/A69909

	Classroom Furniture Files/Desks & Cabinets/Office Furniture	A67807/ A70308 A81641/ A67810
Tanner North Jersey Inc.	Classroom Furniture	A67833
Tanner North Jersey Inc.	Classroom Furniture	A69948
Tanner North Jersey Inc.	Classroom Furniture	A67821
TEQ Inc.	Computer/Smart Board Equipment	A80992
Verizon	Mini Micro Services (Cisco Equip, Data Wiring, Nortel Equip, Prof. Serv.)	A85943
Verizon	Video	A0956
WB Mason	Office/library Supplies	A80975

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
 Yes: 4 No: 0
 Abstain: 1 Mr. Projansky

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following NASPO Contract Vendors:

Supplier/Vendor/Contractor	Product or Service
Apple	Computer Hardware, Software, etc.
CDW	Supplies, Computer Hardware, etc.
Dell	Computer Hardware, Software, etc.
Dyntek	Tech Services (consulting)
Eastern Datacom	Communications Equipment
e-plus	Technology Reseller, Services, Consulting, etc.
Global Computer	Computer Hardware, Software, etc.
Hewlett Packard	Printers, Computers, Networks
Howard Industries	Computer and Technology parts and supplies
Jami Furniture	Furniture for Computer Equipment
KeyBoard Consultants	SmartBoard, Projectors & Related Media
Promedia	Technology services, consulting, Software, etc.
Riverside Technology	Computer Hardware, Software, Etc.
Tanner North Jersey	Office Furniture
UBS	Copy & Print Mgmt

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris
Yes: 4 No: 0
Abstain: 1 Mr. Projansky

G3. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (formerly Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the North Caldwell Board of Education County of Essex, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

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

G4. WHEREAS, Educational Data Services, Inc. has conducted bids in accordance with the provisions of Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Educational Data Services, Inc. for the procurement of supplies and materials.

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

G5. **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Educational Computing cooperative (NJECC) has entered into a Group Buy with Journey Education/CCV Software, whereby extending volume license discounts to participating NJECC to participate in the Group Buy for volume license discounts;

WHEREAS, the North Caldwell Board of Education in an effort to save taxpayers money through efficient and cost effective purchasing has entered into an agreement with the NJECC to participate in the Group Buy for volume license discounts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the purchases with Journey Education/CCV Software.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G6. **WHEREAS**, the Issuer has heretofore agreed through the execution of Continuing Disclosure Agreements (“CDAs”) in connection with one or more bond issuances to provide certain financial and other information and notices, within specified timeframes, in a manner prescribed by the regulators of the underwriter that purchased said bond issues; and

WHEREAS, but for the execution of the CDAs, the underwriter of such bonds would be prohibited from purchasing the bonds of the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, in order to ascertain its compliance with various CDAs executed in conjunction with the issuance of bonds, the Issuer must identify the requirements stipulated in those various CDAs and compare those requirements with its filings and correct any deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities & Exchange Commission (“SEC”) restrict the provision of advice concerning the issuance of municipal debt to those that are appropriately registered with the SEC; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to retain the assistance of appropriately registered experts in the field of municipal bond finance, with knowledge and experience in these matters, to assist in assuring compliance with CDAs and to stand ready to provide advice as needed with the issuance of municipal debt as Independent Registered Municipal Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors provides such continuing disclosure services and is an independent registered municipal advisor under the SEC regulations and has heretofore been appointed by the Issuer to provide the same until the expiration of this Agreement, as defined in Section 3 herein; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to set forth herein the terms and conditions under which Phoenix Advisors will provide such services to the Issuer.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO, IN CONSIDERATION OF MUTUAL COVENANTS HEREIN CONTAINED AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, EACH INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Phoenix Advisors exercising its duty of care will perform, inter alia, the tasks described in the scope of services summarized in Exhibit I and, if further requested in Exhibit II attached hereto.

Section 2. The Issuer will compensate Phoenix Advisors for services provided in accordance with this agreement, as more particularly set forth below:

Continuing Disclosure Agent Service:

\$1,000 - Base fee

\$200 - One time initial setup fee for each new bond issue set up during the year

\$250 - Event Fee (if applicable)

Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record

There is **no separate fee** charged by Phoenix Advisors for being designated as your Independent Registered Municipal Advisor (IRMA). As your IRMA, we will be available to answer general questions concerning outstanding debt issues, market conditions, preliminary review financing proposals, or prepare preliminary project analyses.

A separate addendum to this Agreement will be provided for your acknowledgement, if you choose to have Phoenix Advisors involved in a debt issuance or to undertake an in-depth evaluation of a proposal or project, perform a consultant service, or assist with rating agency surveillance. Our goal is to be available to you and to add value when you need our expertise.

Section 3. This Agreement, as to the Continuing Disclosure Agent services and Municipal Advisor services, is subject to annual renewal.

Section 4. This Agreement may be terminated by the Issuer or Phoenix Advisors, upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice.

Section 5. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and Phoenix Advisors have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their authorized representatives as of the date and year first above written.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education reapprove the Guide for Standard Operating Procedures and Internal Controls inclusive of Purchasing Manual.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Services Agreement for regular and special education routes, as well as other transportation requests for the 2020-2021 school year with the **Essex Regional Educational Services Commission**, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 pending attorney review.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

G9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation Services for the 2020-2021 school year with **Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative** for coordination of transportation of special education pending attorney review.

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

G10. 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 2020-2021 school year at a flat rate of \$13,500.00 pending attorney review.

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

G11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following field trip locations:

- Fairfield Farms**
- Conklin Farms**
- Montclair State University Theater**
- Morristown Performing Arts Center**
- Turtle Back Zoo**
- Papermill Playhouse**
- Liberty Science Center**
- Tenement Museum**
- Rocking Horse Ranch**
- Washington Crossing Park**
- Bronx Zoo**
- Knoll Country Club**
- Bergen County Technical Schools**
- Apple Store**
- Bergen Makerspace**
- South Orange Performing Arts Center**

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

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the contract with **The Developmental Center for Children & Families (DCCF LLC, doing business as Limitless)**, effective for the 2020-2021 school year to commence on July 8, 2020 and terminate on August 7, 2020, at a estimated cost per pupil of \$5,645 plus \$2,300(1:1 Aide) for a Total Cost of \$7,945 for student #8004428.

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

G13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **School Health-Related Closure Plans**.

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

G14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revised 2019-2020 school calendar.

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

G.15. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the submission of the 2019-2020 Extraordinary Aid Grant.

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

G16. RESOLVED that the Board of Education Oppose Senate Bill 2392/Assembly Bill 3969 Legislation Affecting Transmission of Property Tax Revenue to School Districts

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2392 and Assembly Bill 3969, currently pending in the state Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay or alter the transmission of property tax revenue to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, delaying or altering the transmission of property tax revenue from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote instruction and, therefore, continued timely transmission of all property tax revenue due to the school district is critical for the educational process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, under our state's current structure, municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, but those taxes are levied for specific purposes – e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district – and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, municipal governing bodies are empowered under current law to borrow in order to ensure that full payments to school districts are made;

WHEREAS, the North Caldwell Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes that this legislation would only worsen the situation for our communities; and

WHEREAS, while S-2392/ A-3969 would require a municipality to pay a percentage of the revenue due to a school district based on consultation between the state Departments of Community Affairs and Education, the amount of taxes collected at the time and the financial condition of the municipality and school district, it does not address subsequent payment to the school district to make up the full shortfall amount; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, S-2392/ A-3969, which is designed to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education urges the State Legislature and Governor to oppose S-2392/ A-3969; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Philip D. Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assembly Members BettyLou DeCroce and Jay Webber the Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of April 28, 2020.**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **April 30, 2020, payroll in the amount of \$352,644.61.**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **May 7, 2020, Hand Check Register in the amount of \$84.00.**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

B4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the, **May 12, 2020, Bills and Claims in the amount of \$292,564.25.**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

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

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Shay, Kim	6/16-6/18	Seeing Stars Workshop	Reg: \$495.00 Materials: \$399.97 Total: \$894.97	

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed holding an additional Board Meeting on June 9, 2020, Mr. Halik will advertise for the meeting as required. Mr. Projansky stated that the Board discussed meeting more frequently in light of Covid-19 either as a Board or a Covid-19 Committee.

Mr. Atlas, Mrs. Mokris and Mrs. Opper volunteered to be on a Covid-19 Committee, after discussion the following resolution was passed:

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

O42. RESOLVED that the Board approve to form a Covid-19 Committee and appoint Mr. Atlas as Chairman and Mrs. Opper as Member.

Moved Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:43 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: Legal Matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved:	Mr. Atlas	Seconded:	Mrs. Opper
Yes:	5	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael W. Halik

Business Administrator / Board Secretary