

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on June 23, 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 June 23, 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 RESOLUTION**

**O1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the use of the Zoom Online Meeting Platform, to conduct the June 23, 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. Opper

Yes: 5    No: 0

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Projansky thanked the NCPE for all their work this past year to support our schools. He then specifically thanked Julie Rosen and Allegra Simon for their work as presidents and welcomed aboard the new officers for the NCPE. Mr. Projansky thanked the Staff, Teachers, Custodians, and the Administration for working so hard and doing an incredible job to close out the school year. The Board and Administration will now concentrate their efforts to plan for next school year.

Mr. Projansky reported that a meeting was held with the Borough. At this meeting Mr. Atlas, Mr. Projansky, Dr. Freda and Mr. Halik discussed the suspension of subscription busing and discussed the hurdles ahead for the next school year. The borough and board plan to work together on many items over the next year including trying to align calendars for meetings, safety concerns for the students, and the possible development of Greenbrook Country Club.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Freda reported on the following reports:

Student Safety Data System Report – Dr. Freda reported that there were no incidences of violence or vandalism during the 2019-2010 school year. She also indicated that there were no reported incidences of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying

HIB Grades Report – The final grades for both Grandview and Gould Schools were reported. Dr. Freda stated that a copy of the grades report will be posted on the school website.

Dr. Freda thanked Ian Adlon and Chris Chechetto for all of their hard work and creativity creating the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation video. She also thanked Dr. Stefanelli for organizing the third-grade clap out car parade. The following teachers were congratulated for completing the two-year, twelve credit graduate level program in Multisensory Reading earning their IMSLIC Certification as Teachers of Dyslexia: Tara Newman, Lauren Norton, Cheryl Schecter, Jenna Veneziano, Jane Edwards, Amanda Cosentino, Lacy MacDonald, June Troiano, Emily Egan, and Anita Cimera.

Dr. Freda wished everyone an enjoyable, healthy and relaxing summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

G1. WHEREAS, Michael W. Halik, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7, and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent , from \$40,000 to \$44,000, effective July 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$44,000 for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Michael W. Halik, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Moved: Mrs. Opper                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5                                      No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revised contract with **Newmark K-8 School**, effective for the 2020-2021 school year to commence on September 8, 2020, at a tentative tuition rate of \$59,423.40, for Student ID# 8005279.

Moved: Mrs. Opper                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5                                      No: 0

G3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the suspension of subscription busing for the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Opper                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5                                      No: 0

G4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Parent Paid Preschool Tuition Agreements, at a rate of \$3,800 for the school year 2020-2021, for the following students:

Preschool 3  
8005241

Preschool 4  
8005810

8005804	8005806
8005801	8005688
8005796	8005679
8005798	8005682
8005802	8005683
8005797	8005694
8005809	8005681
8005808	8005687
8005803	8005686

Moved: Mrs. Opper

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

- G5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facilities use form, submitted on behalf of Mr. James Whitney, for soccer training.

Moved: Mrs. Opper

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

- B1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of June 9, 2020.**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

- B2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **June 9, 2020, Hand Check Register**, in the amount of \$23,810.08.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

- B3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **June 15, 2020 Payroll**, in the amount of \$337,312.57.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **June 16, 2020 Payroll**, in the amount of \$409,577.21.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **June 18, 2020 Hand Check Register**, in the amount of \$53,277.29.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

B6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the June 23, 2020 Bills and Claims in the amount of \$116,242.08.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Wellness & Rehabilitation**, from 21 hours per week to 28 hours per week of physical therapy services at a rate of \$90.00 per hour effective September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve movement on the salary guide for the following staff member:

**Teacher**

**From**

**To**

**Anita Cimera**

**MA**

**MA +15**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached contract for **Sharon Mottola**, confidential Payroll/Bookkeeper effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached contract for **Victoria Zecchino**, ten (10) month confidential secretary, effective September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached contract for **Dr. Michael Stefanelli**, Grandview Principal, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached contract for **Chris Checchetto**, Gould Principal, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached contract for **Tom Falco**, Director of Buildings & Grounds, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

**P8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached contract for **Michael Halik**, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary as approved by the Executive County Superintendent, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5    No: 0

**P9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/ Conferences costs for the following teachers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Laurenzano, D.	7/21-7/23	Seeing Stars	\$495.00 \$399.96 Materials	
Eisinger, L.	7/28-7/30	Seeing Stars	\$495.00 \$399.96 Materials	
Jones, Kari-Lynn	8/11-8/13	Seeing Stars	\$495.00 \$399.96 Materials	

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5    No: 0

**P10. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Angela Castiglia**, for the Extended School Year program, at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, effective June 29, 2020 to July 23, 2020.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5    No: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Atlas reported that the Covid Committee is meeting next week. NJDOE still has not released guidelines for school reopening; hopefully, we will receive guidelines very soon. The Guidelines that were released for Extended School Year turned out to be just an extension of the guidelines for summer camps, which in reality is not apples to apples. Due to health and safety concerns the District will be providing the extended school year program through remote instruction.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Shumofsky, the delegate to SBA, reported that a resolution would be coming up for vote in the general assembly that would change the way open seats are filled on regional Boards of Education. For example, if a North Caldwell resident's seat on the West Essex Board of Education needed to be filled between election dates the open North Caldwell seat would be filled by an individual from North Caldwell who West Essex identified. This resolution would provide the North Caldwell community with a voice in who should fill the vacant seat. The board discussed the resolution and agreed that Mrs. Shumofsky would attend the event and vote for Board in favor of the resolution .

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:52 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:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael W. Halik

Business Administrator / Board Secretary