

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on January 21, 2020, in the Grandview School Cafeteria, Hamilton Drive East, North Caldwell, NJ, at 7:30 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: Mr. Robert Projansky, President  
Mrs. Mary Mokris, Vice President  
Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky  
Mrs. Mindy Opper  
Mr. Matt Atlas

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary  
Mr. Michael Stefanelli, Grandview School Principal  
Mr. Allen Barnett, DiCara/Rubino Architects

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Projansky congratulated the NCPE for a successful Martin Luther King, Jr. service day. He thanked the administration, teachers and staff for dealing with the challenges within the community. He spoke about the resolution opposing the mandated regionalization of school districts to be PreK-12.

Mr. Projansky stated Mr. Barnett would report on facility expansion.

Mr. Projansky then spoke about Mrs. Agnellino’s retirement. He stated Mrs. Agnellino coordinated and ran the “Math-A-Thon” since 2003; and through the generosity of our community, our school raised over \$352,297 for St. Jude to help fight childhood cancer and other life threatening diseases. Mr. Projansky said that every year Mrs. Agnellino prepares a fifteen (15) minute slideshow that highlights the students’ kindergarten year. She has been dedicated to life-long learning and attends professional conferences and workshops to continuously update her skills and knowledge to ensure all students will be able to make academic progress.

Mrs. Agnellino thanked Dr. Freda, Dr. Stefanelli and the Kindergarten Team as well as the Board for a great experience. The Board took a refreshment break to congratulate Mrs. Agnellino at 7:52 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Freda thanked the North Caldwell Partnership for Education (NCPE) for organizing and running the community service project on Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Over 175 backpacks were filled with food for Toni’s kitchen. She also thanked the NCPE for providing lunch for staff members on the recent in-service workshop.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

None

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**G1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve payment to **Advancing Opportunities** in the amount of \$990.00 for an assessment for **student #8005491.**

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

**G2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facilities use form submitted on behalf of recreation for Kiddy Basketball.

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

**G3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Opposing Mandated Regionalization/Consolidation of School Districts**

**WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 3755 (“S-3755”) would require the Executive County Superintendent of schools to establish a consolidation plan to combine all school districts in county, other than preschool or kindergarten through grade 12 districts, into all-purpose regional school districts; and

**WHEREAS,** under S-3755, implementation of the consolidation plans would eliminate the current statutory requirement that voters of each affected municipality approve the creation of a regional school district; and

**WHEREAS,** two of the stated goals of S-3755 are to foster cost-efficiency and to address inconsistencies in curriculum among elementary school districts sending to a regional high school district; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Caldwell Board of Education firmly believes that the final decision to regionalize school districts must be made by the voters in each affected community, based upon an objective assessment of the impact on the education program, finances and governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of services among school districts and between schools and municipalities has been shown to be a viable, and often preferable, option to achieve cost-efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, many elementary school districts and their corresponding regional high school districts have established effective processes to ensure coordination of curriculum, in order to ensure that students receive comparable instruction through 6th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous residents of North Caldwell purchased homes in this municipality in large part due to the quality and unique characteristics of the North Caldwell School District. North Caldwell School District is known for the high quality programs and services it offers. Consequently, home values reflect a corresponding premium, as a result of the North Caldwell's PreK to 6 school configuration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the North Caldwell Board of Education urges Governor Murphy and the state Legislature to respect the rights and responsibilities of New Jersey voters by ensuring that the approval of voters in each affected municipality remain part of any initiative to encourage regionalization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Caldwell Board of Education urges Governor Murphy and the state Legislature to provide adequate funding to support feasibility studies for school districts considering regionalization and shared service arrangements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assembly Members BettyLou DeCroce and Jay Webber, New Jersey School Boards Association, New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, New Jersey Association of School Administrators, New Jersey Education Association, North Caldwell Education Association, North Caldwell Mayor and Council, and the Board Secretaries for

the Essex Fells, Fairfield, Roseland, and West Essex Boards of Education.

Moved: Mrs. Opper                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5    No: 0

**G4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve payment to **Garden State AAC Specialists** for an augmentative & alternative communication evaluation up to \$1,350.00 for **student #8005373**.

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 recreation for the Dr. Stem Program.

Moved: Mrs. Opper                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5    No: 0

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

**B1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public & Confidential Minutes of January 7, 2020**.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5    No: 0

**B2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 13, 2020, Hand Check Register** in the amount of \$22,755.30.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5    No: 0

**B3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 15, 2020, Payroll** in the amount of \$365,155.40.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 21, 2020, Bills and Claims** in the amount of \$196,746.72.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for November 2019.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B6. WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of November 2019, 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 November 2019, 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. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Title I Tutoring for **December 2019** in the amount of \$9,850.00.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

**B8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 16, 2020, Hand Check Register** in the amount of \$25,937.28.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

**B9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the 403B retirement plan agreement as restated by our third party administrators, Omni Group Inc.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

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Moved: Mrs. Mokris Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

**B12. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the below listed transfers for November 2019.

North Caldwell Board of Education					
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS					
Date: November 30, 2019					
To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount
11-000-217-100-000-00	ABA INSTRUCTION	10,000.00	11-000-222-610-060-02	A/V MATERIALS: GRANDVIEW	(129.00)
11-000-222-610-060-01	LIBRARY SUP. GRANDVIEW	129.00	11-000-261-420-000-01	MAINT OF BLDG REPAIR SER	(7,798.00)
11-000-261-610-000-01	MAINT SUPPLIES - DIST	32,000.00	11-000-261-610-050-02	MAINT SUPPLIES -GOULD	(7,000.00)
12-000-300-730-000-00	NON INST EQUIPMENT	9,798.00	11-000-261-610-060-03	MAINT SUPPLIES - GDV	(7,000.00)
			11-000-291-270-000-01	HEALTH BENEFITS	(20,000.00)
			11-213-100-101-060-00	RES. ROOM TEACH SAL. GV	(10,000.00)
	Total Transfers	51,927.00		Total Transfers	(51,927.00)
					0.00

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5    No: 0

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**P1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Antonina Cappello** for Title I Tutoring at a rate of \$75.00 per hour effective January 8, 2020.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5    No: 0

**P2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education revise resolution **P2** from the January 7, 2020 Board of Education meeting to reflect the following change in cost of professional development for Lisa Linden:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Linden, Lisa	1/14/2020	NJECC	\$125.00	

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5 No: 0

**P3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Doyen, G.	2/24/2020	NJ Kindergarten Conference	\$244.00	\$86.10
Gromada, K.	3/24/2020	Conquer Math	\$210.00	
Halik, M.	2/13-2/15	NJASBO		
Stefanelli, M.	2/27/2020	Section 504	\$219.99	

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

**P4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Courtney Boag** for Title I tutoring at a rate of \$75.00 per hour effective January 22, 2020.

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

**P5. WHEREAS,** The below listed staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement in accordance with Article 6, Section C of the negotiated agreement, and have completed requirements in accordance with the same.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** That the Board approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Summer of 2019:**

Name	Course	Grade	School	# of Credits	Amount Paid
Castiglia, A.	CC for English	A	Loyola Marymount	3	\$381.65
Cimera, A.	Strategies for Addressing Student Anxieties	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.75
Cosentino, A.	Active Vs. Passive	A	Greenville	3	\$336.75



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	Reading		University		
DellaValle, G.	Language & Early Literary Dev.	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
Doolen, A.	Classroom Mgt for SLMS	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Doolen, A.	Technical Process for SLMS	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Doyen, G.	Testing, Measurement Data	A	Caldwell	3	\$900.00
Doyen, G.	Technology Based Language Management	A	Caldwell	3	\$900.00
Edwards, J.	Strategies for Addressing Student Anxiety	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.75
Egan, E.	Teaching Children w/High Functioning Autism	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.75
Gromada, K.	A in STEAM	A	Andrews University	3	\$359.20
Johannsenn, L.	Teaching Children w/High Functioning Autism	A	Greenville University	3	\$359.20
Linden, L.	Teacher as Professional	A	Walden University	3	\$900.00
Mitchell, M.	Intro to Special Ed	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Newman, T.	Essential Classroom Tech	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.65
Norton, L.	Sustained Silent Reading	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.75
Schechter, C.	Sustained Silent Reading	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.75
Troiano, J.	Sustained Silent Reading	A	Andrews University	3	\$336.75
Veniero, S.	Read 500 Literacy Foundations	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
Veneziano, J.	Strategies for Addressing Student Anxiety	A	Greenville University	3	\$336.75
Zimmermann, C.	Tech for Teaching & Learning	A	WPU	3	\$900.00

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

**P6. WHEREAS,** The below listed staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement in accordance with Article 6, Section C of the negotiated agreement, and have completed requirements in accordance with the same.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** That the Board approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Fall of 2019:**

Name	Course	Grade	School	# of Credits	Amount Paid
DellaValle, G.	Sociocultural Context of Disabled & Inclusive Children	B+	MSU	3	\$900.00
DellaValle, G.	Intergrating Science & Tech in Early Childhood	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
Doolen, A.	Information Sources & Services	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Doyen, G.	Qualitative & Quantitative Research	P	Caldwell	3	\$900.00
Linden, L.	Impact of Technology on Educational Work	A	Walden	3	\$900.00
Linden, L.	Design, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	A	Walden	3	\$360.00
Mitchell, M.	Counseling for School Nurses	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Zimmermann, C.	Information Sources & Services	A	WPU	3	\$900.00

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

**P7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following teachers for

home instruction for **student #8005055** at the rate of \$50.00 per hour for up to 10 hours per week effective January 21, 2020 to June 19, 2020:

**Amanda Cosentino**  
**Michael Gesario**

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5    No: 0

**P8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education regrettfully accept the retirement letter for **Gale Messier** effective April 1, 2020.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5    No: 0

**P9. RESOLVED** hat 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>
Husk, J.	1/24/20	Effective Strategies for Working w/Students with Anxiety		\$9.45
Decker, L.	1/24/20	Effective Strategies for Working w/Students with Anxiety		\$9.45

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5    No: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Allen Barnett, Architect with DiCara/Rubino, presented to the Board facility expansion ideas and recommendations. The Board and Mr. Barnett discussed a multitude of options. Mr. Projansky thanked the Progress and the Town for publicizing the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The following resolution was called at approximately 9:30 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 and negotiations. 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 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik  
Business Administrator / Board Secretary