The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on March 17, 2020, via an online Zoom Meeting at 7:34 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 Board of Education Website that March 17, 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

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Projansky, on behalf of the Board, thanked Dr. Freda and her administration and staff for coming together as true professionals during this unprecedented time. He thanked staff and everyone in the community for their understanding. He also specifically thanked the custodians for their hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda thanked all parents for their patience and cooperation. She praised everyone for working together during the transition to online distance learning, which has never been done before. Dr. Freda also thanked faculty and staff for all efforts to be able to close the District without impacting the education of students. She especially thanked Ian Adlon for going above and beyond during this unprecedented event. Dr. Freda also thanked the custodians for scrubbing down buildings, and all teachers for working diligently as teams. She reminded staff to please contact district administration by email with day by day information. Dr. Freda mentioned that the District could be possibly closed until April 20th.

PUBLIC SESSION

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Alison Levitt of 2 Country Lane, parent and teacher, recognized and thanked Dr. Linda Freda for her great leadership. She mentioned that students have not "missed a beat" due to the excellent leadership and teamwork of great staff, administration and also for the beautiful lessons. A special mention also to Ms. Triano and the 6th grade team for doing a great job!

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

O1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education Approve the use of the Zoom Online Meeting Platform to conduct the March 17, 2020 Board Meeting for limited agenda items in order to meet certain State-imposed and legal deadlines for Board of Education business, which have not been relaxed in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

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

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the tuition agreement with **The Arc of Essex County's Stepping Stones School** effective March 30, 2020, at a tentative tuition rate of \$16,640.00 with a tentative tuition charge for extraordinary services of a 1:1 teaching assistant in the amount of \$10,400.00 for student **#8005741**.

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B11. RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves the submission of the preliminary 2020-2021 School budget to the County Office of the New Jersey State Department of Education as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
General Fund	\$ 14,493,734	\$ 13,293,220
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 195,594	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 584,875	\$ 584,875
Total Budget	\$ 15,274,203	\$ 13,878,095

The above Tax Levy includes an allowable enrollment adjustment.

The school district has proposed programs and services in excess of the Adequacy Budget adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from the district's Board Office.

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

B12. RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2020-2021 school year at the sum of \$24,700.

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

B15. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **March 17, 2020, Bills and Claims** in the amount of \$269,739.57.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

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
Silva, T.	5/13/2020	Changing the ADHD Brain	\$219.99	
Sibilia, T.	4/23-4/24	NJSHA	\$275.00	
Socci, D.	4/23-4/24	NJSHA	\$275.00	

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

P2. RESOLVED that he Board of Education rescind resolution **P9** from the February 25, 2020 Board meeting.

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

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Gianna De Frank** as a third grade maternity leave replacement teacher at a prorated salary of \$48,172.00 (BA Step 2-3) effective March 16, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Board briefly discussed a potential Referendum at West Essex in March 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:03 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: Staff Issues and Resources amid COVID 19 Crisis. 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 8:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael W. Halik Business Administrator / Board Secretary