

**NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

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October 18, 2022

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the designated newspaper and the agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations.
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - **Results of 2022 NJSLA**
- 7. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**
- 8. ACTION ITEMS**
 - **General Resolutions**
 - G1. Approve Bus Drills**
 - G2. Approve rescind of facility use application for The Progress**
 - G3. Approve facility use application for The Progress**
 - G4. Approve Augmentative and Alternative Communication Training**
 - G5. Approve Policy and Regulations at second reading**
 - G6. Approve neurological assessment for student**
 - G7. Approve Policy revision at first reading**
 - Business Resolutions**
 - B1. Approve Public Minutes of September 22, 2022**
 - B2. Approve Payrolls**
 - B3. Approve Hand Check Register(s)**
 - B4. Approve Bills and Claims**
 - B5. Approve Line-item transfers**
 - B6. Approve Secretary Treasurer Report for August 2022**
 - B7. Approve Monthly Financial Report for August 2022**
 - B8. Approve DiCara/Rubino to restart referendum services**
 - B9. Approve Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**
 - **Personnel Resolutions**
 - P1. Approve revised contract for staff member**
 - P2. Approve listed Professional Development for staff members**
 - P3. Approve staff member for Title I tutoring**
 - P4. Approve lunch/recess supervisor**

- P5. Approve substitute teacher**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS**
 - **Update Board on Fifth Grade Out of District Tuition Enrollment Request**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

The next scheduled public meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 pm.

Posting: Board Members, Principals, NCPE Co-Presidents, NCEA Co-Presidents, Caldwell Progress Press Member, Board Office, Schools, and Town Hall.

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on October 18, 2022 in person at the Grandview School Cafeteria as well as via an online Zoom Meeting at 7:31 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. Mindy Opper, President
Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky
Mrs. Sapna Malige
Mrs. Johanna Stroever
Mr. Eric Finkelstein

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Dr. Michael Stefanelli, Principal – Grandview School- via Zoom
Mr. Chris Checchetto, Principal – Gould School- via Zoom
Mr. Ian Adlon, Computer Technician
Mr. Robert Brenneck, Computer Technician

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Opper reported that 32 people attended the meeting, most of them via zoom. She began the meeting explaining that the Board has restarted referendum services with DiCara / Rubino Architectural Associates. She stated the Board is committed to transparency throughout the process as well as ensuring that the community has accurate information so they can make an informed decision. She indicated that the Board is working with the mayor and council to clarify inaccurate information regarding school capacity that was distributed to the community. The school buildings are currently above capacity for existing students in the district and additional development is planned.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Freda then presented a report on the results of the NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment) test. The complete report can be viewed on the Districts’ website www.ncboe.org.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

David and Eva Rudman, 10 Hamilton Drive West- Mr. Rudman discussed his and Mrs. Rudman's concern with the classroom tradition of celebrating students’ birthdays with

sugar based treats. They requested that the Board and the Administration investigate other ways to celebrate birthdays possibly using goody bags and show and tell. They stated that they gained support from approximately 60 friends and neighbors with a petition to change this tradition.

Jacek Trzepla, 15 Robin Hill Road- Mr. Trzepla asked the Board what they thought about the correlation of the test scores and what is being taught in the classroom. He inquired if there was any relationship between test results and the amount of homework assigned. He stated that he considers homework practice as the key to mastering these subjects.

Dr. Freda responded that the research on benefits of homework for children younger than 8th grade are not statistically significant. It is recommended that children have approximately 20 minutes of homework per grade level. Studies show that reading for at least 20 minutes is the most important activity that children can engage in nightly.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Emergency Evacuation Bus Drills performed by Belair Transport on October 7, 2022.

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

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescind the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	The Progress Newspaper
User Class:	Class 5
Activity:	League of Women’s voter’s candidate’s forum
Facility:	Grandview Cafeteria
Dates:	10-19-2022
Time:	6:00-10:00 pm
Fee:	\$500.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroeever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	The Progress Newspaper
User Class:	Class 7
Activity:	League of Women’s voter’s candidate’s forum
Facility:	Grandview Cafeteria
Dates:	10-19-2022
Time:	6:00-10:00 pm
Fee:	\$100.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroeever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Augmentative and Alternative Communication Training for listed student:

Student #	8005610
Provider:	Advancing Opportunities
Service:	AAC Training
Facility:	Grandview School
Dates:	TBD
Fee:	\$185.00 / hour not to exceed 6 hours \$1,110.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulations, at second reading:

- Bylaw 0163 Quorum
- Policy 1511 Board of Education Website Accessibility
- Policy 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act
- Policy 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment
- Policy 2622 Student Assessment
- Regulation 2622 Student Assessment
- Policy 3216 Dress and Grooming
- Policy 4216 Dress and Grooming
- Policy 3233 Political Activities
- Policy 3270 Professional Responsibilities
- Regulation 3270 Lesson Plans and Plan Books
- Policy 5513 Care of School Property
- Regulation 5513 Care of School Property
- Policy 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts
- Regulation 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts
- Policy 9560 Administration of School Surveys

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following neurological assessment for listed student:

Student #	8005584
Provider:	Dr. Christina Farrell
Service:	Neurological Assessment
Facility:	Atlantic Health/ Morristown
Date:	TBD
Fee:	\$675.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revised **Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of September 22, 2022.**

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 4 No: 0
Abstain: Mrs. Shumofsky

B2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Payroll(s):**

September 30th, 2022 \$369,172.05
October 14th, 2022 \$382,750.95

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Hand Check Register(s):**

September 2nd, 2022 \$ 72.00
 September 29th, 2022 \$52,332.38
 September 29th, 2022 \$ 68.72

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Bills and Claims:**

October 18th, 2022 \$377,920.77

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Transfers for August 2022:**

North Caldwell Board of Education						
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS						
Date:	August 31, 2022					
	To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount
	11-000-221-104-050-01	CURR. DEVEL. EXPENSE GLD	4,000.00	11-120-100-101-060-00	TEACHERS SAL GR 1-3 GV	(14,000.00)
	11-000-262-520-000-00	PROPERTY INSURANCE	10,000.00			
		Total Transfers	14,000.00		Total Transfers	(14,000.00)
						0.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

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 **August 2022**, 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 **August 2022**, 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. Stroeve r Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s **Monthly Financial Reports** for **August 2022**.

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve r Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the DiCara/Rubino to restart pre and post referendum services as previously approved at the March 14th, 2017, Board Meeting delayed due to Additional Housing Development at the Hilltop, and possible Development of Greenbrook County Club, and the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve r Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached School Facilities Annual Maintenance Budget worksheet for 2023-2024 (Form M-1) together with the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revised contract for **MaryJo Foti** as a lunch aide at a salary of \$14.25 per hour not to exceed 3 hours per day effective January 1, 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroeve

Yes: 5 No: 0

P2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Clutterbuck, S.	12/9	Dyslexia: Best Targeted Interventions	\$259.00	
Approvato, N.	10/15	NJIDA	\$125.00	
Cappello, A.	10/15	NJIDA	\$125.00	
Decker, L.	12/9	Navigating Mental Health Issues Through Human Connections		\$16.80
Moran, S.	10/15	NJIDA	\$125.00	
Raimondi, M.	12/9	Dyslexia: Best Targeted	\$259.00	

		Interventions		
Silva, T.	12/2	Small But Scattered	\$125.39	
Smith, M.	10/15	NJIDA	\$125.00	
Thomas, C.	12/9	Dyslexia: Best Targeted Interventions	\$259.00	
Worrall, S.	9/22, 10/7,11/17, 12/20, 1/30, 3/1, 4/5	Conquer Math	\$1190.00	
Wozniak, S.	10/15	NJIDA	\$125.00	

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following teacher for Title I Tutoring to be paid through The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant at a rate of \$75.00 per hour effective October 17, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year:

Meghan Keenan

Salary - Source of Funds: 20-231-100-100-050-00 \$18,169.00*
 Salary - Source of Funds: 20-231-100-100-060-00 \$18,168.00*
 FICA - Source of Funds: 20-487-200-200-000-02 \$ 2,780.00*

*Approximate Costs representing a maximum amount to be spent from the grant. If the actual costs exceed this amount, it will be funded from Fund 10.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

P4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Lunch Aide Staff** to be paid through the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP-ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Lunch Aide Staff							
<u>Teacher</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>Total hours</u>	<u>Max # Days</u>	<u>Daily Pay</u>	<u>Total Expected Payment</u>
Christine Gray	Lunch Aide	12:00-1:00	\$30.00	1.00	169	\$30.00	\$5,070.00

Salary - Source of Funds: 20-487-200-100-000-01 \$30,000.00*
 FICA - Source of Funds: 20-487-200-200-000-02 \$ 2,295.00*

*Approximate Costs representing a maximum amount to be spent from the grant. If the actual costs exceed this amount, it will be funded from Fund 10.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

P5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Jennifer Meglio** as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Opper updated the Board on a Fifth Grade Out of District Tuition Enrollment Request. This request was denied as the district is already facing capacity issues at each school and the family has no intention of moving to North Caldwell.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Halik announced that an additional Board Meeting has been added on November 29th 2022 at 7:30pm as a Referendum Information Night. This meeting will consist of a presentation by Board Architect of the plans to expand our school facilities. It will also provide an opportunity for community input on a building referendum. While this meeting will be livestreamed, it is encouraged that you attend in person if you would like to provide input and/or ask questions.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:21 pm.

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/Contract Negotiations. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary