

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

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**December 13, 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**
  - **Violence & Vandalism/HIB Report**
- 7. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**
- 8. ACTION ITEMS**
  - **General Resolutions**
    - G1. Approve Psychiatric Assessment for student**
    - G2. Approve Neurological Assessment for student**
    - G3. Approve waiver of Subscription Busing Fee for Student**
    - G4. Approve cancellation of out of district tuition contract**
    - G5. Approve out of district tuition contract**
    - G6. Approve facilities use request for Cub Scouts**
    - G7. Approve facilities use request for NCPE**
    - G8. Approve Statistical Forecasting proposal for demographic study**
    - G9. Approve Specifications of school facilities project for Gould**
    - G10. Approve Specifications of school facilities project for Grandview**
  - **Business Resolutions**
    - B1. Approve Public Minutes of November 15, 2022, and November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
    - B2. Approve Payroll**
    - B3. Approve Hand check register**
    - B4. Approve Bills and claims**
    - B5. Approve October 2022 transfers**
    - B6. Approve Financial Report for October 2022**
    - B7. Approve Secretary Treasurer Report for October 2022**
    - B8. Approve Title 1 Tutoring**
    - B9. Approve electricity generation services through ACES**
    - B10. Approve purchase of natural gas services through ACES**
    - B11. Approve revised rates of pay**

• **PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

P1. Approve professional development for listed staff members

P2. Approve substitute teacher

P3. Approve listed staff member for Title 1 tutoring

➤ P4. Approve cafeteria aide

➤ **INDICATES ADDENDUM**

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Preschool Tuition Rate for 2023-2024 school year. Last Year \$3,900.00**

- **Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2023**

- **2023-2024 School Calendar**

11. **ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

**The next scheduled public meetings of the Board will be held on:**

- **Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 public session on December 13, 2022 in person at the Grandview School Cafeteria as well as via an online Zoom Webinar at 7:32 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, Vice President  
Mrs. Johanna Stroever  
Mr. Eric Finkelstein

Absent- Mrs. Sapna Patel

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mrs. Opper reported that 22 people were in attendance. Mrs. Opper discussed the necessity for the referendum. The referendum will enable the district to maintain the smaller class sizes the community treasures as well as the academic edge essential for the present and future. North Caldwell schools need new and renovated spaces so that the district can uphold the outstanding schools’ reputations, with so much to be proud of. The referendum will also allow the district to make the structural changes necessary to maintain the security and safety of faculty, staff and students.

She stated that tonight the board will conduct a vote to submit the preliminary plans to the New Jersey Department of Education. This will allow the board to find out how much Debt Service Aid will be provided so they can have an approximation of the tax impact to the community.

She wished everyone Happy Holidays and a safe and enjoyable break.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Freda reported that the district had zero reports of violence and vandalism as well as no reports of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying.

Dr. Freda then reminded parents to keep their children home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness as there are numerous reports of flu and respiratory viruses in the community.

She also wished everyone a happy winter break and a happy and healthy New Year.

Allen Barnett presented the proposed school facility expansion project to the Board of Education and the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people made comments in person pertaining to the Architects presentation about the proposed school facilities expansion and answers were discussed.

Anthony Floria-Callori, 4 Chestnut Hill Road-

After the comment Mrs. Opper stated that she looks forward to continuing to engage the community in the coming months. She then noted that the recording of tonight’s meeting would be posted along with the presentation on the district website [www.ncboe.org](http://www.ncboe.org)

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS**

**G1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following psychiatric assessment for listed student:

<b>Student #</b>	<b>8005397</b>
<b>Provider:</b>	<b>Dr. Cammarata</b>
<b>Service:</b>	<b>Psychiatric Assessment</b>
<b>Facility:</b>	<b>14 Smull Ave, Caldwell, NJ</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1/10/2023</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky      Seconded: Mrs. Stroever  
Yes: 4                              No: 0



Yes: 4 No: 0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the new out of district tuition contract for student #8005727 effective December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

STUDENT ID#	SCHOOL	TUITION AMOUNT	SUMMER TUITION AMT	AIDE COSTS	TOTAL COST	CONTRACT START DATE	TOTAL SCHOOL DAYS
	Banyan	\$66,078.53	\$0.00	\$44,660.00	\$110,738.53		203
8005727	(Prorated)	\$41,014.26	\$0.00	\$27,720.00	\$68,734.26	12/8/2022	126

\*Prorated due to mid-year change in placement

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 4 No: 0

G6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Cub Scouts</b>
<b>User Class:</b>	<b>Class 4</b>
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Cub Scout Meeting</b>
<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Grandview Cafeteria</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>1-12-23 (snow date 1-19-23)</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>6:00pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>N/A -already included in 8-15-22 resolution-change in room use</b>

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 4 No: 0

G7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>North Caldwell Partnership for Education</b>
<b>User Class:</b>	<b>Class 1</b>
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Afterschool Enrichment</b>
<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Grandview and Gould (Classrooms, Gym)</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Jan 9, 2023 - March 31, 2023</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:15pm - 4:30pm</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>No Fee</b>

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 4 No: 0

G8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Proposal with Presentation from **Statistical Forecasting, LLC, of Dorset, Vermont**, to Perform Demographic Services for the North Caldwell Board of Education in the amount of \$16,900.00.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 4 No: 0

G9. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of North Caldwell Public Schools in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

Building additions, interior renovations, and facility improvements at the Gould School

**WHEREAS**, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by The North Caldwell Board of Education of North Caldwell Public Schools in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

**Section 2.** In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The Board further authorizes the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Municipal planning board for its review. This project is designated "Debt Service Aid" and will be seeking state funding.

**Section 3.** The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

**Section 4.** The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky      Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 4                                      No: 0

**G10. WHEREAS,** the Board of Education of North Caldwell Public Schools in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Board”), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

Building additions, interior renovations, and facility improvements at the Grandview School

**WHEREAS,** the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

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

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022                      \$ 8,280.00  
 November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022                      \$287,331.34  
 December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022                      \$362,757.88

Moved:        Mrs. Shumofsky        Seconded:    Mr. Finkelstein

Yes:            4    No:            0

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

North Caldwell Board of Education						
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS						
Date: October 31, 2022						
To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount	
11-000-216-320-060-00	OT/PT/SPEECH/REL SER -GV	5,000.00	11-000-270-511-000-00	TRANSPORTATION: REGULAR	(17,000.00)	
11-000-230-895-000-03	SUPERINTENDENT DUES	2,000.00				
11-000-262-520-000-00	PROPERTY INSURANCE	10,000.00				
	Total Transfers	17,000.00		Total Transfers	(17,000.00)	
						0.00

Moved:        Mrs. Shumofsky        Seconded:    Mr. Finkelstein

Yes:            4    No:            0

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



which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Caldwell Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2028 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

**WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public-School Contracts Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs'

Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES

Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing

System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain

electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and



**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2028, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

**WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES



**B11. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached **Rates of Pay** for 2022-2023 effective January 1, 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky      Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 4                                      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, K.	2/4/2023	Winter Institute Food for Thought NJIDA	\$90.00	
Halik, M.	1/19,2/14,3/21,4/18	NJASBO	\$500.00	
Halik, M.	2/23-2/25	ASBO	N/A	

Moved: Mrs. Stroever                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4                                      No: 0

**P2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Susan Alamia** as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year pending certification.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4                                      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 November 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year:

**Yvette Rego**

Salary - Source of Funds: 20-231-100-100-050-00

FICA - Source of Funds: 20-487-200-200-000-02

Moved: Mrs. Stroever                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4    No: 0

**P4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Brianna Thomas** as a cafeteria aide at a rate of \$14.25 per hour not to exceed 3 hours per day pending criminal history review.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4    No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Halik discussed the proposed tuition rate for the 2023-2024 preschool program of \$4,000.00 which is an increase of \$100.00 of the current school year tuition. He also discussed the 2023 Board Meeting Dates. Dr. Freda discussed the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar. She reminded the Board that the calendar aligns with West Essex for most major breaks.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:03 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/School Security/Student Matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever                      Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4    No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael Halik*

Michael Halik  
Business Administrator / Board Secretary