

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

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April 26th, 2023

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**
 - **Budget Presentation**
- 7. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**
- 8. ACTION ITEMS**
 - **General Resolutions**
 - G1. Approve Assistive Technology Training**
 - G2. Approve Neurological Assessment**
 - G3. Approve revision to the 2022-2023 school calendar.**
 - G4. Approve Facilities Use Application for North Caldwell Recreation**
 - G5. Approve Neurological Assessment**
 - G6. Approve Subscription Busing Fee**
 - G7. Approve Subscription Busing Agreement for 2023-2024 school year**
 - G8. Approve Developmental Vision Analysis**
 - G9. Approve 2023-2024 Preschool Tuition Agreements**
 - G10. Approve Facilities Use Application for James R. Whitney**
 - G11. Approve Bus Evacuation Drill**
 - G12. Approve Traffic Signal Agreement**
 - **Business Resolutions**
 - B1. Approve Public and Confidential Minutes of March 7, 2023**
 - B2. Approve listed Payrolls**
 - B3. Approve Hand check registers**
 - B4. Approve Bills and claims**
 - B5. Approve February 2023 transfers**
 - B6. Approve Financial Report for February 2023**
 - B7. Approve Secretary Treasurer Report for February 2023**
 - B8. Approve Title 1 Tutoring**
 - B9. Approve submission of 2022 Safety Grant**

B10. Approve Access Road Project at Grandview School

B11. Approve 2023-2024 School Budget

• Personnel Resolutions

P1. Approve leave of absence for staff member

P2. Approve full-time Aide

P3. Approve Family Medical Leave for staff member

P4. Approve after school instruction for listed student

P5. Approve Family Medical Leave for staff member

P6. Approve Child Rearing Leave for staff member

P7. Approve summer curricular work for listed staff members

P8. Approve Professional Development for listed staff members

P9. Approve resignation of listed faculty member

P10. Approve return date for listed staff member

P11. Approve lunch/recess aide

P12. Approve substitute teacher

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Tiny Treasures Contract for 2023-2024

11. ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Legal Attorney-Client Privilege Personnel

Negotiations School Security/Public Safety Student Matter

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

- Tuesday May 16th, 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 April 26, 2023 in person at the Grandview School Cafeteria as well as via an online Zoom Meeting 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: Mrs. Mindy Opper
Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky
Mrs. Johanna Stroever
Mrs. Sapna Patel
Mr. Eric Finkelstein

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Dr. Michael Stefanelli (Zoom)
Mr. Robert Brenneck

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Opper welcomed everyone back from spring break and noted that 28 people were attending the meeting. Mrs. Opper then stated that the board has regrettably accepted the resignation of Mrs. Yvette Rego as her family is relocating and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Freda discussed the changes to the 2022-2023 school calendar due to giving back 4 unused snow days. The revised calendar can be viewed on the district website.

Dr. Freda reported about the second of the two mandatory Bus Evacuation Safety Drills was held on April 21st, 2023, at both Grandview and Gould Schools. All students are shown how to open the emergency doors and exit the bus in case of an emergency.

Dr. Freda reported that Administration, Anti-Bullying Specialists and Anti Bullying Coordinators participated in School Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Training which focused on how to identify students of concern or at risk and deliver intervention strategies to insure a safe and secure school environment.

Dr. Freda then introduced Mr. Halik to present the budget.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Halik presented the 2023-2024 School budget and after the presentation noted that the presentation can be found on our district website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following assistive technology training.

Student #	8005987
Provider:	Advancing Opportunities
Service:	Assistive Technology Training
Date:	TBD
Fee:	\$800.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following neurological assessment for listed student:

Student #	8006054
Provider:	Dr. Patel
Service:	Neurological Assessment
Facility:	St. Joseph’s Hospital
Date:	TBD
Fee:	\$450.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revision to the 2022-2023 school calendar.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	North Caldwell Recreation Department
User Class:	Class 6
Activity:	Summer Fun
Facility:	Gould Gym, Cafeteria, Classrooms,
Dates:	6-26-23 through 7-27-23 Monday-Friday
Time:	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fee:	\$2,450.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following neurological assessment for listed student:

Student #	8005542
Provider:	Dr. Patel
Service:	Neurological Assessment
Facility:	St. Joseph’s Hospital
Date:	08/10/2023
Fee:	\$450.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the annual Subscription busing fee of \$750.00 per student for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Subscription Busing with **Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative** for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

Dates:	July 1-2023-June 30, 2024
Time:	Varied based on availability after school
Fee:	\$100.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Emergency Evacuation Bus Drills performed by Belair Transport on April 21, 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Traffic Signalization Cost Sharing Agreement between the Borough of North Caldwell and The Borough of North Caldwell Board of Education.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of March 7, 2023**

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

March 15th, 2023	\$391,795.74
March 31st, 2023	\$366,165.51
April 6th, 2023	\$401,749.91

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

March 2 nd , 2023	\$ 84.00
March 22 nd , 2023	\$223,260.00
March 23 rd , 2023	\$ 27,779.26
April 18 th , 2023	\$ 54,459.39
April 21 st , 2023	\$ 84.00

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

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

March 29 th , 2023	\$248,305.00
April 26 th , 2023	\$424,926.60

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

B5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Transfers for February 2023**:

North Caldwell Board of Education						
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS						
Date: February 28, 2023						
To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount	
11-000-251-340-000-00	CENTRAL OFF PUR SERV	37,700.00	11-000-270-511-000-00	TRANSPORTATION: REGULAR	(37,700.00)	
11-000-252-340-000-00	ADMIN INFO TECH PUR SERV	37,700.00	11-000-270-515-000-00	TRANSPORTATION: SPECIAL	(37,700.00)	
11-000-270-503-000-00	AID IN LIEU	5,000.00	11-000-270-515-000-00	TRANSPORTATION: SPECIAL	(5,000.00)	
11-190-100-610-060-05	SUPPLIES: CONS GRANDVIEW	15,000.00	11-000-291-220-000-00	SS/FICA: OTHER	(5.00)	
11-190-100-610-060-09	TECH: SUPPLIES GRANDVIEW	50,000.00	11-120-100-101-050-00	TEACHERS SAL GR 4-5 GLD	(50,000.00)	
12-000-252-730-000-00	INFO TECH EQUIPMENT	5.00	11-120-100-101-060-00	TEACHERS SAL GR 1-3 GV	(15,000.00)	
12-000-252-730-000-00	INFO TECH EQUIPMENT	97,288.00	11-213-100-106-060-00	RESOURCE RM:AIDE SAL GV	(97,288.00)	
	Total Transfers	242,693.00		Total Transfers	(242,693.00)	
						0.00

Moved:	Mrs. Shumofsky	Seconded:	Mrs. Stroeever
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 **February 2023**, 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 **February 2023**, 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. Shumofsky	Seconded:	Mrs. Stroeever
Yes:	5	No:	0

B7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s **Monthly Financial Reports** for **February 2023**.

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

B8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Title I Tutoring:**

March 2023	\$10,225.00
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Moved:	Mrs. Shumofsky	Seconded:	Mrs. Stroeever
Yes:	5	No:	0

B9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the digital submission of application for the **2022 Safety Grant** Program to repair The Gould School Steps through the New Jersey Insurance Group (NJSIG) in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

B10. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with school facilities projects consisting generally of:

ACCESS ROAD AT: GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY 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 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NORTH CALDWELL, 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 Schematic Plans and Cost Estimates prepared in connection with the Project(s) 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. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. This project is being funded as an "Other Capital Project" and will not require state funding and the District is not seeking a Grant.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

B11. RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 School Budget as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$ 16,799,667.00	\$ 14,758,529.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 484,068.00	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Budget	\$ 17,283,735.00	\$ 14,758,529.00

The above tax levy includes an allowable enrollment adjustment, health care adjustment and use of banked cap.

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. Stroever
 Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education grant **Allison Goldfarb** a leave of absence under Article X Section E of the negotiated contract effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

P2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Elia Pollio** as a full-time Aide at a prorated salary of \$28,240.00 (Aide Step 3) effective April 19, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

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

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leave for **Giana Cecere** effective May 4, 2023 to June 14, 2023.

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

P4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Kari-Lynn Jones** to provide two (2) additional targeted multisensory reading sessions per week at a rate of \$75.00 an hour effective March 27, 2023 to June 14, 2023 for **student #8006118**.

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

P5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leave for **Laura Grimaldi** effective:

May 5, 2023 to June 15, 2023
August 31, 2023 to October 19, 2023

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

P6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Child Rearing Leave for **Laura Grimaldi** effective October 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

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

P7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following individuals for up to 30 hours of summer curricular work at the rate of \$35.00 per hour as per the terms of Article 3 Section E of the negotiated agreement effective July 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

Source of Funds: 11-000-221-104-XX-01

**Lisa Linden
Nicole Approvato
Christine Gray
Sophia Worrall**

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

P8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Marlo, R.	3/28	NJASBO	\$125.00	
Silva, T.	5/19	Social Media, Reality TV & Influencer Culture; CBT, EFT for clients impacted by Toxic Culture	\$219.00	

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

P9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education regrettfully approve the resignation of **Yvette Rego** effective July 1, 2023.

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

P10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Gabrielle Schaffert** to return from Child Rearing Leave on June 15, 2023.

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

P11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Elia Pollio** as a lunch/recess aide at a rate of \$15.00 per half hour effective April 19, 2023 to June 15, 2023.

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

P12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Oliver Ortman** as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed offering a contract to Tiny Treasures to provide before and after school care for the school community.

Dr Freda informed the Board that first round interviews were in process for Grandview School Principal. Round two interviews will be held in May with a committee consisting of Administration, Parents, Teachers, and a Board Member. Round three will be conducted with the entire Board.

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:50 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:
Personnel/Legal/Negotiations Said matters will be made public upon their
disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary