

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

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January 10, 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. REPORT ON ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

- Eric Finkelstein- 1584 Votes
- Write in candidates- 8 Votes
(1 vote per candidate)

5. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER

6. ROLL CALL

7. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

- Motion to nominate _____ to be approved as President.

Moved:

Seconded:

Yes:

No:

8. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT - PRESIDENT ASSUMES POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON

9. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

- Motion to nominate _____ to be approved as Vice President.

Moved:

Seconded:

Yes:

No:

10. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT
11. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT
12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - Discussion on the 2023-2024 School Calendar
13. PUBLIC RECOGNITION
14. ACTION ITEMS
 - Organizational Resolutions
 - O1. Adopt bylaws and policies
 - O2. Approve Robert Rules of Order
 - O3. Appoint Delegate to NJSBA
 - O4. Adopt Code of Ethics
 - O5. Approve 2023 Committees and Memberships
 - O6. Approve 2023 -2024 public and confidential meeting calendar
 - General Resolutions
 - G1. Approve Augmentative Communication Evaluation
 - G2. Approve Central Auditory Processing assessment
 - G3. Approve 2023-2024 school calendar
 - G4. Approve 2023-2024 twelve-month calendar
 - G5. Approve unsubstantiated HIB incident
 - Business Resolutions
 - B1. Approve Public and Confidential Minutes of December 13, 2022
 - B2. Approve Payrolls
 - B3. Approve Hand Check Register(s)
 - B4. Approve Bills and Claims
 - B5. Approve Secretary Treasurer Report for November 2022
 - B6. Approve Monthly Financial Report for November 2022
 - B7. Approve Title I Tutoring
 - Personnel Resolutions
 - P1. Approve student clinical and teaching hours
 - P2. Approve listed professional development for listed staff
 - P3. Approve special education teacher
 - P4. Approve rescinding resolution
 - P5. Approve special education teacher
 - P6. Approve lunch/recess supervisors
15. OLD BUSINESS
16. NEW BUSINESS
17. ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

The next scheduled public meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, February 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 public session on January 10, 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.

Mr. Halik reported on the annual school election which occurred on November 8, 2022, stating Mr. Finkelstein received 1584 votes, and 8 other candidates each received 1 write in vote per candidate.

Mr. Halik then held the swearing in of Mr. Finkelstein follow by roll call.

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
Mr. Ian Adlon, Computer Technician
Mr. Robert Brenneck, Computer Technician

ACTION ITEM

Mr. Halik then called for Nominations for President.

Motion to nominate Mindy Opper to be approved as President.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

Once approved, Mrs. Opper, as President, assumed the position of chairperson calling for nominations for Vice-President.

Motion to nominate Jordan Shumofksy to be approved as Vice President.

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Opper reported that 63 people were in attendance. Mrs. Opper wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them back from winter break.

Mrs. Opper congratulated Mr. Finkelstein on the Board election and is looking forward to continuing to work with him.

She stated that the Board is discussing the 2023-2024 school calendar and has received multiple emails asking the Board to consider declaring Diwali as a school holiday in North Caldwell.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Freda wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She congratulated Mr. Finkelstein on his reelection to the Board and looks forward to continuing to work together.

She then congratulated Gould and announced that 3 of the 8 teams who submitted videos to the NJ STEAM Tank challenge have moved on to the Regional Finals. She stated that this is an amazing opportunity for our students and a huge accomplishment for our school since it is our first time entering this competition.

Those teams are:

- 1- Eco-Blox - Max Trzepla, Zachary Hegney and Naveen Vyas
- 2- Safety Bracelet- Sachi Choudhuri, Brett Blackburn, Hannah Liu
- 3- Squiggle Seeds- Georgia Strus, Maya Szwed

Dr. Freda announced that 12 students in grades 4-6 have moved on to compete at the school wide level Scripps National Spelling Bee competition on February 10, 2023, and will be facing a panel of judges. The school champion will then move on to represent Gould in the next level of the Essex County regional spelling bee program.

Dr. Freda stated that Gould’s MOEMS Math Olympiad program is in its third year and going strong. The objectives of MEOMS are to teach multiple strategies for out-of-the-box problem solving, develop mathematical flexibility in solving problems, and foster mathematical creativity. She explained that learning to solve problems is the underlying reason for studying mathematics. Exposure to challenging problems, interesting puzzles, and the associated rich mathematical topics are essential for the development of problem-

solving skills. Gould has 20 students in grades 4 through 6 involved in the program and are selected via MAP scores typically in the 95% and above range.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Deepali Shas, 7 Falcon Point- Dr. Shah presented a petition asking the Board to consider declaring Diwali a School Holiday in North Caldwell.

The following people made comments pertaining to the petition presented by Dr. Shah regarding declaring Diwali, a School Holiday in North Caldwell.

Latha Jadhav, 75 Evergreen Drive	Nihir Jariwala, 4 Arbor Road
Lavanya Venkateswaran, 3 Harvest Lane	Ankita Bhandari, 13 Stepping Ridge
Shibani Patel, 30 Hilltop Drive	Kalyan Jakka, 11 Sagamore Drive
Royeet Chugh, 33 White Oak Drive	Puja Udani, 12 Overlook Drive
Raju Bhagtani, 51 Harding Avenue	Kalgi Mody, 6 Henry Ave
Nathen Udani, 12 Overlook Court	Twinkle Chugh, 33 White Oak Drive
Anita Christian, 44 Andrea Drive	Vivek Pappu, 28 White Oak Drive
Ankim Shah, 7 Falcon Point	Ankur Jetley, 19 Amelia Street
Manjari Goel, 24 Shenandoah Drive	Sumeet Datwani, 5 The Crossing
Anjali Patel, 3 Arbor Road	Amy Shah, 16 Hemlock Drive
Dimple Jariwala, 4 Arbor Road	Depeka Rampertaap, 26 Hilltop Drive
Shibani Bhattacharyya, 6 Roosevelt Blvd	Robin Lundberg, 26 Hilltop Drive
Tivoli Ved, 24 Hilltop Drive	Rebecca Nelson, 6 Aspen Drive
Ashany Sundaram, 2 Harvest Lane	

After the comment Mrs. Opper thanked everyone for their input to recognize Diwali as a school holiday in North Caldwell and noted the Board would be discussing this later in the agenda.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

O1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt all existing bylaws and policies of the Board and approve existing administrative rules and regulations, subject to revision, for the forthcoming fiscal school year.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

O2. RESOLVED that all meetings of the Board of Education be conducted according to Robert Rules of Order and Board Policy.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

O3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint **Sapna Malige** as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association for one (1) year, beginning immediately and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy authorizing the duties of the delegate to the New Jersey School Board Association be approved as follows:

1. Represent the Board at meetings of the New Jersey School Boards Association.
2. Study and report to the Board all proposed State and Federal Legislature of interest and relevance.
3. At the direction of the Board, prepare proposed resolutions for submission to the State School Boards Association.

The policy shall not prohibit or discourage other Board members from active participation in legislative affairs.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

O4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education re-adopt **Code of Ethics**, attached.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

O5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached list of Committees and Membership for 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

O6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached schedule of public and confidential meetings for 2023-2024.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following augmentative communication evaluation for listed student:

Student #	8005987
Provider:	Advancing Opportunities
Service:	Augmentative Communication Evaluation
Date:	TBD
Fee:	\$1,400.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Assessment:

Student #	8005355
Provider:	Dr. Delaney
Service:	Central Auditory Processing Assessment
Facility:	St. Barnabas Speech and Hearing
Date:	January 11, 2023
Fee:	\$700.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

~~**G3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 school calendar.~~

Moved: PULLED Seconded:

Yes: No:

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 twelve-month calendar.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education affirm Superintendent’s decision that 2022A was an unsubstantiated HIB incident.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes and Confidential Minutes of December 13th, 2022**

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 4 No: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Malige

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

December 15th, 2022	\$394,148.28
December 23rd, 2022	\$367,493.75

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

December 20 th , 2022	\$ 84.00
December 21 st , 2022	\$51,079.04
January 5 th , 2023	\$ 84.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

January 10th, 2023 \$509,521.81

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

B5. WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **November 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 **November 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. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s **Monthly Financial Reports for November 2022.**

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Title I Tutoring:**

December 2022 \$8,775.00

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Alexandra Gann, Monmouth University Student,** to complete a minimum of 100 hours clinical Practice and a second semester of full-time student teaching effective January 17, 2023, through December 23, 2023, pending favorable criminal history review.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

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
Adlon, I	1/25-1/27	Techspo	\$515.00	\$556.00
Brenneck, R.	1/25-1/27	Techspo	\$515.00	\$556.00
Castiglia, A.	4/4/2023	Winter Institute	\$60.00	
Halik, M.	1/25-1/27	Techspo	\$515.00	\$556.00
Laurenzno, D.	Online	Strategies to learn for ELL students	\$279.00	
Schechter, C.	2/7/2023	NJIDA	\$90.00	
Silva, T.	2/23/2023	Self-Regulation Interventions	\$119.00	
Troiano, J.	3/7/2023	NJECC Tech Conference	\$115.00	

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Jillian Lagattuta** as a special education teacher at a prorated salary of \$57,363.00 (MA Step 2) effective May 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescind resolution **P2** from November 15, 2022.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Alexa Iandolo** as a special education teacher at a prorated salary of \$61,763.00 (MA Step 6) for the 2022-2023 school year effective January 17, 2023.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following teachers as lunch/recess supervisors a rate of \$30.00 per hour effective January 11, 2023 to June 16, 2023:

Melissa Schlachter

Monica Stomski

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Shumofsky reminded parents to adhere to the proper pick-up procedures for Gould School. These procedures have been implemented for the safety of the children and to improve the efficacy of these busy dismissal time.

- There is no parking permitted in front of the building after 2:50 pm. This area is designated for buses. Should you need to pick up your students before dismissal, please call the Gould main office ten minutes prior to your arrival so that your student is ready. This is in addition to notifying their homeroom teacher. In addition, please park in a legal parking spot only.
- For Car-Line, pick up children in the driveway that loops around the Gould School building.
- For Walkers, please pick students up past Park Avenue, on Park Avenue or in the Pool parking lot. Do NOT wait to pick students up on Gould Avenue between Park Ave and Gould School.
- Do NOT make U-turns or K-turns on Gould Avenue or in the Gould School parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board thanked everyone for their input about recognizing Diwali as a school holiday in North Caldwell. Mrs. Malige reiterated the importance of being inclusive. The Board voiced their support to add Diwali to the school calendar when it falls on a school day.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:26 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: Security/Student Matters/Personnel. 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 9:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary