

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 the Board of Education Website, that July 28, 2020 meeting would be done via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform.

Present: Mr. Robert Projansky, President  
Mrs. Mary Mokris, Vice President  
Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky  
Mrs. Mindy Oppen  
Mr. Matt Atlas

Also Present:

- Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
- Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
- Mr. Chris Checchetto, Principal – Gould School
- Mr. Michael Stefanelli, Principal – Grandview School
- Mr. Ian Adlon, Computer Technician

## ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

**01. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the use of the Zoom Online Meeting Platform, to conduct the July 28, 2020, Board Meeting in compliance with A-3850 which was signed by Governor Murphy on March 20, 2020 so that Board of Education business can continue, during the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 crisis.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris                      Seconded: Mrs. Oppen

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Projansky thanked everyone for joining our meeting via Zoom. Mr. Projansky noted that there were 378 people on the Zoom Meeting and he was grateful to see the community involvement on the important decisions that had to be made to re-open schools for September. He then stated that tonight we will give an update on the reopening of schools. He acknowledged that while we know this may not make everyone happy the community has to realize that we are doing the best we can with restrictions from the State of New Jersey and the limited space and resources that the district has. After the report to night, the Board will take action on a formal decision for September.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Freda and the Covid committee consisting of Mr. Matt Atlas, Mrs. Mindy Oppen and Mr. Halik presented on the plan to reopen schools for September. With the final recommendation to the board being:

**Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Plan:**

- All students in school, every day, with 1:00 PM dismissal
- Additional class sections will be added to ensure social distancing in all classrooms
- Installation of physical barriers in the classrooms
- Facial coverings will be required to be worn by students, teachers and staff
- No lunch, but snack breaks
- Ability to check-in/depart through outside doors

**Third – Sixth Grade Plan:**

- Grades 3-6 split into two cohorts, attend school on alternate days and every other Friday. Dismissal at 1PM
- Specials will be delivered remotely (Art, Library, Technology, World Language, Music, Physical Education)
- Option for All Remote Learning will be offered

Prior to opening to Public Recognition Mrs. Mindy Oppen reiterated that the decision made here tonight is the first step in this process, it will take time for the

Administration, and Teachers to drill down what things will look like. Once this plan is approved, it will give the administration the framework so they can pivot and do their work to be prepared for school in September with a very short timeline to do so.

### PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The following members of the public asked questions and voiced their opinions in order to afford the board meaningful input that could be use when making the Reopening plan:

George & Lauren Chen	Kaitlin Marvin	Debbie Holinstat	Tanya Weschke
Roseann Becker	Victoria Kahn	Katelyn Philips	Marielena Andre
Anita Christian	Jacek Trezepla	Kristin Campbell	Jen Otterbein
Allison DeFazio	Dana Scharf	Indu Ayush	Jennifer Guinta
Kathleen & Rob Koch	Kim & Cliff Duffy	Craig Solow	

### GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

**G1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 1649, Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5

No: 0

**G2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Victoria Lutz, Caldwell University student**, to complete teacher observation hours effective January 4, 2021 through May 31, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5

No: 0

- G3. RESOLVED** that the upon the recommendation of the North Caldwell Board of Education COVID Committee that Board of Education approve the following schedule for the reopening of schools:

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Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5

No: 0

- G4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar.

Moved: Mrs. Mokris

Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5

No: 0

**BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

- B1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of July 21, 2020.**

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky

Seconded: Mrs. Oppen

Yes: 5

No: 0

**B2. WHEREAS,** the North Caldwell Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 School Budget on April 28, 2020 utilizing the State Aid Notice received on February 27, 2020, and

**WHEREAS,** on July 10, 2020 the district received a Revised State Aid Notice with a reduction of \$60,973 in State Aid for the 2020-2021 School Budget, and

**WHEREAS,** the North Caldwell Board of Education is incurring increased and unanticipated expenditures due to COVID-19 prevention measures and requirements that must be put into place to reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year, and

**WHEREAS,** this reduction in State Aid along with the increased expenditures would affect the district's ability to provide a thorough and efficient (T&E) education to the students of North Caldwell, and,

**WHEREAS,** the North Caldwell Board of Education has \$250,000 in Emergency Reserve Funds which may be used for unanticipated expenditures if approved by the Commissioner of Education, and

**WHEREAS,** the North Caldwell Board of Education requests to withdraw \$60,973 from their Emergency Reserve Fund pending the Commissioner's Approval,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the North Caldwell Board of

Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to submit to the Commissioner of Education for this approval and make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky

Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5

No: 0

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**P1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Trioano, J.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
	8/5	Instructional Leadership in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Laurenzano, D.	8/4	Rethinking Assessments for Blended Classrooms	\$56.00	
	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Shay, K.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Thomas, C.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
	8/7	Making the Shift to Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Stefanelli, M.	8/3	Instructional Leadership in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
	8/5	Instructional Leadership in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
	8/6	Inclusive Learning Environments	\$56.00	
Checchetto, C.	8/3	High Quality Pedagogy in Virtual Learning Environment	\$56.00	
	8/5	Instructional Leadership in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Freda, L.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
	8/3	High Quality Pedagogy in Virtual Learning Environment	\$56.00	
	8/4	Rethinking Assessments for Blended Classrooms	\$56.00	

	8/5	Instructional Leadership in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
	8/7	Making the Shift to Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Cimera, A.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Cosentino, A.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
Arena, T.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
Gray, C.	8/3	Planning for Teaching in Hybrid Learning Environments	\$56.00	
Linden, L.	8/3	High Quality Pedagogy in Virtual Learning Environments	\$56.00	
Gesario, G.	8/3	High Quality Pedagogy in Virtual Learning Environments	\$56.00	
DeRosa, G.	8/3	High Quality Pedagogy in Virtual Learning Environments	\$56.00	
Mellinkoff, C.	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Schlachter, M.	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	
Wozniak, S.	8/6	Engaging Parents & Caregivers as Partners in Virtual Learning	\$56.00	

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky

Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 5

No: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed adding a Board Meeting for August 11, 2020 however it was decided that they would hold off at the current time. In the event if it was found necessary to add a board meeting to our calendar the Business Administrator/Board Secretary would schedule and advertise the meeting as needed.

The following resolution was called at approximately 9:53 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: Legal and Personnel Matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

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

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 10:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael W. Halik

Business Administrator / Board Secretary