

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on October 27, 2020 via an online Zoom Meeting at 7:34 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.

In addition, a notice was posted on the Entrances of Grandview Elementary School and on the Board of Education Website, that October 27, 2020 meeting would be done via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform.

ROLL CALL BY THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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

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

ACTION ITEM

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

O1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the use of the Zoom Online Meeting Platform, to conduct the October 27, 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. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Projansky thanked everyone for joining our meeting via Zoom. Mr. Projansky noted that there were 43 people on the Zoom Meeting.

Mr. Projansky thanked the staff, police and first aid squad for their efforts to save George Melhem, the preschool bus driver who passed away. The Board offered their deepest condolences to his family followed by a moment of silence.

Mr. Projansky stated the Board takes pride in Gould School being awarded the Blue Ribbon School for Excellence. To get such a prestigious award makes us all incredibly proud of both schools.

He noted that a few weeks ago, the district had to revert to remote learning for the week. Although it was disappointing, it was encouraging to see how well everyone transitioned so swiftly. Our staff did a phenomenal job and parents were very happy. He thanked the staff and administration for all they did to transition. He stated he is confident the district is in very capable hands but then reiterated that even though the virtual learning went well, it's preferable the students be in school. Everyone needs to follow the safety protocols. He urged everyone to please take recommended precautions seriously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda thanked the teaching staff and principals for doing a great job transitioning to remote as they always go above and beyond. Dr. Freda reported that the first marking period ends December 1st and a form will go out tomorrow for parents to decide if they want their children to return to in person instruction. The form must be returned by November 20th.

Dr. Freda reminded everyone that if you have travel plans over the holidays, please abide by the restricted destinations listed and remember to quarantine as required.

She also reminded everyone that Election Day will be all remote.

Dr. Freda then thanked the Boag family for donating a tree and plaque in memory of George Melhem, and thanked the staff and community for raising \$3,200.00 for their family.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Dr. Stefanelli, Grandview School Principal, echoed Dr. Freda and Mr. Projansky's comments regarding our staff transitioning to remote on a moments notice. He was moved by the professionalism of the teachers noting they did a wonderful job.

Mr. Checchetto, Gould School Principal, stated that even though the teachers make it look easy, virtual learning is exhausting and very hard work.

Mrs. Trioano, Grandview Teacher, said on behalf of the teachers, we thank you for the positive comments and acknowledgement.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 1581, Domestic Violence**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 1581, Domestic Violence**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2270, Religion in Schools**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2422, Health and Physical Education**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2622, Student Assessment**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 2464, Gifted and Talented Students**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5200, Attendance**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G10. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 5200, Attendance**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G11. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5320, Immunization**, at first reading.

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

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 5320, Immunization**, at first reading.

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

G13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5330, Administration of Medication**, at first reading.

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

G14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 5330, Administration of Medication**, at first reading.

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

G15. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5610, Suspension**, at first reading.

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

G16. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 5610, Suspension**, at first reading.

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

G17. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5620, Expulsion**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G18. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 7243, Supervision of Construction**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G19. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 8210, School Year**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G20. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy 8320, Personnel Records**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G21. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 8320, Personnel Records**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G22. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation 8462, Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children**, at first reading.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G23. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G24. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the submission of 2019-2020 School Self Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Grandview and Gould Schools.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G25. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **tuition contract** with **Glenview Academy**, effective for the 2020-2021 school year to commence on September 21, 2020 for the following student:

Student ID# 8005856

Tuition: \$68,795.07

Extraordinary Services: \$37,590.00

Total Contract: \$106,385.07

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G26. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached contact revision with **Tiny Treasures Extended School Day** for the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

The Board thanked Tiny Treasures for working with the district during this difficult time.

G27. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve payment to **St. Barnabas Speech and Hearing (Dr. Delaney)** in the amount of \$700.00 for a central auditory processing assessment for **student #8005341**.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

G28. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the addition of Technology and the criteria/standards on the Gould Report Card for 2020-2021 School Year as stated in the attachment.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of September 22, 2020.**

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 4 No: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Shumofsky

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

September 30, 2020	\$376,372.68
October 15, 2020	\$363,443.89

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

September 29, 2020	\$52,617.48
October 19, 2020	\$130.15

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

October 5, 2020	\$218,387.49
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Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Monthly Bills and Claims** dated **October 27, 2020** in the amount of **\$284,779.66**.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **July 2020**.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B7. WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **July 2020**, 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 **July 2020**, 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. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B8. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **July 2020** line item transfers.

North Caldwell Board of Education						
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS						
Date: July 31, 2020						
To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount	
11-000-262-420-050-02	GARBAGE COLLECTION GLD	3,700.00	11-000-262-110-050-00	LUNCHROOM AIDES: GOULD	(7,400.00)	
11-000-262-420-060-03	GARBAGE COLLECTION GDV	3,700.00				
	Total Transfers	7,400.00		Total Transfers	(7,400.00)	
						0.00

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **August 2020**.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B10. WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **August 2020**, 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 2020**, 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. Oppen Seconded: Mr. Atlas

Yes: 5 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
Silva, T.	10/12	Dealing w/ Angry Students	\$60.00	
Shay, K.	10/17	NJIDA Fall Conf	\$100.00	
Castiglia, A.	10/17	NJIDA Fall Conf	\$100.00	

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Lily Householder** for up to 50 Field Observation hours of student observation effective November 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leave for **Amanda Cosentino** effective November 2, 2020 through February 10, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Child Rearing Leave for **Amanda Cosentino** effective February 11, 2021 through March 1, 2021.

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

- P5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Gale Messier** as a part-time Confidential Secretary at a prorated salary of \$28,000.00 (\$70,000.00 @.4 FTE) effective November 2, 2020 to June 30, 2021, pending criminal history review.

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

- P6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following teachers for Title I Tutoring at a rate of \$75.00 per hour effective November 2, 2020 through June 17, 2021:

**Marian Smith
Sue Kappock
Sarah Johnson
Eileen Little
Antonina Cappello
Sophia Worrall
Leigh Gallo
Nicole Dillenkofer
Toni Arena
Greg De Rosa
Linda Nikow
Melissa Schlachter**

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

- P7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leave for **Daniel Bogden** effective November 7, 2020 to January 1, 2021.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Shumofsky and Mrs. Mokris thanked NCPE for being creative providing a virtual bake sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility use with Covid-19 came up for discussion. Since the District has been very restrictive with our own staff using the facilities during this time, we may need to place constrictive measures in place if we consider doing opening up the facilities to outside organizations. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet to discuss.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:07 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: A Legal Matter and negotiations. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5

No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael W. Halik

Business Administrator / Board Secretary