

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on January 19, 2021, 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 January 19, 2021 meeting would be done via the Zoom Online Meeting Platform.

Roll call by the Business Administrator:

Present: Mr. Robert Projansky, President
 Mrs. Mindy Oppen, Vice President
 Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky
 Mrs. Sapna Malige

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
 Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
 Mr. Chris Chechetto, Gould/Mountain Principal
 Mr. Michael Stefanelli, Grandview School Principal
 Mr. Ian Adlon, Computer Technician

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

O1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the use of the Zoom Online Meeting Platform, to conduct the January 19, 2021, 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. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Projansky reported there were 45 community members participating on zoom for the meeting. He thanked the staff and administration for everything they do every day to help the Board look great noting this month is School Board Recognition Month. He pointed out there are over 580 school districts in New Jersey and their School Boards' voluntarily provide services not only to the students but also to the communities they serve and deserve a resounding thank you.

Mr. Projansky also thanked the North Caldwell Partnership for Education for providing ideas to mark the day of service yesterday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. He hoped everyone helped make a contribution by providing service to the community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda also noted Board Appreciation Month. She said thank you to all Board Members for all they do for North Caldwell and then stated she was proud of our Board for all they have accomplished this year. They truly give generously of their time.

Dr. Freda congratulated Senorita Reyes on the birth of her baby girl.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Preschool tuition be \$3,800.00 per child.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 3 No: 0

Abstain: Mr. Projansky

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Amanda Siragusa**, William Paterson University student, as a student teacher effective January 20, 2021 through December 9, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Opper

Yes: 4 No: 0

- G3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached 2020-2021 Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist(s) for Gould, Mountain and Grandview Schools.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Oppen

Yes: 4 No: 0

Mr. Projansky spoke regarding the candidates that were interviewed for the open board seat: Eric Finkelstein, Scott M. Methven, Anthony Prinzo, and Johanna F. Stroever, stating they were all very qualified candidates. He suggested his recommendation would be for Johanna Stroever; however, after Board discussions it would be up to the whole Board to choose whom they felt would be the best candidate with the most to bring to the Board.

- G4. RESOLVED** that the Board Education appoint **Johanna Stroever** to fill the unexpired term previously held by Matthew Atlas ending December 31, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Oppen

Yes: 4 No: 0

- G5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the extension of the contract with **Team Behavioral Consultants** for one-to-one in-home support effective from January 19, 2021 to June 22, 2021 or until New Beginnings resumes full-time on-site instruction for **student #8005395**.

Moved: Mrs. Shumofsky Seconded: Mrs. Oppen

Yes: 4 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

- B1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of January 7, 2021**.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

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

January 15, 2021

\$370,351.22

Moved: Mrs. Oppen

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4

No: 0

- B3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Bills and Claims:**

January 19, 2021

\$182,217.88

Moved: Mrs. Oppen

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4

No: 0

- B4. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Title 1 Tutoring:

December 2020

\$9,000.00

Moved: Mrs. Oppen

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4

No: 0

- B5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **November 2020**.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen

Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

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 **November 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 **November 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. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

B7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the November 2020 line item transfers.

North Caldwell Board of Education						
LINE ITEM TRANSFERS						
Date: November 30, 2020						
To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount	
11-000-216-101-050-00	SPEECH SALARY GOULD	2,200.00	11-000-217-100-000-00	ABA INSTRUCTION	(2,200.00)	
11-000-217-320-000-00	EX ORD SERV- OUT OF DIST	54,800.00	11-000-219-110-050-00	ABA THERAPIST	(7,500.00)	
11-000-219-104-060-01	PSYCHOLOGIST: SALARY	1,500.00	11-000-219-110-060-00	ABA THERAPIST	(1,500.00)	
11-000-261-420-000-03	MAINT-COPIERS	10,000.00	11-000-261-420-000-01	MAINT OF BLDG REPAIR SER	(10,000.00)	
11-000-261-610-000-01	MAINT SUPPLIES - DIST	10,000.00	11-000-261-420-000-02	MAINTENANCE EQUIP REPAIR	(10,000.00)	
11-110-100-101-060-00	TCHRS SAL: KINDERGARTEN	46,500.00	11-000-270-160-000-00	TRANS TO AND FROM SCHOOL	(4,000.00)	
11-120-100-101-060-00	TEACHERS SAL GR 1-3 GV	26,500.00	11-000-270-515-000-00	TRANSPORTATION: SPECIAL	(20,800.00)	
11-213-100-101-050-00	RES. ROOM TEACH SAL. GLD	2,500.00	11-120-100-101-050-00	TEACHERS SAL GR 4-5 GLD	(20,000.00)	
11-215-100-101-060-00	PRE-SCH DISABILITY: SAL	26,000.00	11-190-100-610-050-01	SUPPLIES: GENERAL GOULD	(5,000.00)	
12-120-100-730-060-09	INST EQUIP GRNDVIEW K-3	11,550.00	11-190-100-610-060-05	SUPPLIES: CONS GRANDVIEW	(6,498.00)	
			11-190-100-610-060-05	SUPPLIES: CONS GRANDVIEW	(5,000.00)	
			11-190-100-610-060-09	TECH: SUPPLIES GRANDVIEW	(5,052.00)	
			11-190-100-640-050-00	TEXTBOOKS: GOULD	(12,000.00)	
			11-190-100-640-060-00	TEXTBOOKS: GRANDVIEW	(12,000.00)	
			11-213-100-101-060-00	RES. ROOM TEACH SAL. GV	(18,000.00)	
			11-213-100-106-060-00	RESOURCE RM:AIDE SAL GV	(52,000.00)	
	Total Transfers	191,550.00		Total Transfers	(191,550.00)	
						0.00

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Victoria Lutz** as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

P2. WHEREAS, The below listed staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement in accordance with Article 6, Section C of the negotiated agreement, and have completed requirements in accordance with the same.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Summer of 2020:**

Name	Course	Grade	School	# of Credits	Amount Paid
Doyen, Gabrielle	School Safety & Security	A	Caldwell Univ	3	\$900.00
Egan, Emily	Online Instruction for Students w/Disabilities	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
Jones, Rebecca	Teaching Students w/High Functioning Autism	A	Greenville	3	\$359.20
Linden, Lisa	Supporting Info Literacy & Online Inquiry	A	Walden	3	\$900.00
	Integrating Technology	A	Walden	3	\$900.00
Wozniak, Stefanie	Instruction for Students w/Disabilities	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
Zimmermann, Cathleen	Foundations in School Leadership	A	WPU	3	\$900.00

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

P3. WHEREAS, The below listed staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement in accordance with Article 6, Section C of the negotiated agreement, and have completed requirements in accordance with the same.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Fall of 2020:**

Name	Course	Grade	School	# of Credits	Amount Paid
DellaValle, Genine	Principles & Practices in Inclusive Early Childhood Ed	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
DellaValle, Genine	Communication, Collaboration & Consultation in Inclusive Early Childhood	A	MSU	3	\$900.00
Doolen, Argiro.	Children Literacy Curriculum Design	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Linden, L.	Reaching & Engaging all Learners through Technology	A	Walden	3	\$360.00
Mitchell, M.	Instruction to Health Ed	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Mitchell, M.	Legal Issues	A	WPU	3	\$900.00
Wozniak, S.	Virtual Assessment & Eval	A	WPU	3	\$900.00

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

P4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leave for **Johanna Reyes** effective February 23, 2021 to May 25, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Oppen Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

P5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Child Rearing Leave for **Johanna Reyes** effective May 26, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

- P6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Shay, K.	2/6/21	Winter Inst Food for Thought	\$60.00	

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Transportation Committee reported that they met to discuss transportation options for the next school year. While at the current time there are a lot of unknowns, they are working to try and figure out what transportation will look like for 2021-2022.

The Covid Committee reported that they recently met to discuss issues concerning how best to deal with the current situations. While Covid cases are increasing, issues keep arising which have been presented by parents with whom the Board welcomes the dialogue. The committee spoke about creating a testing site as a trial outside of school to see how it would work for the staff, students and parents. The school nurses are also currently working on putting together the list of PCR testing sites for parents.

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:58 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: personnel negotiations and legal. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 4 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary