

NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION

GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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VIA ZOOM MEETING

February 21, 2024

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. OATH OF OFFICE FOR DAVID VED

5. ROLL CALL

6. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

9. MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTER

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board will adjourn to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Legal. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

The Board estimates it will reconvene in Public Session at _____

10. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

11. ACTION ITEMS

• General Resolutions

G1. Approve listed Policies and Regulations

G2. Approve 2024-2025 academic school calendar

G3. Approve facilities use application for Afterschool Basketball

G4. Approve facilities use application for Baseball/Softball

G5. Approve 2024-2025 SEMI Waiver

G6. Approve assistive technology evaluation for listed student

G7. Approve 2024 Board Goals

G8. Approve agreement with Church for Parking

G9. Approve law firm

G10. Approve transfer of legal files

• Business Resolutions

B1. Approve January 9th Public and Confidential Board minutes

B2. Approve listed payrolls

B3. Approve electronic check registers

- B4. Approve Bills and Claims
- B5. Approve November 2023 transfers
- B6. Approve December 2023 transfers
- B7. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of November 2023
- B8. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of December 2023
- B9. Approve Board Secretary & Treasurer Financial reports for November 2023
- B10. Approve Board Secretary & Treasurer Financial reports for December 2023
- B11. Approve Title I Tutoring payment
- B12. Approve the NJ Schools Development Authority Grant
 - Personnel Resolutions
 - P1. Approve additional instruction for listed students
 - P2. Approve Professional Development for listed staff
 - P3. Approve Winter Concert supervisors
 - P4. Approve Summer 2023 Tuition Reimbursement
 - P5. Approve Fall 2023 Tuition Reimbursement
 - P6. Approve substitute teachers
 - P7. Approve substitute nurse
 - P8. Approve lunch/recess supervisor

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney-Client Privilege | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negotiations | <input type="checkbox"/> School Security/Public Safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Matter |

The next scheduled public meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 pm on March 12, 2024.

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 February 21, 2024 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 Oppen, President
 Mrs. Johanna Stroeve, Vice-President
 Mrs. Sapna Malige
 Mr. Eric Finkelstein
 Mr. David Ved

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
 Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
 Mr. Robert Brenneck, Computer Network Systems Technician

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Oppen reported that seventeen (17) people were attending the meeting via zoom. She began by welcoming the family members of Mr. Ved who were in attendance for Mr. Ved’s Oath of Office. She congratulated Mr. Ved and stated that the Board is excited to work with him. She welcomed families back from winter break. She expressed her gratitude to the teachers and faculty for all of their hard work as well as to the families as she appreciates the entire Gould and Grandview community.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Freda welcomed Mr. Ved and his family and stated that she looks forward to working together with him. She welcomed everyone back and thanked parents for having the children return to school rested and ready to work.

Dr. Freda commended all of the students that auditioned for the New Jersey Honor Choir and congratulated the following students that were selected to be part of the honor choir.

Sixth Graders:

Harri Castro

Fifth Graders:

Daniela Cocilovo	Valentina Cocilovo
Anika Goel	Sonya Malige
Tanushka Nagpal	Aria Patel

Addison Schlachter

Fourth Graders:

Harper Schwerin Isabelle Wang

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:39 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: Legal Matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeve

Yes: 5 No: 0

The Board reconvened at 7:48 pm.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Policies and Regulations at first reading:

Policy	2270 Religion in Schools
Policy	2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973-Students
Regulation	3161 Examination for Cause
Policy	4161 Examination for Cause
Policy	3212 Attendance
Regulation	3212 Attendance
Policy	4212 Attendance
Regulation	4212 Attendance
Policy	3324 Right of Privacy
Policy	4324 Right of Privacy
Policy	5116 Education of Homeless Children and Youths
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Abolished

Policy	3432 Sick Leave
Regulation	3432 Sick Leave
Policy	4432 Sick Leave

Regulation 4432 Sick Leave

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 school calendar.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. 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
User Class:	Class 2
Activity:	Afterschool Basketball
Facility:	Grandview Gymnasium
Dates:	April 22-2024 – May 30, 2024
Time:	3:20 – 4:30 pm Mondays and Thursdays
Fee:	\$150.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

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
User Class:	Class 2
Activity:	Baseball/Softball
Facility:	Gould School Fields
Dates:	March 11, 2024 – June 14, 2024
Time:	3:30-7:30 M-F, 9:00-1:00 Saturday
Fee:	\$250.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G5. WHEREAS,** NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2024-2025 school year, and

WHEREAS, the North Caldwell Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that we project having fewer than forty (40) Medicaid eligible classified students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Essex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Assistive Technology Evaluation for listed student:

Student #	8005266
Provider:	Educational Enterprises (Bergen County Special Services)
Service:	Assistive Technology Evaluation
Facility:	Gould School
Date:	02/28/2024
Fee:	\$1,100.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

- G7. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Board Goals for the 2024 School Year:

1. Continue to monitor and assess the anticipated housing and population expansion in the district and its potential impact on school capacity through liaison with community leaders. Develop architectural options to solve current and future space limitations at both schools.
2. Continue to foster an inclusive and caring school environment that is sensitive to the differing cultures and interests of all children and their families.

3. Continue to improve community relations and engagement and provide the community with timely and transparent information on programs, activities, and priorities.
4. Continue to maintain ongoing and meaningful dialogue with Borough government to resolve identified priorities and engage in consistent dialogue around priorities such as transportation, safety, shared services, and housing development.
5. On an ongoing basis, continue to monitor the evaluation and refinement (as necessary) of the processes, outcomes, and tools for measuring and analyzing student achievement data and metrics.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

- B1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of January 9, 2024**

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
January 15 th , 2024	15	\$424,167.71
January 31 st , 2024	16	\$402,197.21
February 15 th , 2024	17	\$426,122.04

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
Nov 15, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023	EE00310	EE00316	\$55,214.07

Dec 1, 2023 – Dec 22, 2023	EE00385	EE00393	\$55,714.09
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Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
January 29 th , 2024	001379	001390	\$279,168.44
February 21 st , 2024	001391	001406	\$157,559.46
February 21 st , 2024	001407	001522	\$396,137.87

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B5. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Transfers for November 2023:**

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B6. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Transfers for December 2023:**

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeveer

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 **November 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 **November 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. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B8. WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **December 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 **December 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. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B9. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **November 2023**.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroever

Yes: 5 No: 0

- B10. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **December 2023**.

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

- B11. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Title I Tutoring** Payment:

January 2024 \$10,850.00

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

- B12. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the submission of application for the State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority Grant Program to provide funding for the Cyberstation Workstation Upgrade [HVAC Control System Gould School] in the amount of \$15,447.00.

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

- P1. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Kim Shay** for up to four (4) hours per week of Multisensory Reading instruction at a rate of \$75.00 per hour effective January 2, 2024 to June 17, 2024 for the following students:

8005767
8005531

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige
Yes: 5 No: 0

- P2. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost
Chappell, R.	2/23	NJPEOSH/NJAPP Training	0.00
Chappell, R.	3/8	Asbestos Operations & Maintenance Refresher	\$ 165.00
Chappell, R.	3/18,19,20	2024 NJSBGA Conference	\$ 325.00 +\$ 570.00 (travel) \$ 895.00
Freda, L	3/6, 3/13	NJSHA Conference	\$99.00
Freda, L.	5/2	Numbers Sense Workshop	\$695.00
Marlo, R.	5/21	NJASBO Admin Assistant	\$125.00
Sibilia, L.	5/8-5/10	NJLSHA Convention	\$255.00
Socci, D.	5/8-5/10	NJSLHA Convention	\$255.00
Valldares, J	3/13	Hand in Hand: Language & Culture	\$180.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P3. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff as Winter Concert supervisors at a rate of \$35.00 per hour for 2 hours on January 25, 2024:

**Gabby Schaffert
Nicole Castiglia
Maria Girardi
Wendy Montano**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

- P4. 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 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed For the courses attended during the **Summer of 2023**:

Name	Course	School	# of Credits	.5 x Eligible Amount
Brady, J.	Land Where the Blues	LaVerne	3	\$405.00

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Smith, C.	Principles of Curriculum Devel	NJCU	3	\$900.00
Smith, C.	Admin & Supervision Reading Programs	NJCU	3	\$900.00
Clutterbuck	Word Play: Vocabulary Inst	UCSD	3	\$303.20
DeMartino, A.	Teaching Multiethnic Lit	MSU	3	\$900.00
DeMartino, A.	Language & Early Lit	MSU	3	\$900.00
Jones, K.	SEL to Boost IQ	American	3	\$525.00
Keenan, A.	SEL & Empathy	Learners Edge	3	\$405.00
La Morte, S.	Strategies for ADHD, LD	TCNJ	3	\$900.00
La Morte, S.	The Culturally Distinctive Classroom	TCNJ	3	\$900.00
Linden, L.	Comm School Leaders	Caldwell	3	\$900.00
Norton, L.	The Science of Reading	PDI/UCSD	3	\$284.00
Rooney, D.	School Health Ed	NJCU	3	\$900.00
Schechter, C.	Targeted Inst & Interventions	PDI	3	\$284.00
Schechter, C.	Comprehension	PDI	3	\$290.70
Sponzilli, C.	Studio: Painting Watercolor	The Art of Education	3	\$900.00
Troiano, J.	Mastering the Apps for Ed	UCSD	3	\$255.60
Troiano, J.	Embracing Tech to Empower Students	USCD	3	\$303.20

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P5. 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 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Fall of 2023**:

Name	Course	School	# of Credits	.5 x Eligible Amount
Brady, J.	The Music Life of Mozart	La Verne	3	\$405.00
Smith, C.	Practicum in Reading	NJCU	3	\$900.00
DeMartino, A.	Administration & Supervision of Reading Programs	MSU	3	\$900.00
Gesario, M.	General Principles of Staff Supervision	Caldwell Univ	3	\$900.00
Graziano, G.	PTP Phase III	Monmouth	3	\$900.00
Linden, L.	General Principals of Staff Supervision	Caldwell Univ	3	\$900.00
Rooney, D.	School Nurse Practicum I	NJCU	3	\$900.00
Sponzilli, C.	Therapeutic Practices	The Art of Education	3	\$900.00
Troiano, J.	Using Google Classroom	UCSD	3	\$290.70

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

James Garrison
Amanda Schiltz

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Katherine Azzato** as a substitute nurse for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Suzy Giantonio** as a lunch/recess supervisor effective February 26, 2024 to June 19, 2024.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Halik advised the board that 2024-2025 busing preparations will begin shortly. He discussed hoping to maintain the same rate for subscription busing as well as begin to implement a fee for transporting students from Gould School to the Grandview School Tiny Treasures program, and he stated that the seat will not be transferrable. This is due to the fact that there was a waiting list for subscription busing last year and the Board had to turn away subscribers to allow seats for the students to be transported to Tiny Treasures.

Mr. Halik also updated the Board that the Gould building boilers are in need of replacement and the architect is currently working with the engineer to configure the costs. He advised them that they are also working on replacing the HVAC control system.

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:58 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: Legal and Negotiations and Student Matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeve

Yes: 5 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary