PUBLIC SESSION **MARCH 27, 2012**

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in public session on March 27, 2012, in the cafeteria of the Grandview School, Hamilton Drive East, North Caldwell, NJ, at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Wayne Demikoff, Interim 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:	Mr. Steven Hadley, President Mrs. Mary Wojtowicz, Vice President Mrs. Valerie Buccino Mr. Robert Projansky Mr. Robert Kessler
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent Mr. Wayne Demikoff, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Hadley commented that our NJSBA field service representative, Joanne Borin, is retiring.
- He stated parent conferences were held today and will also be held on Thursday.
- He reminded everyone that the North Caldwell Partnership in Education's Casino night will be Friday, March 30th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Freda commented that the 6th graders completed MAP testing at West Essex. A large percentage of our students have qualified for the advanced sections in reading and math.
- Dr. Freda congratulated the ten (10) students whose essays were chosen as winners in the New Jersey statewide essay contest.

- Mr. Demikoff gave a presentation of the proposed 2012-2013 school budget and responded to the questions posed from Board Members.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #1631, Residency Requirement for Person Holding School District Office, Employment or Position**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mr. Kessler	Seconded:	Mrs. Wojtowicz
Yes:	5	No:	0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #2431.4, Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries,** at second reading.

Moved:	Mr. Kessler	Seconded:	Mrs. Wojtowicz
Yes:	5	No:	0

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #3324, Right of Privacy (teaching staff)**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mr. Kessler	Seconded:	Mrs. Wojtowicz
Yes:	5	No:	0

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #4324, Right of Privacy (support staff)**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mr. Kessler	Seconded:	Mrs. Wojtowicz
Yes:	5	No:	0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #5600, Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct,** at second reading.

Moved:	Mr. Kessler	Seconded:	Mrs. Wojtowicz
Yes:	5	No:	0

G6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #7510, Use of School Facilities,** at second reading.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy #8613, Waiver of Pupil Transportation**, at second reading.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Policy #9270, Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools,** at second reading.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation #2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries,** at second reading.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation #5600 Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct**, at second reading.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Regulation #9270, Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools,** at second reading.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the enrichment class trip to the Apple Store.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

G13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Joint Resolution for Participation of Transportation Services for the 2012-2013 school year with Sussex County Regional Cooperative.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of March 13, 2012.**

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 3 No: 0

Abstain: Mr. Kessler
Mr. Projansky

B2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Special Session Minutes of March 13, 2012**.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 3 No: 0

Abstain: Mr. Kessler
Mr. Projansky

B3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **March 15, 2012, payroll** in the amount of $300,604.47.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 27, 2012, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $299,982.29.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 27, 2012, Bills and Claims** in the amount of $249,067.05.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

B6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for February 2012.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

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 February 2012, 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 February 2012, 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: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

B8. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby approves the submission of a grant application for the 2012 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's NJEIF Subfund for the purposes described in the application,

in the amount of $2,500.00 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

B9. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves a final 2012-2013 School budget as follows:

	BUDGET	**LOCAL TAX LEVY**
General Fund	$11,816,283	$10,834,245
Special Revenue Fund		$ 129,749
Debt Service Fund	$ 884,925	$ 864,204
Total budget	$12,830,957	$11,698,449

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves the use of $20,721 of additional debt service funds received from bond interest in 2011-2012 that will become unreserved, undesignated funds in the June 30, 2012 audit for use in the 2012-2013 School Budget, thus reducing the local taxpayers' payment of debt service.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

B10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Special Session Minutes of February 28, 2012**.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 4 No: 0

Abstain: Mr. Kessler

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
Sibilia, L.	4/19-4/20	NJSHA Convention	$250.00	
Socci, D.	4/19-4/20	NJSHA Convention	$250.00	

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Alexa Bono** as a student teacher effective September 4, 2012 to December 16, 2012 pending favorable criminal history review.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve payment to **Joyce Husk** for up to two hours per week of decoding instruction at her per diem hourly rate effective March 19, 2012 to June 11, 2012 for **student# 8003233**.

Moved: Mr. Kessler Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 5 No: 0

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

- A resident from Madison, who was in attendance as part of a course requirement that he observe a board meeting, asked why the board is trusted and there are no residents attending the meeting? Mr. Hadley answered by explaining the make-up of the town, that there were no major issues, the children are doing well and we have a good administrative staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Kessler commented that he would monitor the town's upgrading of their fields and let the Board know if and how it might affect the use of our fields.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed the give back of an unused snow day and aligning ours with West Essex and their decision to be closed the Tuesday after Memorial Day. The consensus of the Board was to align our calendar with West Essex as many parents have children at both schools.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:35 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, personnel, and negotiations. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved:	Mr. Kessler	Seconded:	Mrs. Wojtowicz
Yes:	5	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board moved to adjourn into confidential session at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Demikoff,
Interim Business Administrator