PUBLIC SESSION **JANUARY 31, 2012**

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in public session on January 31, 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
Absent:	Mr. Robert Kessler
Also Present:	Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent Mr. Wayne Demikoff, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Freda stated on Thursday, February 2nd from 11:00-12:15 in Ms. Jeffrey's computer lab, there will be a video conferencing interview with Barbara Bush whereby the sixth grade students in Mr. Miller's Class will be able to ask her questions.
- The Rosetta Stone representatives were in last week to conduct an in-service to increase teacher knowledge regarding reports available on line to document and monitor student progress. The teachers' commented that the training was excellent.
- The district has the option to allow 5th and 6th grade students the ability to choose a language to study. Students have the ability to log-on from home to further develop their language skills.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **ByLaw #0168, Recording Board Meetings**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #5519, Dating Violence At School,** at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #6424, Emergency Contracts**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #6472, Tuition Assistance**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #8505, School Nutrition,** at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy #9180, School Volunteers**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Regulation #5519, Dating Violence At School**, at second reading.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facilities use form submitted on behalf of **North Caldwell Recreation** for Quickstart Tennis for the 2011-2012 school year.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

G9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education establish the Election of Members to the North Caldwell Board of Education as the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 authorizes changing election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c.202; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The North Caldwell Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the

Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The North Caldwell Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The North Caldwell Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 the North Caldwell Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the North Caldwell Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, members of the North Caldwell Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Essex County Clerk; the Essex County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the North Caldwell municipal clerk(s) and school board secretary or secretaries; the Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of January 17, 2012.**

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	4	No:	0

B2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 31, 2012, payroll** in the amount of $289,476.48.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	4	No:	0

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 31, 2012, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $695,441.08.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	4	No:	0

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **January 31, 2012, Bills and Claims** in the amount of $142,490.53.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	4	No:	0

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for December 2011.

Moved:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
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 December 2011, 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 2011, 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. Wojtowicz Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 4 No: 0

B7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following line item transfers for January 2012:

To Account #	**Amount**	**From Account #**	**Amount**
Sp Ed Monitor 11-000-219-104-03-03	$5,000.00	LDTC: Salary 11-000-219-104-03-00	(5,000.00)
Professional Development 11-000-219-320-03-00	$1,140.00	Medical Examinations 11-000-219-390-03-00	(1,140.00)
	$6,140.00		(6,140.00)

Moved: Mrs. Wojtowicz Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 4 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESLOVED that the Board of Education approve **Nancy Patrick** as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

Moved: Mr. Projansky Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 4 No: 0

P2. RESLOVED that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Kennan, P.	3/5/2012	Strategies for Today's School Nurse	$225.00	
McKenna, C.	3/20/2012	Writing Strategies that Work	$225.00	
Williams, K.	2/25-2/18	ACDA Conference	$225.00	$120.28

Moved: Mr. Projansky Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 4 No: 0

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve payment to **Michele Mazzacone** for after school tutoring for up to two (2) hours per week at a rate of $50.00 per hour effective January 23, 2012 to June 15, 2012 for **student # 8003291.**

Moved: Mr. Projansky Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 4 No: 0

P4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve payment to **Marian Smith** for up to two (2) hours per week of Reading instruction at her per diem hourly rate effective January 9, 2012 to June 15, 2012 for **student # 8003506.**

Moved: Mr. Projansky Seconded: Mrs. Wojtowicz

Yes: 4 No: 0

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Freda discussed with the Board the school lunch program provided by the NCPE and their (NCPE's) contact with an outside vendor to see what improvement could be made to the lunch program.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:10 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:	Mrs. Wojtowicz	Seconded:	Mr. Projansky
Yes:	4	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board moved to adjourn into confidential session at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Demikoff,
Interim Business Administrator