PUBLIC SESSION **MARCH 10, 2015**

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on March 10, 2015, in the Grandview School Cafeteria, Hamilton Drive East, North Caldwell, NJ, 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:	Mr. Robert Projansky, President Mrs. Valerie Buccino, Vice President Mrs. Jann Skelton Mrs. Marianne Bohrer Mrs. Mary Mokris
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Projansky stated the NCPE's fundraising event with the Harlem Wizards went well. It was great to see all the teachers, parents and administrators come out to help support the event.

He also stated strategic planning would be discussed in New Business to help focus on the district's facility needs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda reported the PARCC testing is going smoothly and thanked Mr. Adlon, Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Pontrella for their efforts to ensure there were no glitches in the district's technology. She noted there were eight (8) parents who sent letters refusing to have their child participate in PARCC testing.

Dr. Freda noted her appreciation to the teachers who attended the Harlem Wizards' Game.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the sixth grade class trip to the Intrepid Museum.

Moved:	Mrs. Bohrer	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the facilities use form submitted on behalf of **North Caldwell Recreation for Baseball and Softball 2015.**

Moved:	Mrs. Bohrer	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public & Confidential Minutes of February 24, 2015.**

Moved:	Mrs. Skelton	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	4	No:	0
		Abstain:	Mrs. Buccino

B2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **February 23, 2015, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $976,044.73.

Moved:	Mrs. Skelton	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **February 27, 2015, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $136.10.

Moved:	Mrs. Skelton	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **February 27, 2015, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $55,747.83

Moved:	Mrs. Skelton	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 6, 2015 Bills & Claims** in the amount of $152,533.05.

Moved:	Mrs. Skelton	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

B6. **WHEREAS,** the Board of Education of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board") desires to proceed with school facilities projects consisting generally of: ART ROOM RENOVATIONS AT THE GOULD SCHOOL;

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATOIN OF NORTH CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans and Cost Estimates prepared in connection with the

Project(s) and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the new Jersey Department of Education for approval. If required, the Board further authorizes the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Municipal Planning Board for its review.

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This project is being funded as an "other capital project" and will not require state funding and the District is not seeking a Grant.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

B7. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves the submission of the preliminary 2015-2016 School budget to the County Office of the New Jersey State Department of Education as follows:

	BUDGET	**LOCAL TAX LEVY**
General Fund	**$12,290,826**	**$11,525,704**
Special Revenue Fund	**$ 123,124**	
Debt Service Fund	**$ 886,975**	**$ 886,975**
Total Budget	**$13,300,925**	**$12,412,679**

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

B8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for January 2015.

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

B9. **WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of January 2015, 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 January 2015, 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. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

B10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following line item transfers for January 2015:

North Caldwell Board of Education

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Date: January 31, 2014

To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount
11-000-219-610-03-00	CST SUPPLIES	100.00	11-000-216-320-03-00	PUR PROF ED SVC COM/B/V	(560.00)
11-000-261-110-03-01	STIPENDS MAINTENANCE	100.00	11-190-100-610-01-05	SUPPLIES: CONSUMABLE GLD	(600.00)
11-000-213-610-02-00	HEALTH SUP. GRANDVIEW	560.00	11-000-219-390-03-00	MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS	(1,100.00)
11-190-100-610-01-04	SUPPLIES: NON CONS GLD	600.00	11-000-261-420-03-01	CONT SVS BLDG REPAIR DIS	(8,100.00)
11-000-219-320-03-00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	11-213-100-101-03-00	RES. ROOM TEACHER SAL.	(117,000.00)
11-000-261-610-03-01	BLDG REPAIR/MAINT DIST	8,000.00			
11-120-100-101-00-00	TEACHERS SAL: GRADES 1-5	20,000.00			
11-213-100-106-03-00	RESOURCE ROOM: AIDE SAL	37,000.00			
11-130-100-101-01-00	TEACHERS SAL: GRADES 6	60,000.00			
	Total Transfers	127,360.00		Total Transfers	(127,360.00)

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

B11. ***WHEREAS,*** a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the **North Caldwell Board of Education** ("Board") to seek a contract for construction services for Exterior Masonry Repair at the Gould School (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, the Board received the bids on about March 2, 2015 from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et seq.;

Contractor	Base Bid
Punjab Restoration, LLC	$70,700.00
Alimi Builders, Inc.	$72,000.00
Spartan Construction, Inc.	$78,000.00

WHEREAS, the bids from **Punjab Restoration, LLC** and **Alimi Builders, Inc.** were reviewed and both contained material non-waivable defects which renders the bids unresponsive, and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by **Spartan Construction, Inc.** has been reviewed and has been determined to comply with the bid specifications and New Jersey Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to Spartan Construction, Inc. at an amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars ($78,000.00).

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

B12. ***WHEREAS,*** a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the **North Caldwell Board of Education** ("Board") to seek a contract for construction services for Partial Roof Replacement at the Gould School (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

WHEREAS, the Board received the bids on March 2, 2015 from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et seq.;

Contractor	Base Bid
Build Rite, LLC	$96,000.00
Arista Builders & Designers, Inc.	$107,000.00
ARCO Construction, Inc.	$118,700.00

WHEREAS, the bid from **Build Rite, LLC** contained a material non-waivable defect which renders the unresponsive; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by **Arista Builders & Designer's Inc.** has been reviewed and has been determined to comply with the bid specifications and New Jersey Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to Arista Builders & Designers, Inc. at an amount of One Hundred Seven Thousand dollars ($107,000.00).

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESLOVED** that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following staff:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Halik, M.	3/3/15	Pension Meeting	$50.00	
Falco, T.	3/16-18/15	NJBGA	$100.00	326.07

Moved: Mrs. Bohrer Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of **Melissa Robles** effective June 30, 2015.

Moved: Mrs. Bohrer Seconded: Mrs. Buccino

Yes: 5 No: 0

Mr. Projansky spoke about Mrs. Robles' resignation and the loss to the district.

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve Monica Stomski's request for Child Rearing Leave for the 2015-2016 school year as per Article X Section A of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Moved:	Mrs. Bohrer	Seconded:	Mrs. Buccino
Yes:	5	No:	0

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Freda discussed measles vaccination and a notice that would be provided to parents of unvaccinated students. Mrs. Skelton spoke about the new proposed laws in New Jersey to restrict waivers for vaccines.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed Tiny Treasures to offer before care if the district can open school earlier. Tiny Treasures will see if the community has a need for the services.

The Board discussed Strategic Planning and the Board agreed we should have the Long Range Facility Plan updated.

The Finance Committee will meet to review the budget and then the rest of the Board will meet to discuss the budget before the public Budget Hearing.

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:57 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: negotiations. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved:	Mrs. Bucchino	Seconded:	Mrs. Skelton
Yes:	5	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary