PUBLIC SESSION **DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on December 15, 2014, in the Grandview School Cafeteria, Hamilton Drive East, North Caldwell, NJ, at 6:35 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. Mary Mokris
Absent:	Mrs. Marianne Bohrer
Also Present:	Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary Mr. Chris Checchetto, Gould School Principal Mr. Gary Higgins, Auditor

Our auditor, Mr. Gary Higgins, from the firm Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, Auditors, presented the district's annual audit to everyone in attendance.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda congratulated Isabelle Smith who was recently accepted into the National Honor Choir. The choir will perform at the annual conference of the American Choral Directors Association. At the conference, Isabelle will have an opportunity to perform with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of bus route changes.

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

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the second grade field trip to Field Station Dinosaurs.

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

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution honoring Bob Kessler for his dedicated years of service to the children of the North Caldwell School District.

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

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of November 18, 2014.**

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

B2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **November 19, 2014, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $196,079.04.

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

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **November 20, 2014, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $1,433.37.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **November 24, 2014, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $37,345.84.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **November 24, 2014, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $25.00.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **October 31, 2014, payroll** in the amount of $311,342.23.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **November 26, 2014, payroll** in the amount of $310,781.20.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for October 2014.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B9. **WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of October 2014, 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 October 2014, 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. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **December, 2014, Bills and Claims** in the amount of $394,522.70.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B11. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **December 15, 2014, payroll** in the amount of $325,782.70.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B12. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint **Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, Certified Public Accountants** of **Fair Lawn, New Jersey**, as auditors, to perform the examination of the financial statements of the various funds of the North Caldwell Board of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, at an audit fee in conjunction with their letter agreement dated April 7, 2014.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Auditor's Synopsis of Audit and Management Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Corrective Action Plan for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Auditor's Synopsis of Audit and Management Report.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

B15. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following line item transfer for October 2014:

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LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Date: October 31, 2014

To account #	Account Name	Amount	From account #	Account Name	Amount
11-000-223-320-03-00	Professional Development	1,500.00	11-000-270-515-03-00	Transportation Spec Ed	(1,500.00)
	Total Transfers	1,500.00		Total Transfers	(1,500.00)

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers/administrators:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Halik, M.	See attchd	NJASBO	$200.00	$66.96
	1/29-30/15	TECHSPO	$395.00	$325.00
Norton, L.	1/26/15	Children's Books	$239.00	
Ortiz, F.	1/30/15	CCSS Math	$125.00	
Williams, K.	2/24-27/15	2015 ACDA	$299.00	

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Mokris

Yes: 4 No: 0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Greg De Rosa** to conduct an action research project to fulfill the requirements of his Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. The action research project will focus on the effects of peer tutoring in sixth grade.

Moved: Mrs. Buccino Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 4 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

The Board was updated on the progress of the security project.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board decided to keep preschool tuition at the same rate of $3,500 for next year. Ms. Burg has looked into having student art work framed for the art show to be sold for $25.00 each. Those not sold will be unframed and artwork will be returned to the district. The Board is discussing parent workshops regarding the PARCC testing so as not to conflict with West Essex.

They are also contemplating a sixth grade tuition student next year.

The Board also went over dates for next year's board meetings.

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:25 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. Buccino	Seconded:	Mrs. Mokris
Yes:	4	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary