The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in executive session on March 19, 2018, 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. Mindy Opper
Mrs. Mary Mokris, Vice President
Mrs. Jann Skelton
Mrs. Jordan Shumofsky

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Chief Marc Deuer, North Caldwell Police
Mr. Robert Kessler, North Caldwell Councilman
Mr. Joshua Raymond, North Caldwell Councilman

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Projansky congratulated the Grandview students on raising close to $20,000 for St. Jude. He reported the Board met with members of the Town Council to discuss issues within the community relating to development of the Town and fair share housing. They also discussed school safety.

Mr. Projansky also reiterated they were to have a "zero" tolerance policy regarding traffic safety at the schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda reported a member of the North Caldwell Police Department will be in to discuss school security during the Professional Development half day. Chief Deuer spoke with the Board regarding Class 3 officers.

After the Superintendent finished her report, Mr. Projansky thanked the North Caldwell Police Department for all the support they have provided to the school district.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Zoe Lieberman, 6 Longview Avenue – spoke about how upset she was that the school, particularly the 6th grade, did not do anything regarding Parkland.

Mrs. Skelton thanked Zoe for publicly speaking about her feelings. Mrs. Skelton stated she will work on addressing her concerns. Dr. Freda and Mr. Projansky also thanked Zoe.

GENERAL RESOLTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Policy 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students,** at second reading.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the enrichment class trip to the Apple Store.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the contract with **P.G. Chambers School** for **student #8005571** for the 2017-2018 school year effective March 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018 at a tuition rate of $23,880.96.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the contract with **Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.** for **student #8005571** for the 2017-2018 school year effective March 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018 for in school nursing services at $52.00 per hour, including travel costs, pending attorney review.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Skelton

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of February 27, 2018.**

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **February 23, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $25.00.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 12, 2018, Hand Check Register** in the amount of $226,168.10.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 15, 2018, payroll** in the amount of $356,114.31.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **March 19, 2018, Bills and Claims** in the amount of $240,556.89.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve February payment of $11,050.00 to the attached listed staff for 2017-18 Title I Tutoring.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B7. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves the submission of the preliminary 2018-2019 School budget which includes allowable health care adjustments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39(e) for $161,715.00 to offset health care costs; to the County Office of the New Jersey State Department of Education as follows:

	BUDGET	**LOCAL TAX LEVY**
General Fund	**$13,469,376**	**$12,699,711**
Special Revenue Fund	**$ 210,020**	
Debt Service Fund	**$ 632,575**	**$ 632,575**
Total Budget	**$14,311,971**	**$13,332,286**

The school district has proposed programs and services in excess of the Adequacy Budget adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from the district's Board Office.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

B8. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2018-2019 school year at the sum of $24,700.

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

B9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve binding the North Caldwell Board of Education to purchase electric generation services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services ("ACES") Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS,

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead

Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.,* and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq*. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the North Caldwell Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the

understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve binding the North Caldwell Board of Education to purchase natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services ("ACES") Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq*. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the North Caldwell board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas

suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price

charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B11. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for January 2018.

Moved:	Mrs. Opper	Seconded:	Mrs. Shumofsky
Yes:	5	No:	0

B12. **WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of January 2018, 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 2018, 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. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

B13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of March 12, 2018.**

Moved: Mrs. Opper Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 3 No: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Skelton
Mrs. Shumofsky

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

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

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost	Travel
Socci, D.	4/26-4/27	NJSLH Convention	$250.00	
Sibilia, L.	4/26-4/27	NJSLH Convention	$250.00	

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

P2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the transfer of the following teachers:

	From:	**To:**
Carrie Bryer	**Child Rearing Leave**	**In-class Resource**
Amanda Corigliano	**In-Class Resource**	**5th Grade Math Teacher**
Anita Cimera	**Classroom Inst Assistant**	**2nd Grade Teacher MLR**

Moved: Mrs. Skelton Seconded: Mrs. Shumofsky

Yes: 5 No: 0

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Anita Cimera** as a maternity leave replacement teacher at a prorated salary of $51,390.00 (MA Step 1) effective April 16, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

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

P4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Greg De Rosa** as Teacher in Charge for an $800.00 stipend for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Security of the schools will be discussed during a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. School expansion will also be discussed, as well as the idea of adding "man traps" to the entries of the schools and other possible structures/procedures to increase school safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Freda and Mr. Checchetto were asked to sit down with the student leaders and address their concerns related to Parkland. Dr. Freda indicated that she would speak to the student council advisors as this is the appropriate forum for students to express their concerns and identify programs, etc. to address these concerns.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:15 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 and mediation. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

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

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary