

**NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL**

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VIA ZOOM MEETING

April 24, 2024

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the designated newspaper and the agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations.
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. ETHICS TRAINING**
- 6. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- 8. BUDGET PRESENTATION**
- 9. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**
- 10. ACTION ITEMS**
 - **General Resolutions**
 - G1. Approve the neurological assessment for listed student**
 - G2. Approve subscription busing agreement for the 2024-2025 school year**
 - G3. Approve preschool tuition agreements for the 2024-2025 school year**
 - G4. Approve facilities use application for soccer training**
 - G5. Approve facilities use application for K-3 Spring Fling Dance**
 - G6. Approve tuition contract with Flex School for listed student**
 - G7. Approve revised 2023-2024 school calendar**
 - G8. Approve psychiatric assessment for listed student**
 - G9. Approve purchase of Reading program**
 - G10. Approve purchase of Math program**
 - G11. Approve Subscription Busing Fee**
 - **G12. Approve purchase of furniture, fixtures, and Office items using Cooperative Purchasing Agreement**
 - **G13. Approve Participation in Joint Transportation Services for 2024-2025 school year**
 - **G14. Approve purchase of Information Technology Items using Cooperative Purchasing Agreement**
 - **Business Resolutions**
 - B1. Approve Public Minutes of March 28, 2024**
 - B2. Approve Payrolls**
 - B3. Approve Electric Check Registers**
 - B4. Approve listed Bills and Claims**
 - B5. Approve Transfers for January 2024**

- B6. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of January 2024
- B7. Approve Board Secretary & Treasurer Financial reports for January 2024
- B8. Approve Transfers for February 2024
- B9. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of February 2024
- B10. Approve Board Secretary & Treasurer Financial reports for February 2024
- B11. Approve Title I Tutoring payment for March 2024
- B12. Approve submission of 2023 Safety Grant program
- B13. Approve 2024-2025 Travel maximum
- B14. Approve 2024-2025 school budget
- Personnel Resolutions
- P1. Approve Family Medical Leave for listed staff member
- P2. Approve Child Rearing Leave for listed staff member
- P3. Approve listed substitute teachers
- P4. Approve resignation of consultant
- P5. Approve Professional Development for listed staff members
- P6. Approve teacher for the 2024-2025 school year
- P7. Approve the resignation of listed staff member
- P8. Approve Professional Development
- P9. Approve the resignation of listed staff member
- P10. Approve Child Rearing Leave extension for listed staff member
- INDICATES ADDENDUM
- 11. OLD BUSINESS
- 12. NEW BUSINESS
- 13. ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION (IF NECESSARY)
 - Legal Attorney-Client Privilege Personnel
 - Negotiations School Security/Public Safety Student Matter

The next scheduled public meetings of the Board will be held on:

- Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Posting: Board Members, Principals, NCPE Co-Presidents, NCEA Co-Presidents, Caldwell Progress Press Member, Board Office, Schools, and Town Hall.

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in public session on April 24, 2024 in person at the Grandview School Cafeteria as well as via an online Zoom Meeting at 7:31 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: Mrs. Mindy Opper, President
Mrs. Johanna Stroeve, Vice-President
Mrs. Sapna Malige
Mr. Eric Finkelstein
Mr. David Ved

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. Chris Checchetto, Principal Gould School (Arrived 7:47 pm)
Mr. Frank Bifulco, Principal Grandview School
Mr. Robert Brenneck, Computer Network Systems Technician
Mrs. Jennifer Osborne, Cornell, Merlino & Osborne, LLC

Ms. Jennifer Osborne, Esquire of Cornell, Merlino, & Osborne, LLC provided ethics training to the board.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Opper reported that sixteen (16) people attended the meeting. She welcomed everyone back from spring break. She expressed her gratitude as she highlighted the work of Mrs. Goldfarb and Mrs. Gallo who will both be leaving the district due to family commitments. Mrs. Goldfarb as a 5th grade language arts teacher, and Mrs. Gallo, whose expertise is in special education but always steps in wherever she is needed. Best of luck to both families in their next endeavor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr Freda wished Mrs. Goldfarb and Mrs. Gallo well in their future endeavors. She stated that they are both master teachers who will be greatly missed by the students and staff.

Dr. Freda congratulated the children that participated in the Lion King performance. She discussed the calendar revisions that the Board will be voting on. The last day of school will now be Friday June 14th, and Friday May 24th will be a one session day. Dr. Freda then introduced Mr. Halik to present the 2024-2025 school year budget.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Halik presented the 2024-2025 School budget and after the presentation noted that the budget presentation can be found on our district website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Neurological assessment for listed student:

Student #	8006238
Provider:	Dr. Judy Woo
Service:	Neurological Assessment
Facility:	St. Joseph’s Medical Center
Date:	8/05/2024
Fee:	\$450.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Subscription Busing with **Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative** for the 2024-2025 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Parent Paid Preschool Tuition Agreements, at a rate of \$4,100 for the school year 2024-2025, for the following students:

<u>Preschool 3</u>	<u>Preschool 4</u>
8006277	8006163
8006280	8006164
8006295	8006167
8006278	8006169
8006281	8006171
8006282	8006172
8006283	8006174
8006276	8006175
8006291	8006233
8006279	8006176

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein
 Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	James R Whitney Soccer Training
User Class:	Class 3
Activity:	Soccer Training
Facility:	Grandview and Gould fields, blacktops, and gymnasiums
Dates:	July 1-2024-June 30, 2025
Time:	Varied based on availability after school
Fee:	\$100.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein
 Yes: 5 No: 0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	NCPE
User Class:	Class 1
Activity:	K-3 Spring Fling Dance
Facility:	Grandview Gymnasium
Dates:	May 22, 2024
Time:	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fee:	N/A

Moved: Mrs. Stroeever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following tuition contract effective April 8, 2024 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year for the following student:

Student ID#	School	Tuition amt	Learning Support Spec	Counselor support	Total Cost
8006226	Flex School	\$1689.00	\$463.00	\$463.00	\$2,615.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroeever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the revised 2023-2024 school calendar.

Moved: Mrs. Stroeever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Psychiatric assessment for listed student:

Student #	8006200
Provider:	Dr. Platt
Service:	Psychiatric Assessment
Facility:	TBD
Date:	06/02/2024
Fee:	\$1125.00

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt reading program, *Into Reading*, for grades K-3 in the amount of \$107,956.29.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Big Ideas Math program, *Modeling Real Life*, for grade 6 in the amount of \$10,741.50.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the annual Subscription busing fee of \$775.00 per student for the 2024-2025 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following purchases for Furniture, Fixtures, and Office items for Grandview School from Tanner New Jersey utilizing the following cooperative purchasing agreements:

Quote #	Contract #	Total
AS40833A	Ed Data Bid # 12288	\$5,951.59
AS40829A	Ed Data Bid # 12288	\$11,466.04
AS40816A	ESCNJ Bid #22/23-08 Coop Purch System 65MCESCCPS	\$5,906.81
AS40818A	ESCNJ Bid #22/23-08 Coop Purch System 65MCESCCPS	\$2,230.50
AS40822A	ESCNJ Bid #22/23-08 Coop Purch System 65MCESCCPS	\$7,818.19
AS40817A	ESCNJ Bid #22/23-08 Coop Purch System 65MCESCCPS	\$7,035.75
AS40821A	ESCNJ Bid #22/23-08 Coop Purch System 65MCESCCPS	\$8,734.50

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve r Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation Services for the 2024-2025 school year with **Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative** for coordination of transportation for special education, Regular education and field trips.

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve r Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

G14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following purchases for Information Technology including Chromebooks, Computers, service, and accessories from CDW utilizing the following cooperative purchasing agreements:

Quote #	Contract #	Total
NWCX883	ESCNJ/ AEPA-22G	\$53,714.90
NWCX666	ESCNJ/ AEPA-22G	\$37,554.40
1CDPX4W	ESCNJ/ AEPA-22G	\$ 9,780.12
NV FV080	ESCNJ/ AEPA-22G	\$37,554.40

Moved: Mrs. Stroeve r Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

March 28, 2024	001649	001651	\$5,173.24
March 28, 2024	001652	001654	\$5,084.60
Reissue of old check	001655	001655	\$608.33
March 28, 2024	001656	001656	\$20,000.00
April 12, 2024	001657	001663	\$27,879.20
April 24, 2024	001664	001747	\$412,036.06

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Transfers for January 2024:**

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B6. WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **January 2024**, 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 2024**, 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. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s **Monthly Financial Reports** for **January 2024**.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeever

Yes: 5 No: 0

B8. WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **February 2024**, 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 2024**, 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. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeever

Yes: 5 No: 0

B9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Transfers for February 2024**:

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeever

Yes: 5 No: 0

B10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s **Monthly Financial Reports** for **February 2024**.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeever

Yes: 5 No: 0

B11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Title I Tutoring** Payment:

March 2024 **\$9,000.00**

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the digital submission of application for the **2023 Safety Grant** Program to repair the pavement of the basketball court at The Gould School through the New Jersey Insurance Group (NJSIG) in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B13. RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district **Travel maximum** for the 2024-2025 school year at the sum of \$35,000, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1500 per staff member or district board of education member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroevert

Yes: 5 No: 0

B14. RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 School Budget as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,715,206.00	\$ 15,137,113.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 181,775.00	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Budget	\$ 17,896,981.00	\$ 15,137,113.00

The above tax levy includes an allowable health care adjustment.

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. Malige Seconded: Mrs. Stroeve
Yes: 5 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Family Medical Leave for **Marissa Milone** effective:

May 7, 2024 to June 14, 2024 (28 days)
September 3, 2024 to October 17, 2024 (32 days)

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige
Yes: 5 No: 0

P2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Child Rearing Leave for **Marissa Milone** effective October 18, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige
Yes: 5 No: 0

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Anna Giantiempo
Marissa Foti**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige
Yes: 5 No: 0

P4. RESOVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the resignation of **Pamela Kennedy** effective April 12, 2024.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P5. RESOLVED that the Board of Education , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teachers:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost
Chappell, R.	4/26/2024	Strategies for Maximizing Supply & Labor	N/A
Giantonio, S.	5/23/2024	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children	\$124.99
Halik, M.	6/5-6/7	NJASBO Conference	\$500.00 (Registration) \$490.00 (Hotel, food, tolls) \$1,127.00
Silva, T.	5/23/2024	Oppositional Defiant & Disruptive Children	\$124.99

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Kathryn Schneider** as a teacher, BA Step 1, (*Salary to be finalized upon completion of NCEA contract negotiations) effective September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully accept the resignation of **Leigh Gallo** effective June 30, 2024.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve up to two (2) hours of Professional Services from **Bergen County Special Services** at a cost of \$180.00 per hour effective April 25, 2024, for **student #8005266**.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully accept the resignation of **Allison Goldfarb** effective April 16, 2024.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

P10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the extension of Child Rearing Leave for **Amanada Cosentino** to June 16, 2025.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mrs. Malige

Yes: 5 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Halik advised the board that 2024-2025 subscription busing will be required for Gould students needing transportation to and from Tiny Treasures and that all pick up and drop off locations must be the same for the morning and afternoon. He stated the subscription portal is expected to open early May and will remain open until June 1st. He noted that the busing fee is nonrefundable and non-transferable. The subscription busing fee is \$775.00 round trip per student.

The following resolution was called at approximately 8:11 pm.

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, Negotiations, and Personnel. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved: Mrs. Stroever Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

Michael Halik
Business Administrator / Board Secretary