North Caldwell Public Schools
North Caldwell, NJ

Board of Education

Public Meeting

January 24, 2025



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NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GOULD SCHOOL-BUSINESS OFFICE
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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January 24, 2025
9:00 A.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. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings) During this opportunity to comment, district residents and staff are invited to discuss any area of public concern that may be in respect to the operation of the schools. Board Policy 0167 requires that individuals state their name and address of residence and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole and not to individuals. (All Zoom guests are required to turn their camera on if participating in public comment) The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Although the Board may not respond to items raised during the public forum, all public comments will be considered and may be discussed tonight under "new business" at this meeting, or at subsequent meetings under "old business," or during a Board committee meeting, if appropriate. Each speaker's statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration.
8. **ACTION ITEMS**
   - **General Resolutions**

   G1. Approve disposal/sale of obsolete equipment
   G2. Approve Neurological Assessment
   G3. Approve Neurological Assessment
   G4. Approve Facilities Use Application

   - **Business Resolutions**

   B1. Approve Public and Confidential minutes of January 7, 2025
   B2. Approve Payrolls
   B3. Approve Bills and Claims
   B4. Approve rescinding resolution
   B5. Approve Proprietary Boiler Specification
   B6. Approve withdrawal from Capital Reserve
   B7. Approve Notice to Bidders

- **Personnel Resolutions**

P1. Approve full-time custodian

P2. Approve Winter Concert supervisors

P3. Approve Professional Development for listed staff

OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. 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:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 7:30 pm

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



Resolutions
January 24, 2025

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the disposal/sale of the following obsolete equipment on GovDeals:

Student Desks (18 x 34) 38 units

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Neurological assessment for listed student:

Student #	**8006303**
Provider:	**Dr. Woo**
Service:	**Neurological Assessment**
Facility:	**St. Joseph's Hospital**
Date:	**10/22/2024**
Fee:	**$650.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Neurological assessment for listed student:

Student #	**8006005**
Provider:	**Dr. Woo**
Service:	**Neurological Assessment**
Facility:	**St. Joseph's Hospital**
Date:	**3/19/2025**
Fee:	**$650.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Organization:	**North Caldwell Recreation Department**
User Class:	**Class 2**
Activity:	**Men's Open Gym Basketball**
Facility:	**Gould Gymnasium**
Dates:	**1-30-25 through 4-10-25**
Time:	**8:00pm – 9:30pm**
Fee:	**$50.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of January 7, 2025.**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Payrolls:**

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
January 15th, 2025	**41**	**$442,917.16**
January 31st, 2025	**42**	**$411,348.66**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Bills and Claims:**

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
January 24th, 2025	**002527**	**002578**	**$319,520.67**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, rescind **Resolution B11,** from January 7, 2025, Board agenda.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B5. **WHEREAS** the North Caldwell Board of Education has determined, based on the recommendation of its Architect, Allen Barnett of **Dicara Rubino Architects ("DRA"),** that the boilers located in the Grandview Elementary School are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS based on the recommendation of **DRA,** the North Caldwell Board of Education has determined that there is a special need for specifying that the brand of the replacement boilers be Lochinvar and that the brand is directly related to performance of the boilers, completion of the installation, and the purpose of the boilers replacement including but not limited to the heat distribution system, continuity of mechanical systems throughout the district addressing a savings in maintenance costs and the ability to service all district boilers after the installation; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15{d) permits a board of education, when seeking bids on a project, to specify proprietary goods or services under certain conditions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby determines there is a special need to replace the boilers at Grandview Elementary School with Lochinvar boilers which are directly related to the performance of the boilers, completion of the installation, and the purpose of the boilers replacement including but not limited to the heat distribution system, continuity of mechanical systems throughout the district addressing a savings in maintenance costs and the ability to service all district boilers after the installation.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve transferring $808,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund to Fund 30 (Capital Projects) to fund the **Boiler Replacement Project at the Grandview Elementary School** State Project# 3630-060-13-3630 D/R Proposal No. 24-104, with any remaining funds being returned to Capital Reserve at the completion of the project.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Notice to Bidders for the Boiler Replacement at Grandview School.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
North Caldwell Public Schools Board of Education
132A Gould Avenue
North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

Notice is hereby given that the North Caldwell School District Board of Education will be receiving sealed bids at the board offices located at North Caldwell School District Board of Education, 132 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ 07006, for the **Boiler Replacement at Grandview School**.

The Bidding Documents have been prepared by The Board's Architect, Di Cara | Rubino Architects with an office at 35 Waterview Blvd, Suite 303, Parsippany, NJ, 07054, telephone number (973) 256-0202, e-mail eayers@dicararubino.com. The bidding documents will be available **Tuesday January 28, 2025**. Bidders can preview and purchase the full bid package for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 directly from the architect's website www.dicararubinoplans.com. **No documents shall be mailed, via US mail or overnight mail.**

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on February 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Front Entrance at the Grandview School at 35 Hamilton Dr East, North Caldwell, NJ 07006. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting.

Bids must be submitted to the North Caldwell School District Board of Education no later than **11:00 AM on February 27, 2025**. All bids will be opened and read to the public at that time by the School Business Administrator at the board offices. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the opening of the bids.

All bidders must use and complete all bid forms and must comply with every requirement contained in the instructions and specifications. Bids are to be marked in a sealed envelope and hand delivered, sent UPS or Federal Express or similar courier service to the North Caldwell School District Board of Education at 132 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ 07006, with the name of the project, **"Boiler Replacement at Grandview School"**, plainly marked on the front of the envelope. Every bid must be accompanied by a certified check or a bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, but not in excess of $20,000.00.

All bidders and their subcontractors shall be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor, pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. All bids must be accompanied by a Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Labor, pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act as to the Bidder and all subcontractors.

Pursuant to P.L. 2004 c.57, all bids must be accompanied by a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue. The Bidder must include with its bid its own Business Registration Certificate and that of all subcontractors.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 et seq., "The Law Against Discrimination" and Affirmative Action, N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

No bidder who is on the State Treasurer's or the Federal Government's List of Debarred, Suspended or Disqualified Bidders shall be eligible to bid on this project.

The North Caldwell School District Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informality in the bidding process in accordance with the law if it is in the best interest of the Board of Education. The contract, if awarded, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid is responsive in all material respects to the bid requirements. No bid shall be deemed accepted until the adoption of a formal resolution by the North Caldwell School District Board of Education.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Yamille Thompson** as a full-time custodian at a prorated salary of $52,539.00* (Custodian Step 7) effective February 10, 2025 to June 30, 2025.
Salary to be updated upon completion of NCEA support staff contract.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff as Winter Concert supervisors at a rate of $35.00 per hour for 2 hours on January 29, 2025:

Gabby Schaffert
Nicole Castiglia
Maria Girardi
MaryJo Zerance

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P3. **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
Doolen, A.	2/12	What's New in Children's Books & Creative Ways to Use Them in Your Program	$295.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No: