North Caldwell Public Schools
North Caldwell, NJ

Board of Education

Public Meeting

February 19, 2025



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NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION

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VIA ZOOM MEETING

GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA

February 19, 2025

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. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

   • **Presentation by DiCara Rubino Architects on Grandview School Expansion**
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 facility use application

   G2. Approve the submission of 2025-2026 SEMI waiver

   G3. Approve listed field trip locations

   G4. Approve Support Staff Agreement and Salary Guides

   • **Business Resolutions**

   B1. Approve meeting minutes

   B2. Approve payrolls

   B3. Approve electronic check registers

   B4. Approve bills and claims

   B5. Approve transfers

   B6. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of December 2024

B7. Approve December 2024 Board Secretary & Treasurer Financial reports
B8. Approve Title one tutoring
B9. Approve architectural professional services for the Grandview Classroom addition
B10. Approve withdrawal from Capital Reserve

- **Personnel Resolutions**

P1. Approve Summer 2024 Tuition Reimbursement for listed staff
P2. Approve Fall 2024 Tuition Reimbursement for listed staff
P3. Approve substitute teacher
P4. Approve Professional Development for listed staff
P5. Approve full-time aide
P6. Approve the retirement of listed administrator

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. 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, March 18, 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
February 19, 2025

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **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:	**Outdoor Movie night**
Facility:	**Grandview School field**
Dates:	**5/16/2025; rain date 5/18/2025**
Time:	**6:30pm -10:30pm**
Fee:	**No Fee**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G2. **WHEREAS,** NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2025-2026 school year, and

WHEREAS, the North Caldwell Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that we project having fewer than forty (40) Medicaid eligible classified students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Essex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following field trip Locations:

The Center for Jewish History
Liberty Hall Museum
New Jersey Hall of Fame

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Negotiations Committee, approves the Negotiated Agreement and Salary Guides between the Board and the **North Caldwell Support Education Association – Support Staff** for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of January 24, 2025.**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
February 7, 2025	43	$62,896.84
February 14, 2025	44	$448,108.41

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Electronic Check Register(s):**

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
Dec 3, 2024 – Dec 23, 2024	**E01494**	**E01645**	**$59,449.37**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Bills and Claims:**

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
January 28th, 2025	**002579**	**002584**	**$270,086.03**
February 19th, 2025	**002585**	**002673**	**$305,182.22**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Yes: No:

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

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Title I Tutoring** Payment:

January 2025 **$ 7,200.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the fee proposal 24-118 with DiCara/Rubino Architects to provide professional services for the **proposed Classroom Addition Project at the Grandview Elementary School** for the following amount:

Total Cost: $500,500.00

Additional reimbursable expenses to be invoiced at 1.15 times the expense.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve transferring $520,500.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to Fund 30 (Capital Projects) to fund the **Classroom Addition at Grandview School DiCara Rubino Proposal No. 24-118**, with any remaining funds being returned to Capital Reserve at the completion of the project.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **WHEREAS** the below listed staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement in accordance with Article 6, Section C of the negotiated agreement, and have completed requirements in accordance with the same.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Summer of 2024:**

Name	Course	School	# of Credits	.5 x Eligible Amount
Brady, J.	The Multicultural Classroom	La Verne	3	$ 420.00
Troiano, J.	Multimedia Project Design	UCSD	3	$ 341.10
Troiano, J.	Using SEL & Intentional Read Alouds	UCSD	3	$ 341.10
Gesario, M.	Think Like a Historian	Learners Edge	3	$ 475.00
DeMartino, A.	Supervised Clinical Practicum I	MSU	3	$ 1,567.50
DeMartino, A.	Supervised Clinical Practicum II	MSU	3	$ 1,567.50
Rooney, D.	Advanced Pathopharmacology	NJCU	4	$ 2,090.00
Worrall, S.	Adaptive Tech Students w/Disabilities	Caldwell Univ	3	$ 1,567.50
Sponzilli, C.	Mind, Brain & Learning	The Art of Ed Univ	3	$ 1,197.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P2. **WHEREAS,** the below listed staff members have applied for tuition reimbursement in accordance with Article 6, Section C of the negotiated agreement, and have completed requirements in accordance with the same.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reimbursement of tuition in the amounts listed for the courses attended during the **Fall of 2024:**

Name	**Course**	**School**	**# of Credits**	**.5 x Eligible Amount**
Brady, J.	ADD/ADHD Strategies & Interventions for the Classroom	La Verne	3	$ 420.00
Rooney, D.	Theory Devel	NJCU	3	$ 1,567.50
Sponzilli, C.	Mission of Teaching	The Art of Education	3	$ 1,197.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Gehan Kennedy** as a substitute teacher pending favorable criminal history review for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P4. **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 Not to Exceed
Marlo, R.	5/20	Admin Asst Program	$ 145.00
Chappell, R.	3/24-3/26	NJSBGA Expo	$ 1,090.00
Keenan, P.		LifeSavers Online Course and Skills Test	$ 75.00
Mac Donald, L.	3/27, 3/28	NJSHA Convention	$ 773.20
Manfra, C.	5/20	NJASBO – Accounts Payable	$ 145.00
Rooney, D.		LifeSavers Online Course and Skills Test	$ 75.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Marissa Foti** as a full-time Aide at a prorated salary of $28,665.00* (Aide Step 1) effective March 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.
Salary to be updated upon completion of NCEA support staff contract.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education regretfully accepts the retirement of the Superintendent of Schools, **Dr. Linda Freda** effective August 31, 2025.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No: