

**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.

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in public session on January 24, 2025 in person at the Gould School Business Office as well as via an online Zoom Meeting at 9:00 a.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. David Ved, President
Mr. Eric Finkelstein
Mr. Michael DiGirolomo
Mr. Matthew Whitford (present on zoom)

Absent: Mrs. Sapna Malige, Vice-President

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. Allen Barnett, Di Cara Rubino Architects
Mr. Eric Ayers, Di Cara Rubino Architects

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Ved reported that twenty (5) people attended the meeting on zoom.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	4	No:	0

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: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes: 4 No: 0

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: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes: 4 No: 0

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: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes: 4 No: 0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

The following resolution was called at approximately 9:04 am.

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.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 4 No: 0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

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Business Administrator / Board Secretary