NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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BUSINESS OFFICE 132A GOULD AVENUE
June 25, 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.

   • **General Resolutions**

   G1. Approve acceptance of donation from NCPE for Grandview Playground
   G2. Approve proposals for Grandview Playground

   • **Business Resolutions**

   B1. Approve Public and Confidential minutes of June 17, 2025
   B2. Approve Bills and Claims

   • **Personnel Resolutions**

   P1. Approve Behaviorist for Summer hours
   P2. Approve listed staff for summer Evaluations/CST meetings
   P3. Approve Gould School Principal
   P4. Approve grade level changes for listed staff
   P5. Approve lunch/recess supervisor for listed staff
   P6. Approve Professional Development for listed staff
   ➢ **P7. Approve Special Education teacher**

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **ADDENDUM**

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, July 16, 2025, at 7:30 P.M.
Grandview School Cafeteria

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 June 25, 2025 in person at the Business Office at Gould School 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

Absent: Mrs. Sapna Malige, Vice President
Mr. Matthew Whitford

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. Chris Checchetto, Gould School Principal
Mr. Robert Brenneck, Computer Network Systems Technician
Mrs. Lisa Linden, Candidate Gould School Principal

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ved reported that five (5) people attended the meeting via zoom. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Mr. Ved congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Lisa Linden as the new Gould School Principal effective July 1, 2025.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda congratulated Mrs. Lisa Linden on her appointment as the Gould School Principal. She wished everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Linden, 25 Cleveland Road, Caldwell- Mr. Linden congratulated Lisa Linden on her appointment to Gould School Principal.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept a **donation from the NCPE i**n the amount of $129,447.00 to help fund the Replacement of The Grandview School Playground.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the fee proposals with Ben Shaffer Recreation for the **Playground Replacement Project at the Grandview Elementary School** for the following amount, using Bid # ESCNJ 24/25-01; Co-op #65MCESCCPS:

Proposal #	**Amount**
6361	$138,438.30
6362	$ 73,008.50
Total	$211,446.80

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of June 17, 2025.**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

B2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Bills and Claims:**

Date	**Starting check #**	**Ending Check #**	**Total Amount**
June 18, 2025	**003102**	**003102**	**$ 830.76**
June 25, 2025	**003103**	**003143**	**$124,325.43**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Katelyn Donovan**, **Inspire Growth ABA LLC,** to provide 54 hours of ABA therapy at a rate of $150.00 per hour effective July 28, 2025 to September 2, 2025 for the listed students:

Student ID	# Hours
8006162	**18**
8005610	**12**
8005677	**24**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following related service providers for up to 10 days to conduct evaluations and to attend CST meetings at their per diem hourly rate from July 25, 2025 to September 1, 2025:

Dana Socci
Alison Corwin
Kimberly Bohnert
Lacy Mac Donald

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached contract for **Lisa Linden** as the Gould School Principal effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

P4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following grade level changes:

	From:	**To:**
Gann, Alexandra	3rd Grade	Kindergarten
De Martino, Arianna	2nd Grade	1st Grade
Frey, Mindy	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Garthwaite, Janice	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Schneider, Kathryn	2nd Grade	3rd Grade

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff member as a lunch/recess supervisor at a rate of $30.00 per hour for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Teacher/Lunch/Recess /Study Hall	**POSITION**	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**Total hours**	**Max # Days**	**Daily Pay**	**Total Expected Payment**
Kallanxhi, Christina	Lunch Duty	12:00-1:00	$30.00	1.00	168	$30.00	$5,040.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

P6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following teacher:

Name	**Date**	**Workshop**	**Cost Not to Exceed**
Schneider, K.	10/9, 1/8	Conquer Mathematics	$400.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 3 No: 0

P7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Anna Geraci** as a Special Education teacher at a salary of $63,316.00 (BA 15 Step 6) effective September 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	3	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:	3	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