NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
July 16, 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**
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 listed policies at first reading
G2. Approve submission of 2026 IDEA Grant

Business Resolutions

B1. Approve Public Minutes
B2. Approve Payrolls
B3. Approve Bills and Claims
B4. Approve Increase in Bid Threshold

• Personnel Resolutions

P1. Approve special education teacher
P2. Approve listed instructional assistants
P3. Approve listed cafeteria aide
P4. Approve workshops for listed staff
P5. Approve listed staff to attend CST meetings

OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. 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, August 13, 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 July 16, 2025 in person at the Grandview School Cafeteria as well as via an online Zoom Meeting at 7:30 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: Mr. David Ved, President
Mr. Eric Finkelstein
Mr. Michael DiGirolomo
Mr. Matthew Whitford

Absent: Mrs. Sapna Malige, Vice President

Also Present: Dr. Linda Freda, Superintendent
Mr. Chris Checchetto, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. David Blackowski, Network and Operations Specialist

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ved reported that fifteen (15) people attended the meeting via zoom. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Freda expressed her gratitude to the staff of the extended school year program for all of their efforts to make learning fun for the children. She thanked Mr. Ralph Chappell and the custodial and maintenance staff for all of their efforts and hard work to have the buildings ready for September. She wished everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Policies at first reading.

Policy 2416 Programs for Pregnant Students
Policy 7510 Use of School Facilities

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the submission and acceptance of the fiscal 2026 IDEA Grant Award:

Basic $160,905.00
Preschool $ 7,725.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of June 25, 2025.**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
June 30, 2025	**56**	**$170,782.66**
July 15, 2025	**57**	**$82,989.34**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
June 30, 2025	**003144**	**003182**	**$105,875.06**
June 30, 2025	**003183**	**003207**	**$722,999.89**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

B4. **WHEREAS**, Michael Halik, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from $44,000 to **$53,000**, effective July 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of **$53,000** for the school district, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Furthermore, for contracts in the aggregate that are less than the bid threshold but fifteen (15%) or more of the amount, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 (c), is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Toni Genuario** as a special education teacher at a salary of $58,173.00 (BA Step 2-3) effective September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. Whitford
Yes:	4	No:	0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as Instructional Assistants effective September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026:

Brianna Sullo **$33,780.00 (Inst Asst Step 2)**

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. Whitford
Yes:	4	No:	0

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Patrice Fazzini** as a cafeteria aide at a rate of $16.00 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours, effective September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. Whitford
Yes:	4	No:	0

P4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following staff:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost Not to Exceed
Checchetto, C.	10/15	Strauss Esmay NJFMLA/Fed FMLA	$240.00
Checchetto, C.	7/31	NJSLA/L.E.A.D. Summer Conf	$200.00
Bifulco, F.	10/30	HIB Law Update	$125.00
Shay, K.	10/1	HIB Training Program	$165.00
Linden, L.	10/1	HIB Training Program	$165.00
Lobosco, V.	10/1	HIB Training Program	$165.00
Castiglia, A.	10/17	NJIDA Fall Conference	$250.00
Clutterbuck, S.	10/17-10/18	NJIDA Fall Conference	$350.00
Sullo, J.	9/17, 10/17, 11/19, 12/18, 1/14	Conquer Mathematics	$1,050.00
Keenan, A.	10/17/2025	NJIDA	$250.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teachers for up to two (2) hours of attendance at Child Study Team/IEP meetings at their per diem hourly rate effective June 23, 2025 to August 29, 2025.

Castiglia, Nicole
DellaValle, Genine
DeVita, Joy
Gray, Christine
Grimaldi, Laura
Stevenson, Colette
Sullo, Jenna
Veniero, Sarah
Worrall, Sophia
Wozniak, Stefanie

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes:	4	No:	0

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:34 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.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. Whitford
Yes:	4	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

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Business Administrator / Board Secretary