North Caldwell Public Schools
North Caldwell, NJ

Board of Education

Public Meeting

January 6, 2026



David Ved
Sapna Malige
Eric Finkelstein
Michael DiGirolomo
Matthew Whitford
Michael Halik
Chris Checchetto

NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
January 06, 2026
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. **REPORT ON ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025**
   - **Eric Finkelstein- 2,185 Votes**
   - **Write in- 2 Votes**
5. **SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER**
6. **ROLL CALL**
7. **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**
   - **Motion to nominate _____to be approved as President.**

   Moved: Seconded:

   Yes: No:

8. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT - PRESIDENT ASSUMES POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON**
9. **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT**
   - **Motion to nominate _____to be approved as Vice President.**

   Moved: Seconded:

   Yes: No:

10. **ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**
11. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
12. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
    - **Student Safety Data System Report**
13. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

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.

14. **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Organizational Resolutions**
  - **O1. Adopt bylaws and policies**
  - **O2. Approve Robert Rules of Order**
  - **O3. Appoint Delegate to NJSBA**
  - **O4. Re-Adopt Code of Ethics**
  - **O5. Approve 2026 Committees and Memberships**
  - **O6. Approve 2026 -2027 public and confidential meeting calendar**
- **General Resolutions**
  - **G1. Approve 2026-2027 Preschool Tuition**
  - **G2. Approve Shared Services Agreement**
  - **G3. Approve ASE facilities use application**
- **Business Resolutions**
  - **B1. Approve Public and Confidential Minutes of December 9th 2025**
  - **B2. Approve Payrolls**
  - **B3. Approve Electronic Check Register**
  - **B4. Approve Bills and Claims**
  - **B5. Approve Transfers**
  - **B6. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of November 2025**
  - **B7. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Financial reports for November 2025**
- **Personnel Resolutions**
  - **P1. Approve Title I tutor listed**
  - **P2. Approve Professional Development for listed staff**
  - **P3. Approve staff retirement**

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

17. **ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

☐ Legal ☒ Attorney-Client Privilege ☒ Personnel
☐ Negotiations ☒ School Security/Public Safety ☐ Student Matter

The next scheduled public meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 pm on: Wednesday February 4, 2026.

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



Resolutions
January 6, 2026

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS

O1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt all existing bylaws and policies of the Board and approve existing administrative rules and regulations, subject to revision, for the forthcoming fiscal school year.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

O2. **RESOLVED** that all meetings of the Board of Education be conducted according to Robert Rules of Order and Board Policy.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

O3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint **Sapna Malige** as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association for one (1) year, beginning immediately and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy authorizing the duties of the delegate to the New Jersey School Board Association be approved as follows:

1. Represent the Board at meetings of the New Jersey School Boards Association.
2. Study and report to the Board all proposed State and Federal Legislature of interest and relevance.
3. At the direction of the Board, prepare proposed resolutions for submission to the State School Boards Association.

The policy shall not prohibit or discourage other Board members from active participation in legislative affairs.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

O4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education re-adopt **Code of Ethics**, attached.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

O5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached list of Committees and Membership for 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

O6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached schedule of public and confidential meetings for 2026-2027.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Preschool tuition to be $ 4,400.00 per child.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the shared services agreement between the North Caldwell Board of Education and the Borough of North Caldwell to provide Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO) for the remainder of the 2025- 2026 school year.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G3. **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:	**ASE Afterschool Enrichment**
Facility:	**Grandview & Gould Classrooms and Gymnasiums**
Dates:	**1-6-26 through 3-26-26**
Time:	**3:15-4:30 pm**
Fee:	**No Fee**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public Minutes of December 9, 2025.**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
December 15, 2025	69	$446,557.08
December 23, 2025	70	$423,817.30

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
November 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025	E02937	E02943	$63,815.67

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
December 10, 2025	003628	003642	$42,910.74
December 18, 2025	003644	003651	$261,569.82
January 6, 2026	003652	003678	$267,541.14

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve attached **Transfers for November 2025**:

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 **November 2025**, 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 **November 2025**, 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 **November 2025**.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teacher for Title I Tutoring to be paid through The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant at a rate of $75.00 per hour effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	AM Rate	PM Rate
Gray, Christine	Before/After School Tutor	$50.00	$75.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P2. **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
Keating, T.	1/29/2026	Dealing w/ Angry Students	$60.00
Keenan, A.	2/7/2026	NJIDA Winter Institute	$105.00
Schechter, C.	2/7/2026	NJIDA Winter Institute	$140.00 (4 Sessions)

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully accept the retirement of **Cathy Zimmermann** effective July 1, 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No: