North Caldwell Public Schools
North Caldwell, NJ

Board of Education

Public Meeting

March 18, 2026



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NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
March 18, 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. **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 facilities use form for NCPE Spring Fling
   G2. Approve facilities use form for North Caldwell Recreation Summer Fun
   G3. Approve facilities use form for North Caldwell Recreation Basketball
   G4. Approve annual subscription bus fee
   G5. Approve educational evaluation
   G6. Approve educational evaluation
   G7. Approve Regulations and Policies
   G8. Approve purchases from listed vendor
   G9. Approve educational evaluation

   - **Business Resolutions**

   B1. Approve Public and Confidential Minutes

B2. Approve Payrolls
B3. Approve electronic check register
B4. Approve Bills and Claims
B5. Approve transfers for January
B6. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of January 2026
B7. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Financial reports for January 2026
B8. Approve Title I tutoring payment
B9. Approve submission of the Preliminary 2026-2027 school budget
B10. Approve 2026-2027 district travel maximum
B11. Approve Pal-Pro change order #10
B12. Approve Pal-Pro change order #11
B13. Approve Pal-Pro change order #12

- Personnel Resolutions

P1. Approve Professional Development for listed staff
P2. Approve substitute teachers
P3. Approve administrative leave for listed staff
P4. Approve listed staff for curriculum writing
P5. Approve supplemental instruction for listed students
P6. Approve resignation of listed staff member
P7. Approve teacher for Saturday Preschool Program
P8. Approve lunch aide
P9 Approve Maintenance position
P10. Approve Network and Operations Specialist
P11. Approve part-time technology service
P12. Approve part-time custodians
P13. Approve retirement of staff member

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:
April 29, 2026, at 7:30PM
Grandview School Cafeteria

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



Resolutions
March 18, 2026

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:	**K-3 Spring Fling Dance**
Facility:	**Grandview Gymnasium**
Dates:	**May 6, 2026**
Time:	**4:00pm – 10:00 pm**
Fee:	**N/A**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	**North Caldwell Recreation Department**
User Class:	**Class 6**
Activity:	**Summer Fun**
Facility:	**Gould Gym, Cafeteria, Classrooms, Restrooms**
Dates:	**6-29-26 through 7-31-26 Monday-Friday**
Time:	**8:15 am – 1:00 pm**
Fee:	**$2,500.00 plus custodial fees**

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:	**North Caldwell Recreation Department**
User Class:	**Class 2**
Activity:	**Afterschool Basketball**
Facility:	**Grandview Gymnasium**
Dates:	**4-23-26, 4-30-26, 5-7-26, 5-14-26, 5-21-26, 5-28-26**
Time:	**3:15 pm – 4:30 pm**
Fee:	**$75.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the annual Subscription busing fee of $975.00 per student for the 2026-2027 school year, in which there will be a **limited number of seats available,** and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Once capacity is reached, additional requests will be placed on a waitlist.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Educational Evaluation for listed student:

Student #	**8005401**
Provider:	**Garden State AAC Specialists LLC**
Service:	**AAC Evaluation**
Date:	**10/14/2025**
Fee:	**$1,450.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Educational Evaluation for listed student:

Student #	**8006421**
Provider:	**Garden State AAC Specialists LLC**
Service:	**AAC Evaluation**
Date:	**11/14/2025**
Fee:	**$1,450.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following Policies and Regulations, at second reading:

Bylaws	**0142.1**	**Nepotism**
Policy	**1220**	**Employment of Chief School Administrator**
Policy	**1552**	**Sexual Harassment**
Regulation	**1552**	**Sexual Harassment**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following purchases for Chromebooks and Supplies from CDW utilizing the following cooperative purchasing agreements:

Quote #	Contract #	Total
PTJJ338	ESCNJ/AEPA-026-D	$36,677.06
PTJJ246	ESCNJ/AEPA-026-D	$36,677.06
PTJJ013	ESCNJ/AEPA-026-D	$37,369.08

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Educational Evaluation for listed student:

Student #	**8006067**
Provider:	**Dr. Woo**
Service:	**Neurological Assessment**
Date:	**2/8/2026**
Fee:	**$ 650.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of February 4, 2026.**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
February 13, 2026	73	$461,679.67
February 27, 2026	74	$426,342.86
March 13, 2026	75	$461,935.86

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
January 1,2026-January 31, 2026	E03259	E03265	$63,474.56

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
February 12, 2026	003796	003806	$304,361.28
March 2, 2026	003807	003820	$28,556.00
March 3, 2026	003821	003825	$293,510.87
Voided Check	003826	n/a	n/a
March 18, 2026	003827	003862	$223,682.44
March 18, 2026	003863	003924	$843,654.04

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve attached **Transfers for January 2026**:

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 **January 2026**, 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 **January 2026**, 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 **January 2026**.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

January 2026	**$ 1325.00**
February 2026	**$ 2750.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B9. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves the submission of the preliminary 2026-2027 School budget to the County Office of the New Jersey State Department of Education as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
General Fund	**$ 19,419,930.00**	**$ 16,930,980.00**
Special Revenue Fund	**$ 153,428.00**	**0.00**
Debt Service Fund	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**
Total Budget	**$ 19,573,358.00**	**$ 16,930,980.00**

The above tax levy includes an allowable healthcare adjustment in the amount of $774,504.00,

The school district has proposed programs and services in excess of the Adequacy Budget adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from the district's Board Office.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B10. **RESOLVED** that the North Caldwell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2026-2027 school year at the sum of $45,000.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following change order:

WHEREAS, Pal-Pro Builders, LLC. was awarded the bid for the Classroom Addition at Grandview School; and

WHEREAS, Pal-Pro Builders, LLC. has submitted the following change order proposal which has been approved by the architect:

Change Order Proposal – **GC #10**
Labor and materials for fire alarm tie-in for door holders (GC PCO-10R1) in the amount of $5,293.96, to be deducted from the Allowance #1.

The Total Contract value will not change; Total Contract sum $5,310,000.00

AND WHEREAS, DiCara Rubino Architects has verified that these changes are necessary based upon the need to rectify unforeseen conditions uncovered during construction pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-4.9;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves this change order and the contract amount is revised to reflect this change.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following change order:

WHEREAS, Pal-Pro Builders, LLC. was awarded the bid for the Classroom Addition at Grandview School; and

WHEREAS, Pal-Pro Builders, LLC. has submitted the following change order proposal which has been approved by the architect:

Change Order Proposal – **GC #11**
Labor and materials for power and circuiting for hand dryers (GC PCO-11R1) in the amount of $8,111.60 to be deducted from the Allowance #1.

The Total Contract value will not change; Total Contract sum $5,310,000.00

AND WHEREAS, DiCara Rubino Architects has verified that these changes are necessary based upon the need to rectify unforeseen conditions uncovered during construction pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-4.9;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves this change order and the contract amount is revised to reflect this change.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following change order:

WHEREAS, Pal-Pro Builders, LLC. was awarded the bid for the Classroom Addition at Grandview School; and

WHEREAS, Pal-Pro Builders, LLC. has submitted the following change order proposal which has been approved by the architect:

Change Order Proposal – **GC #12**
Labor and materials for Door #12 sizing adjustments (GC PCO-19) in the amount of $9.900.00 to be deducted from the Allowances as follows:

To be deducted from Allowance #1 $2,900.00
To be deducted from Allowance # 2 $7,000.00

The Total Contract value will not change; Total Contract sum $5,310,000.00

AND WHEREAS, DiCara Rubino Architects has verified that these changes are necessary based upon the need to rectify unforeseen conditions uncovered during construction pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-4.9;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves this change order and the contract amount is revised to reflect this change.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. 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
Approvato, N.	3/10/2026	IXL Live Classic Edition	$129.00
Cali, J.	4/16/2026	NJSHA Conference	$350.00
DellaValle, G.	4/8-8/10/2026	Orton Gillingham Annual Conf	$300.00
Eisinger, L.	3/3, 3/10/2026	NJSHA & NJIDA Joint Conference	$145.00
Garthwaite, J.	4/8-8/10/2026	Orton Gillingham Annual Conf	$300.00
Grimaldi, L.	4/8-8/10/2026	Orton Gillingham Conf	$300.00
Halik, M.	6/2-6/5/2026	NJASBO Annual Conf	$1,300.00
Jones, R.	4/8-8/10/2026	Orton Gillingham Annual Conf	$300.00
Manfra, C.	5/19/2026	Accounts Payable Best Practices	$160.00
Marlo, R.	5/19/2026	Admin Assistant Program	$160.00
Norton	Online	Teaching Media Literacy	$295.00
Norton, L.	3/10/2026	NJECC Conference	$125.00
Socci, D.	4/16/2026	NJSHA Conference	$200.00
Veniero, S.	4/8-8/10/2026	Orton Gillingham Conf	$300.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Patricia Kenan	Substitute Nurse	$300.00/day
Mathhew Candelario	Substitute Teacher	$135.00/day
Gianna Zecchino	Substitute Teacher (Teacher Cert)	$145.00/day

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P3. **RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve an administrative leave of absence with pay for Employee **#1063** effective March 2, 2026, until on or about June 30, 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P4. **RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the

following teachers to do Atlas Curriculum writing at a rate of $40.00 per hour not to exceed 10 hours each:

Jennifer Arias
Molly Boag
Jeff Pierro
Kristin Gromada
Mindy Frey
Mike Latorraca
Cheryl Schechter
Angela Castiglia
Christine Grey
Nicole Approvato
Sophie Worrall

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P5. **RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Sarah Moran** for supplemental instruction two mornings a week at a rate of $50.00 per 40-minute session for the following students:

Student #8005631
Student #8005642

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P6. **RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resignation of **Antonina Galese** effective March 27, 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teacher for the Saturday Preschool Program at a rate of $40.00 per hour, not exceed two (2) hours effective October 19, 2025, to April 18, 2026.

Jennifer Arias

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as a Grandview lunch aide at a rate of $16.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours per day pending criminal history review.

Ashley Thomas

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the listed staff member per NCEA Support Staff contract effective April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

First Name	Last Name	Salary	Stipend	Step
Joseph	Leyendecker	$ 61,090.00* to be Prorated	$3,600.00	Maintenance Step 10

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Edwin Gomez** as a Network and Operations Specialist at a prorated salary of $80.000.00 effective April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, pending favorable criminal history review.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P11. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **David Blackowski** for part-time technology services at a rate pf $50.00 per hour effective March 23, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P12. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as a part-time Custodians at a rate of $21.50 per hour effective March 19, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Shelton Bryant
Christian Cano

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P13. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully accept the retirement of **Debra Wefferling** effective July 1, 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No: