NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
April 29, 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. **BUDGET PRESENTATION**
8. **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.
9. **ACTION ITEMS**
   - **General Resolutions**

   G1. Approve revised school calendar
   G2. Approve rescinding resolution from March 18, 2026
   G3. Approve listed Cooperative purchases
   G4. Approve transition to electronic notices
   G5. Approve facilities use application for Soccer Training
   G6. Approve parent transportation agreement
   G7. Approve preschool tuition agreements for 2026-2027
   G8. Approve Subscription Busing Agreement
   G9. Approve Renewal of Bus Services
   G10. Approve Bus Stops

G11. Approve student teacher
G12. Approve school bus drills
G13. Approve the attached sidebar agreement
- **G14. Approve Medical Coverage renewal for 2026-2027**
- **G15. Approve Dental coverage renewal for 2026-2027**
- **G16. Approve Prescription Coverage renewal for 2026-2027**
- **G17. Approve furniture purchase for Grandview School**

• Business Resolutions

B1. Approve Public and Confidential minutes of March 18, 2026
B2. Approve Payrolls
B3. Approve Electronic check register
B4. Approve Bills and Claims
B5. Approve February transfers
B6. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of February 2026
B7. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Financial reports for February 2026
B8. Approve March 2026 transfers
B9. Approve Board Secretary Certification for the month of March 2026
B10. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Financial reports for March 2026
B11. Approve March 2026 Title I Tutoring payment
B12. Approve 2026-2027 school district travel maximum
B13. Approve 2026-2027 School Budget
B14. Approve Pal- Pro change order #13
B15. Approve Pal- Pro change order#14
B16. Approve Pal- Pro change order#15
B17. Approve Pal- Pro change order#16
B18. Approve Pal- Pro change order#17
B19. Approve Pal- Pro change order#18

• Personnel Resolutions

P1. Approve FMLA for listed staff
P2. Approve Child Rearing Leave for listed staff
P3. Approve New Jersey School Boards workshop
P4. Approve resignation of listed staff
P5. Approve resignation of listed staff
P6. Approve resignation of listed staff
P7. Approve resignation of listed staff
P8. Approve resignation of listed staff
P9. Approve leave of absence of listed staff
P10. Approve professional development for listed staff
P11. Approve curriculum writing by listed staff members
P12. Approve Instructional Assistant
- **P13. Approve additional OT hours**
- **P14. Approve retirement of listed staff member**

- **INDICATES ADDENDUM**

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:
May 13, 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.

The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in public session on April 29, 2026 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
Mrs. Sapna Malige, Vice-President
Mr. Eric Finkelstein
Mr. Michael DiGirolomo
Mr. Matthew Whitford

Also Present: Mr. Chris Checchetto, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. Robert Brenneck, Technology Coordinator
Mr. Edwin Gomez, Network and Operations Specialist
Mr. Frank Bifulco, Grandview School Principal
Mrs. Lisa Linden, Gould School Principal

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ved reported that eleven (11) people attended the meeting on zoom. He extended his sincere congratulations to the Gould students, staff and families for their outstanding work on the recent production of Finding Nemo Jr. Their hard work and commitment were evident throughout the production.

He stated that some of the Board members toured The Grandview School expansion, and the project remains on schedule despite the challenges of a particularly difficult winter season. The Board looks forward to the continued progress of this important project and is excited about the expanded space it will provide students and staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Checchetto began by congratulating Mrs. Kari-Lynn Jones who recently had a baby girl and wished her and her family well during her leave. He acknowledged two highly regarded teaching staff members who are relocating, Miss Nicole Castiglia and Miss Isabella Romero. He thanked them for their dedication and professionalism and wished them well. He thanked Lisa Perillo for her service as a paraprofessional and wished her well in her retirement.

Mr. Checchetto extended his appreciation to all of those who contributed to the success of many recent community events:

- SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meeting was held and led by Mrs. Kim Shay. The mission of the SEPAC is to encourage honest and effective communication, understanding and mutual respect in a supportive environment inclusive of all students, parents' educators and the community at large.

- The NCPE Saturday Pre-K program. This is a parent run program that meets one Saturday a month to help acclimate children to the kindergarten setting and get to know other students in town that will be in their incoming class. He thanked Nicole Lombard, Lavanya Venkateswaran, Tiffany Xu, Lauren Trentin and Erica Gelman for all of their efforts in coordinating this important program.

- NCPE Community cares Earth Day Event facilitated by Jenny Daly. He thanked the many families that attended despite the rainy weather including Mayor Josh Raymond, whose consistent presence and support at community events continues to be valued and very much appreciated.

- Arbor Day Tree Planting coordinated and hosted by Sponzilli Landscaping discussing the history and importance of Arbor Day. He thanked them for continuing this meaningful tradition honoring the third-grade class and planting new trees in front of Grandview School as a present to the entire grade.

Mr. Checchetto congratulated the following eleven Grandview Staff members on the completion of their Orton-Gillingham teacher Certification:

Jennifer Arias	Molly Boag	Samantha Calabrese
Joy DeVita	Arianna DeMartino	Jill Doolen
Delaney Dunn	Mindy Frey	Ally Gann
Colette Stevenson	Kate Schneider	

He thanked them for the two-year commitment demonstrating an exceptional level of perseverance and professionalism. Their dedication to refining their practice and deepening their instructional expertise reflects a genuine passion for helping students succeed.

He explained that the Orton-Gillingham approach is a structured, multisensory method of teaching reading and writing. It emphasizes explicit, systematic instruction in phonics, spelling, and language structure, while engaging visual, auditory and kinesthetic pathways to enhance learning. This highly specialized training equips educators with the tools to provide targeted, individualized instruction that meets the diverse needs of learners.
He thanked them for their time, effort, and unwavering dedication to our students and is grateful for the expertise they bring to the community. There are now 38 Orton Gillingham certified staff in the district.

Mr. Ved then introduced Mr. Michael Halik to present the 2026-2027 school year budget.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Halik presented the 2026-2027 School budget and after the presentation noted that the budget presentation can be found on our district website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approved the revised 2025-2026 school calendar.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education **rescind** resolution G8 from March 18, 2026, which approved the following purchases from CDW.

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: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G3. **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
PVQB618	ESCNJ/AEPA-026-D	$46,367.58
PVQB637	ESCNJ/AEPA-026-D	$46,367.58
PVQB661	ESCNJ/AEPA-026-D	$47,242.44

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Notice of transition to electronic legal notices and public advertisements**

North Caldwell Board of Education

Notice of transition to electronic legal notices and public

advertisements

WHEREAS that, pursuant to P.L.2025, c.72, the North Caldwell Board of Education Is transitioning its official method of publishing legal notices and public advertisements from traditional print newspapers to publication on the District's official Internet website.

WHEREAS that effective March 1, 2026, whenever the North Caldwell Board of Education is required by law to publish or advertise a legal notice, the complete text of such legal notice shall be made publicly accessible, free of charge, on the District's official website at: https://www.ncboe.org/

RESOLVED that effective March 1, 2026, whenever the North Caldwell Board of Education is required by law to publish or advertise a legal notice, the complete text of such legal notice shall be made publicly accessible, free of charge, on the District's official website at: https://www.ncboe.org/board-of-education/legal-notices

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the 2026 calendar year, this transition advertisement will appear at least twice per month in eligible online news publications to ensure continued public awareness and a centralized directory of legal notices or New Jersey public entities will also be accessible at: https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	**James R Whitney Soccer Training**
User Class:	**Class 3**
Activity:	**Soccer Training**
Facility:	**Grandview and Gould fields, blacktops, and gymnasiums**
Dates:	**July 1-2026-June 30, 2027**
Time:	**Varied based on availability after school**
Fee:	**$100.00**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Parent Transportation Agreement.**

Student id#	To/From	Cost per day	Total Days	Total
8005610	Academy 360-Verona Academy 360-Livingston Total:	$48.00 $80.00	22 183 205	$1,056.00 $14,640.00 $15,696.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Parent Paid Preschool Tuition Agreements, at a rate of $4,400 for the school year 2026-2027, for the following students:

Preschool 3	**Preschool 4**
8006497	**8006485**
8006507	**8006508**
8006477	**8006366**
8006471	**8006383**
8006472	**8006387**
8006476	**8006385**
8006478	**8006398**
8006483	**8006386**
	8006441
	8006360

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Subscription Busing with **Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative** for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G9. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Renewal of Bus Services with Belair Bus Company** for the 2026-2027 school year through Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative at Consumer Price Index (CPI.)

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G10. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached **bus stops for the 2026-2027** school year.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

G11. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve **Yasmine Taylor** to complete Fall 2026 student teaching at Grandview school in kindergarten effective September 1, 2026, to December 11, 2026.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

G12. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Grandview and Gould School bus emergency evacuation drill conducted on April 24, 2026.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

G13. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the attached sidebar agreement between the North Caldwell Board of Education and the North Caldwell Association Support Staff Unit.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

G14. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the renewal of **Horizon Medical** coverage effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

G15. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the renewal of **Horizon Dental** coverage effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Moved:	Mr. Finkelstein	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

G16. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve renewal **Benecard/Trust Prescription** coverage effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

G17. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following purchases for Furniture and Fixtures for Grandview School from Tanner New Jersey utilizing the following cooperative purchasing agreements:

Quote #	Contract #	Total
AS60551A	Ed Data Bid#12288 Exp 11/30/2026	$37,185.23
AS60544A	Ed Data Bid#12288 Exp 11/30/2026	$46,686.78
AS60566A	Ed Data Bid#12288 Exp 11/30/2026	$12,143.08
AS60570A	Ed Data Bid#12288 Exp 11/30/2026	$3,926.62

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of March 18, 2026.**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 4 No: 0
Abstain: Mr. Whitford

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
March 31, 2026	**76**	**$426,319.79**
April 15, 2026	**77**	**$464,349.17**
April 30, 2026	**78**	**$429,867.57**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the following **Electronic Check Register(s):**

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
Feb 1, 2026 - Feb 28,2026	**E03413**	**E03419**	**$63,617.94**
March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026	**E03422**	**E03428**	**$326,284.96**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
April 2, 2026	**003928**	**003938**	**$323,231.92**
April 14, 2026	**003939**	**003947**	**$30,058.83**
April 27, 2026	**003948**	**004027**	**$1,011,152.99**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

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

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 5 No: 0

B6. **WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **February 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 **February 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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached revised Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **February 2026**.

Moved:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve attached **Transfers for March 2026**:

Moved:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B9. **WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of **March 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 **March 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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached revised Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **March 2026**.

Moved:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B11. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Title I Tutoring** Payment:

March 2026		**$ 5,150.00**	
Moved:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B12. 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, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $1500 per staff member or district board of education member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year.

Moved:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B13. RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 School Budget 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	**$ 19,573,358.0**	**$ 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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B14. 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 #13**
Labor and materials for core drilling for data wiring conduit (GC PCO-21) in the amount of $904.20, 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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B15. 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 #14**
Labor and materials to install unistruts for section of corridor ACT (GC PCO-22) in the amount of $2,885.18, 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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B16. **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 #15**
Labor and materials to install new 20A quad outlet in Stor. 13A (GC PCO-23) in the amount of $2,323.15, 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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B17. **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 #16**
Fabricate interior signage for Addition only (GC PCO-26) in the amount of $1,262.40, to be deducted from the Allowance #8.

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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B18. **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 #17**
Fabricate & provide 30 x 30-inch stainless steel dedication plaque in the amount of $7,250.00, to be deducted from the Allowance #4.

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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

B19. **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 #18**
Fabricate & install additional signage for existing building (GC PCO-27) in the amount of $11,415.60, to be deducted from:
Allowance #1.- $10,737.60
Allowance # 2- $678.00

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:	Mr. Whitford	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Family Medical Leave for **Kari-Lynn Evans** effective April 28, 2026, to October 5, 2026.

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

P2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Child Rearing Leave for **Kari-Lynn Evans** effective October 6, 2026, to September 1, 2027.

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

P3. **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) provides valuable professional development opportunities for board members through its Annual Workshop and other events, according to the NJSBA; and

WHEREAS, attending such events allows board members to enhance their knowledge of educational best practices, legal and policy updates, and effective governance, ultimately benefiting the school district and the educational welfare of students; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and 24.1 of the School Ethics Act require that expenditures for attendance at conventions or meetings must be fiscally prudent and directly related to the duties of the board member or employee and promote the delivery of instruction or the furtherance of the efficient operation of the school district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Caldwell Board of Education approves the following attendance and/or workshop related expenses for the NJSBA Workshop 2026:

Board Member Name	Date	Workshop	Location	Cost not to exceed
David Ved	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00
Sapna Malige	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00
Eric Finkelstein	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00
Matthew Whitford	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00
Michael DiGirolomo	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00
Chris Checchetto	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00
Michael Halik	10/19/26-10/22/26	NJSBA	Atlantic City	$1,200.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the attendance as work-related, within the scope of the attendees' responsibilities, fiscally prudent, and compliant with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and 24.1 of the School Ethics Act.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the resignation of **Brianna Sullo** effective April 20, 2026.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the resignation of **Nicole Castiglia** effective June 22, 2026.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the resignation of **Isabella Romero** effective June 22, 2026.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the resignation of **Jennifer Cantarelli** effective June 1, 2026.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the resignation of **Toni Eugenie Genuario** effective June 19, 2026.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P9. **RESOLVED** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the leave of absence for **Amanda Cosentino** effective September 1, 2026 to June 17, 2027.

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P10. **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**
Valladares, J.	5/14/2026	Unplugged Engagement	$230.00
Keating, T.	6/8/2026	Creative Interventions	$ 60.00
Keating, T.	6/17/2026	Let's Talk About Opposition	$ 60.00

Moved: Mrs. Malige Seconded: Mr. DiGirolomo

Yes: 5 No: 0

P11. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, 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:

Courtney Mellinkoff
Sue Kappock
Toni Arena
Monica Stomski
Suzi Mullin
Greg De Rosa
Gabby Schaffert
Michael Gesario
Melissa Schlachter

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

P12. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Sarah Blake** as an Instructional Assistant at a salary of $33,430.00 (Inst Asst Step 1) effective May 4, 2026, (pending favorable fingerprint approval).

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

P13. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Lori Downs** for up to 90 hours of Occupational Therapy effective June 2, 2026, to June 18, 2026.

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

P14. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully approve the retirement of **Lisa Perillo** effective July 1, 2026.

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. DiGirolomo
Yes:	5	No:	0

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Halik reported that subscription busing will begin on May 1st and will remain open until June 2nd. He noted the busing fee is nonrefundable and non-transferable and that it is on a first come first serve basis. The subscription busing fee is $975.00 round trip per student.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The following resolution was called at approximately 7:47 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 to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to: Legal, Personnel, Student Matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

Moved:	Mrs. Malige	Seconded:	Mr. Finkelstein
Yes:	5	No:	0

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 10:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

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Business Administrator / Board Secretary