NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
VIA ZOOM MEETING
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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA
July 15, 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**
   School Safety Data 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 the 2026-2027 Comprehensive Plan
   G2. Approve 2026-2027 Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan
   G3. Approve 2026 IDEA Grant
   G4. Approve Non-Resident Tuition Rates

   • **Business Resolutions**

   B1. Approve Public and Confidential minutes
   B2. Approve Payrolls
   B3. Approve Bills and Claims

   • **Personnel Resolutions**

   P1. Approve door monitor

P2. Approve Professional Development for listed staff
P3. Approve staff resignation
P4. Approve 2025-2026 Yearbook Advisors
P5. Approve ESY staff member
P6. Approve ABA provider for listed student
P7. Approve teacher for 2026-2027 school year
P8. Approve teacher for 2026-2027 school year
P9. Approve partial recission of resolution
P10. Approve Maintenance support staff contract

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

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

The next scheduled public meetings of the Board will be held on:
August 11, 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 July 15, 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
Mr. Matthew Whitford
Mr. Eric Finkelstein
Mr. Michael DiGirolomo (Present on Zoom)

Absent: Mrs. Sapna Malige

Also Present: Mr. Chris Checchetto, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Halik, Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Mr. Edwin Gomez, Network and Operations Specialist

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ved reported that eleven (11) people attended the meeting on zoom. He shared that the Grandview School expansion project remains on schedule and is progressing well. Construction continues to move forward as planned, and the district is looking forward to welcoming students and staff into the new addition for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Ved also wished all students, families, faculty, and staff a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable remainder of the summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Checchetto reported that Ms. Parisi has made the decision to leave her teaching position to pursue a new career path. He expressed his appreciation for her ten years of dedicated service and commitment to the students and school community. He wished her success and happiness as she begins this new chapter in her professional career.

Mr. Checchetto reported on the Student Safety Data System. The SSDS collects incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substances, harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB), restraint, seclusion and other incidents leading to removal, as well as HIB trainings and programs conducted to support anti-bullying efforts. He reported that there were zero incidents of this nature for the reporting period of January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

Mr. Checchetto concluded by wishing everyone an enjoyable rest of the summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Comprehensive Equity Plan.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the North Caldwell 2026-2027 Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the submission and acceptance of the fiscal 2026 IDEA Grant Award.

Basic	**$ 163,558.00**
Preschool	**$ 7,838.00**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Non-Resident Tuition Rates:

Grade level	Tuition Amount
Preschool	$ 4,400.00
Kindergarten	$17,817.00
Grades 1-5	$21,489.00
Grade 6	$19,565.00
Staff member Kindergarten	$ 6,000.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of June 16, 2026.**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 4 No: 0

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
June 18th, 2026	**82**	**$419,690.57**
June 30th, 2026	**83**	**$218,961.53**
July 15th, 2026	**84**	**$74,701.54**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

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 25th, 2026	**004193**	**004243**	**$543,213.99**
June 30th, 2026	**004244**	**004311**	**$528,577.66**
July 15th, 2026	**004312**	**004323**	**$362,467.89**
Reissue Check # 004038	**004324**	**004324**	**$2,950.00**

Moved: Mr. Whitford Seconded: Mr. Finkelstein

Yes: 4 No: 0

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

P1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff member as a substitute **door monitor** for before school chorus/instrumental music at Gould School from 7:45AM to 8:15AM at a rate of $15.00 per half hour for the **2026-2027** school year:

Employee	POSITION	HOURS	RATE	Total hours	Max # Days	Daily Pay	Total Expected Payment
Montano, Wendy	Door Monitor	7:15AM-8:15AM	$30.00	0.50	168	$15.00	$2,520.00
TOTAL:							$2,520.00

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 Professional Development Workshops/Conferences costs for the following staff:

Name	Date	Workshop	Cost Not to Exceed
Cole, C.	9/28, 10/28, 12/7, 1/20, 2/24, 3/15	Conquer Math	$ 1,310.00
Castiglia, A.	9/30, 12/9, 2/26	Conquer Math	$ 630.00
Castiglia, A.	10/17/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00
Cecere, G.	10/17	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00
Clutterbuck, S.	10/16-10/17/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 370.00
DeRosa, G.	9/18, 10/21, 11/21, 12/9, 1/21	Conquer Math	$ 1,050.00
DeVita, J.	9/28,10/28,12/7,1/20,2/24,3/15	Conquer Math	$ 1,260.00
Dunn, D.	10/19, 2/4, 4/26	Conquer Math	$ 680.00
Frey, M.	10/16/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00
Gann, A.	10/19, 2/4, 4/26	Conquer Math	$ 680.00
Geraci, A.	9/23, 10/23, 11/24, 12/18, 1/25, 2/25, 3/23, 4/20	Conquer Math	$ 1,680.00
Gray, C.	10/16, 12/14, 2/10	Conquer Math	$ 350.00
Halik, M.	9/22, 10/6, 11/12, 12/15, 1/12, 2/16, 3/11, 4/13/2027	2026-2027 NJASBO Classes	$ 1,592.00
Keenan, A.	10/16/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00
Mangiacapra, A.	10/16/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00
Milone, M.	10/6, 11/9, 12/15, 1/27	Conquer Math	$ 840.00
Moran, S.	9/18, 10/21, 11/21, 12/9, 1/21	Conquer Math	$ 1,050.00
Newman, T.	10/17/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00
Stevenson, C.	10/17/2026	NJIDA Fall Conference	$ 270.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Victoria Parisi** effective July 1, 2026.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, retroactively approve the following as 2025-2026 Yearbook Advisors:

Lauren Eisinger
Guiseppina Graziano

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, retroactively approve the following staff member to work in the Extended School Year program effective June 29, 2026, to July 23, 2026:

Teacher	Position	Hours	Rate	# Hours	Daily Pay	Total ESY Payment
Engels, Alyssa	Teacher	8:30-1	$55.00	4.5	$247.50	$3,960.00

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P6. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Katelyn Donovan**, **Inspire Growth ABA LLC,** to provide up to 45 hours of ABA therapy at a rate of $150.00 per hour effective July 27, 2026 to August 26, 2026.

Student ID	# Hours
8005610	**20**
8005677	**25**

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P7. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Ciara Rushe** as a teacher at a salary of $64,498.00 (MA Step 1- 2) effective September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P8. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Jason Thorne** as a teacher at a salary of $66,498.00 (MA Step 5) effective September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Moved: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: **0**

P9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the partial rescission of resolution **P8** as it pertains to **Joseph Leyendecker** from the June 16, 2026, Board of Education meeting.

Move: Mr. Finkelstein Seconded: Mr. Whitford

Yes: 4 No: 0

P10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following **Maintenance/Custodial** support staff contract effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027:

Last Name:	First Name:	Position	Base Salary	Stipend	Total Pensionable Salary
Leyendecker	Joseph	Maintenance Step 11	$63,246.00	$3,600.00 Carpenter Stipend	$66,846.00

Move: 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 to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to: Legal. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition.

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

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Halik

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Business Administrator / Board Secretary