NORTH CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SESSION

GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA

VIA ZOOM MEETING

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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA

November 17, 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**

   • **Audit Presentation – Elizabeth A. Schick: Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP to present June 30, 2026, audit**

   • **NJSLA Presentation**
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 2027-2028 school calendar

   G2. Approve 2026-2027 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement

   G3. Approve emergency evacuation drills

   G4. Approve clinical observation for Seton Hall student

   G5. Approve Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

   G6. Approve Facilities Use Application for Girl Scouts Grade K

   G7. Approve Facilities Use Application for NCPE MLK Day of Service

- **Business Resolutions**

B1. Approve Public and Confidential minutes of October 13, 2026
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 October 2026
B7. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Financial reports for October 2026
B8. Approve Aide In Lieu Payments
B9. Approve Health and Safety Evaluation Checklists
B10. Approve Audit and Management Report

- **B11. Approve Resolution for ECIA**
- **B12. Approve School Facilities Project at Grandview Elementary School**
- **B13. Approve School Facilities Project at Gould/Mountain Elementary School**

- **Personnel Resolutions**

P1. Approve listed staff professional development
P2. Approve part-time aide
P3. Approve listed substitutes
P4. Approve Title I teacher
P5. Approve Winter concert supervisors

- **INDICATES ADDENDUM**

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- **Preschool Program 27-28**

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:
December 15, 2026, at 5:30PM
Grandview School Cafeteria

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

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

G1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2027-2028 school calendar. (attached)

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Grandview and Gould school bus emergency evacuation drills on October 21, 2026.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve **Sofia Butler**, Seton Hall University student, to complete her Clinical Experience II at Gould School effective January 4, 2027 to June 1, 2027.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following obsolete equipment:

Item #	Description	Quantity
T-26-Timpani : db750	Ludwig Timpani Drums	2

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G6. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following facilities use application as per North Caldwell Board of Education Policy 7510:

Organization:	**Girl Scouts Grade k**
User Class:	**Class 4**
Activity:	**Monthly meetings**
Facility:	**Grandview School Classroom**
Dates:	**12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14**
Time:	**5:00 – 6:00 pm**
Fee:	**$75.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

G7. 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:	**Community Cares-MLK Day of Service**
Facility:	**Grandview School Cafeteria**
Dates:	**January 18, 2027**
Time:	**9:30 am – 12:00 pm**
Fee:	**No Fee**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B1. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **Public and Confidential Minutes of October 13, 2026.**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Payroll Date:	Payroll #	Amount:
October 15, 2026	**91**	**$428,248.36**
October 30, 2026	**92**	**$427,635.86**
November 13, 2026	**93**	**$467,104.08**

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
October 1, 2026 – October 30, 2026	**E04186**	**E04194**	**$62,996.70**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

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

Date	Starting check #	Ending Check #	Total Amount
Voided checks	**004561**	**004565**	**-**
November 17, 2026	**004566**	**004691**	**$1,023,790.21**
November 17, 2026	**004692**	**004713**	**$79,283.58**
November 17, 2026	***004714***	***004714***	***$16,225.00***

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve attached **Transfers for October 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 **October 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 **October 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 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's **Monthly Financial Reports** for **October 2026**.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B8. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following **Aide in Lieu** Payments for transportation in the amount of $1,177.00 per student for the 2026-2027 school year for students attending the following private schools:

Al Hikmah Elementary
Golda Och Academy
Kent Place School
Montclair Cooperative School
Montclair Kimberly Academy
Morristown Beard
Morristown Cheder
Newark Academy
Oak Knoll School
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Our Lady of the Lake School
The Peck School
Pioneer Academy
Pingry School
Primoris Academy
St. Catherine of Siena

Total Expected Payment **$49,434.00**

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B9. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the attached Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklists and authorizes the submission of the Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B10. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Auditor's Synopsis of Audit and Management Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 with no recommendations.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

B11. **WHEREAS**, the Essex County Improvement Authority (the "ECIA") is an independent public agency to provide low-cost financing and project development services to local units, including school districts, in furtherance of infrastructure and facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5b permits The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) the ability to borrow funds through the ECIA to finance capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, this financing approach has been recognized as providing school districts with an alternative to traditional referendum-based capital financing; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the School District to complete the following capital improvement projects: the replacement of roofing and HVAC equipment at Gould/Mountain and Grandview Schools (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that utilizing the ECIA borrowing process is a more appropriate method for the School District to finance the Projects than pursuing a public referendum or other financing mechanisms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, as follows:

1. The Board hereby directs the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to initiate the process of borrowing funds through the ECIA to finance the Projects identified above, in lieu of pursuing a public referendum.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator to take all appropriate steps necessary to effectuate this Resolution, including, but not limited to, contacting the relevant personnel at the ECIA and at the County of Essex to begin the borrowing process, providing all information and documentation reasonably requested by the ECIA and by the County of Essex, and coordinating with the Board's bond counsel, financial advisor, architect, and other professionals as necessary to advance the Projects.
3. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B12. **WHEREAS**, The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project (the" Project") consisting generally of:

ROOF REPLACEMENT AND HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT
AT
GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the steps necessary to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH CALDWELL IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution.

Section 4. The Board is planning to obtain financing for the Project through the Essex County Improvement Authority and is seeking debt service aid for the Project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5b. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel, and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution, including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c. 72 in connection with receipt of Debt Service Aid with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 5. This resolution shall be deemed to supersede any prior resolution of the Board seeking review and approval of the Project previously adopted to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

B13. **WHEREAS**, The Board of Education of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project (the" Project") consisting generally of:

ROOF REPLACEMENT AND HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT
AT
GOULD/MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the steps necessary to proceed with the Project:

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Section 5. This resolution shall be deemed to supersede any prior resolution of the Board seeking review and approval of the Project previously adopted to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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
Brenneck, Robert	1/27-1/29/2027	NJASA TECHSPO	$ 1,225.00
Cali, Julia	11/19/2026	ASHA Convention	$ 119.00
Checchetto, Chris	1/27-1/29/2027	NJASA TECHSPO	$ 1,225.00
Gomez, Edwin	1/27-1/29/2027	NJASA TECHSPO	$ 1,225.00
Halik, Michael	1/27-1/29/2027	NJASA TECHSPO	$ 1,225.00
Socci, Dana	11/19/2026	ASHA Convention	$ 119.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P2. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as a part-time aide:

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Step	Term of employment
Servidio, Mia	Gould School	Part Time Aide (35-50-23/aer)	$25,645.00 ($30,170.00 @.85)	Aide Step 1	11/18/2026 (pending favorable fingerprint approval)

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P3. RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute teachers/nurses for the 2026-2027 school year pending favorable background check:

Sullo, Jenna	Teacher Certification	$ 145.00/day
Russo, Isabella	Substitute Nurse	$ 300.00/day
Russu, Nicolai	Substitute Teacher	$ 135.00/day
Lee, Dawn	Teacher Certification	$ 145.00/day

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P4. **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 2026-2027 school year:

Name	**Position**	**AM Rate**	**PM Rate**
Rushe, Ciara	Before/After School Tutor	$50.00	$75.00

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No:

P5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff as Winter Concert Supervisors on January 28, 2027:

Name	**Position**	
Schaffert, Gabrielle	Winter Concert Supervisor	$35.00/hour
Graziano, Guiseppina	Winter Concert Supervisor	$35.00/hour
Girardi, Maria	Winter Concert Supervisor	$35.00/hour
Geraci, Anna	Winter Concert Supervisor	$35.00/hour

Moved: Seconded:

Yes: No: