

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALDWELL-WEST CALDWELL

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
May 2, 2022

The Vice President announced that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education Special Public Meeting held on May 2, 2022 at 7:07 pm in the Harrison Conference Room, 104 Gray Street, West Caldwell and via livestream is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, a/k/a "Sunshine Law." Notices have been sent to *The Progress*, Caldwell, NJ and *The Star Ledger*, Newark, NJ and *NJ TAPinto*, West Essex at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting. Notices have also been posted at the Board of Education Business Office, Harrison School Building, Gray Street, West Caldwell, NJ and have been delivered to the Clerk, Borough of Caldwell, and the Clerk, Township of West Caldwell for posting.

I. **ROLL CALL:**

Board Members Present:

Chris D'Ambola
Paula Getty
Julianne Grosso, Vice President

Board Member Absent:

Chris Elko
Dan Cipoletti, President

Administrators Present:

Christopher Conklin
Kaitlin Jones
Brian McCarthy

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Open the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Budget

Motion made by Mr. D'Ambola; seconded by Mrs. Getty, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.

Affirmative vote

3 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Motion carried

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III. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Mr. McCarthy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary presented the School Budget for 2022-2023.

IV. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public participation shall be governed by the following:

1. Participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of their name and address;
2. Statements are to be limited to three minutes' duration and may only address items on the Agenda;
3. Participant may speak no more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer.

Motion to close Public Hearing

Motion made by Mrs. Getty; seconded by Mr. D'Ambola, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm.

Affirmative vote

3 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Motion carried

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V. MOTIONS BY CONTENT AREA

A. Finance

Mrs. Getty moved; Mr. D'Ambola seconded, a motion to approve item number 1. on this evening's Agenda under Finance.

1. Adoption of 2022-2023 Tentative Budget

A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education, in the County of Essex, adopts the 2022-2023 school district budget. This budget meets the requirements for providing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and consists of appropriations as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2022-2023 Total Expenditures	\$55,583,294	\$2,447,679	\$2,732,625	\$60,763,598
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 6,716,708</u>	<u>\$2,447,679</u>	<u>\$ 718,111</u>	<u>\$ 9,882,498</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$48,866,586	\$0	\$2,014,514	\$50,881,100

WHEREAS, the district has a taxing authority of a 2% cap increase over the prior year which totals \$958,169 resulting in a maximum district tax levy of \$48,866,586, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education proposed 2022-2023 tax levy is \$48,866,586 which is a 2% rise over the prior year.

B. Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal-Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects

WHEREAS, included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects, is \$1,405,000.00 for other capital projects costs, and

WHEREAS, that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education requests the approval of a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$1,405,000.00, and

RESOLVED, that the district intends to renovate the Harrison school building at a cost of approximately \$1,400,000.00 of which funding of \$450,000.00 will be from the Capital Reserve account and \$950,000 will be from the ARP ESSER grant.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district intends to use \$800,000.00 from the Capital Reserve account to renovate the Grover Cleveland Middle School auditorium and \$155,000.00 from the Capital Reserve account to construct a security entrance vestibule at the Harrison School.

C. Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal

RESOLVED that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education requests the approval of a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$418,000.00. The district intends to utilize \$260,000.00 to replace the gym floor at James Caldwell High School; \$105,000.00 to upgrade dust collection system at the High School, and \$53,000.00 to repave/repair the playground at the Jefferson School.

D. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement-2022-2023

WHEREAS school district Policy 6471, School District Travel, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et.seq., provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 school year was \$40,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2022-2023 school year not to exceed \$40,000.

THIS RESOLUTION to take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. D’Ambola, Mmes. Getty, Grosso
Nays – None

Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Mrs. Grosso; seconded by Mr. D’Ambola, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:24pm.

Affirmative Vote

3 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Brian McCarthy, Business Administrator/Board Secretary